

March 14, 2007

H 740. WATER RESOURCES GRANT FUNDS. Filed 3/14/07. *TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.*

Appropriates \$1,400,000 for 2007-08 and \$1,400,000 for 2008-09 from the General Fund to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources as title indicates. \$80,000 each year is to be allocated to each of the state's 17 regional councils of government to develop and implement nonregulatory water resource management programs. Specifies the contents the regional plans may include. Participating councils of government are to prepare and present an annual plan of work by September 1, 2007, and a report on accomplishments and expenditures by March 1, 2008 (with payment of the first half of their grant contingent on submission of the first report and the second half upon submission of the second report). Effective July 1, 2007.

Intro. by Allen.

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March 29, 2007

H 740. WATER RESOURCES GRANT FUNDS. Filed 3/14/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Adds new language to Section 1 requiring that funds allocated to a regional council of government (COG) be paid in two equal installments; the first upon the COG's presentation of its plan of work for the fiscal year and the second upon the submission of the COG's report. Makes changes to Section 3 to require that a COG present its plan of work and proposed expenditures by September 1 of each fiscal year and report on the COG's accomplishments and actual expenditures before March 1 of that fiscal year (the previous edition imposed these requirements only for the 2007-08 fiscal year).