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S 1294. CONSERVE & PROTECT AG WATER RESOURCES (=H 1748). Filed 5/19/10. DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DESIGN A COST SHARE PROGRAM TO ASSIST FARMERS AND LANDOWNERS WHO IMPLEMENT BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO CONSERVE AND PROTECT WATER RESOURCES RELATED TO AGRICULTURAL USE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE.

Identical to H 1748, filed 5/17/10. **Intro. by Hoyle.**

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S 1294. CONSERVE & PROTECT AG WATER RESOURCES. Filed 5/19/10. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Adds whereas clauses. Adds section directing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Division of Soil and Water Conservation of DENR to continue to work with the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, other agricultural organizations, and farmers to develop a plan to identify agricultural water infrastructure needs that are not accounted for in the US EPA surveys. Lists components to be included in the plan. Requires that the report, due to the Legislative Study Commission on Water and Wastewater Infrastructure by November 1, 2010, also include information on the survey's development, the identification of best management practices for water conservation and efficiency by agricultural water users, and associated costs, time frames, possible funding suggestions, and required legislative changes. Makes technical and stylistic changes and makes conforming changes to the title.