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S 1489. ENERGY EMERGENCIES PREPAREDNESS. Filed 5/17/06. *TO UPDATE THE NORTH CAROLINA ENERGY EMERGENCY PLAN, TO IMPROVE PLANNING AND COORDINATION FOR AN ENERGY EMERGENCY OR ENERGY CRISIS AMONG ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT STUDY COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT RECOVERY.* Requires the State Energy Office (Office) to conduct a study of the state's ability to respond to an energy emergency or energy crisis and update the NC Energy Emergency Plan, consistent with House General Assembly findings set out in the act. As part of the study the Office must (1) review and recommend revisions to existing energy emergency plans of State agencies and local governments or recommend development of a plan, and (2) clarify the roles and responsibilities among state and federal agencies and units of local government in the event of an emergency petroleum shortage. Requires that office report findings, recommendations, and draft a of an updated Plan no later than November 1, 2006. Office also, in conjunction with the Office of State Purchase and Contract, must review current contracts for fuel for state and local government purchases to determine whether they adequately assure that governments would not experience supply disruptions for their highest fuel needs during an emergency fuel shortage. Appropriates from General Fund to the State Energy Office of the Department of Administration \$40,000 for 2006-07 to implement the act. Effective July 1, 2006.

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