

March 23, 2009

S 757. STATEWIDE WATER PLAN/PROG. EVAL. RECOMMEND. Filed 3/23/09. *TO DIRECT THE STATE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A STATEWIDE STRATEGIC PLAN AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM EVALUATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.*

Requires the State Water Infrastructure Commission (Commission) to develop a statewide strategic plan for water and wastewater infrastructure funding by May 1, 2010, as recommended in the Final Report to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee titled "North Carolina's Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Funding Lacks Strategic Focus and Coordination." Requires a needs assessment of the state's water and wastewater infrastructure to be conducted as part of the statewide strategic plan and specifies information and components that must be included in the needs assessment. Requires the statewide strategic plan to establish the state's role in financing water and wastewater infrastructure needs within the context of focus areas, including water supply, water quality, public health, and economic development and collectively across funding entities. Requires the Commission to contract with an independent entity to develop the statewide strategic plan. Requires the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Commerce, North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF), and the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center (Rural Center), if it receives state funds, to cooperate with the Commission and any entity that the Commission contracts with, to develop the statewide strategic water infrastructure plan.

Transfers \$375,000 appropriated to the CWMTF for 2009-10 to the Office of the Governor to pay for services rendered pursuant to the contract. Also transfers \$375,000 from the funds appropriated to the Rural Center for 2009-10 to the Office of the Governor to help pay for services rendered under the contract.

Effective July 1, 2009.

Intro. by Clodfelter.

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