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S 876. STUDY CONSOLIDATED ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION. Filed 3/25/09. *TO DIRECT THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION TO STUDY THE DESIRABILITY AND THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSOLIDATING THE STATE'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY-MAKING, RULE-MAKING, AND QUASI-JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS INTO ONE COMPREHENSIVE FULL-TIME ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION.*

Directs the Environmental Review Commission (ERC) to study the desirability and feasibility of consolidating the State's environmental policy-making, rule-making, and quasi-judicial functions into one comprehensive full-time environmental commission, perhaps to be modeled after the North Carolina Utilities Commission. The ERC must evaluate all issues that pertain to a consolidation of the roles and duties of current boards, commissions, and councils and may consider any one or more of specified issues. The ERC must report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by the convening of the 2010 Session of the 2009 General Assembly. Specifies that the study be funded with funds available to the General Assembly for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Effective July 1, 2009.

Intro. by Clodfelter.

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