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**H 2045. CAPITAL FINANCING ACT OF 2007.** Filed 5/9/07. *TO ADDRESS THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF THE STATE BY REQUIRING THE ANNUAL DEBT AFFORDABILITY STUDY TO INCLUDE DEBT CAPACITY FOR HIGHWAY FUNDS AND BY STUDYING THE WAYS IN WHICH THE STATE CAN BEST PROVIDE FOR ITS CAPITAL NEEDS.*

Amends GS 142-101(d) to direct the Debt Affordability Advisory Committee to include in its annual report recommendations on debt capacities for debt supported by the General Fund and by the Highway Fund and Highway Trust Fund. Adds new GS 143C-8-13 establishing the Capital and Infrastructure Fund. Provides that investment earnings and interest are credited to the fund and do not revert except as provided in GS 143C-8-11. Provides that monies in the fund may be used for capital projects only and are available for expenditure only upon an act of appropriation by the General Assembly. Authorizes the LRC to study the manner in which NC provides for its capital needs, allows an interim report from the LRC to the 2008 regular session of the General Assembly, and requires the final LRC report to the 2009 General Assembly. Directs the Legislative Services Officer to allocate funds appropriated to the General Assembly for the LRC's expenditures in conducting the study.

**Intro. by Luebke, Gibson, Wainwright, Weiss.** GS 142, 143C, STUDY