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Short Title: Study Regulation of Coal Ash Disposal. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hager and Ramsey (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO STUDY THE EXTENT OF AND ISSUES ARISING FROM COAL ASH
3 DISPOSAL IN THIS STATE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** The Study Committee on Coal Ash Disposal is created. The
6 Committee shall consist of five members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the
7 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and five members of the Senate, appointed by the
8 President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
9 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each designate one member as a cochair. Vacancies
10 to the Committee shall be filled by the same appointing authority making the initial
11 appointment. The Committee will meet upon the call of the cochairs. A quorum shall be a
12 majority of the Committee members.

13 **SECTION 2.** The Commission may study the scope of potential problems with
14 coal ash disposal in the State and evaluate the need for clarification and expansion of the
15 requirements for monitoring, permitting, and inspection of combustion products landfills and
16 structural fill facilities in order to adequately protect public health and the environment and to
17 study proper corrective action for existing combustion products surface impoundments and the
18 possible mechanisms for financing of such corrective actions.

19 **SECTION 3.** The Committee, while in the discharge of its official duties, may
20 exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4.
21 The Committee may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.
22 Members of the Committee shall receive subsistence and travel expenses at the rates set forth in
23 G.S. 120-3.1.

24 The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative Services Officer,
25 shall assign professional staff to assist the Committee in its work. The House of
26 Representatives shall assign clerical staff to the Committee, and the expenses relating to the
27 clerical employees shall be borne by the Committee. The Committee may contract for
28 professional, clerical, or consultant services, as provided by G.S. 120-32.02.

29 **SECTION 4.** The Committee may make an interim report, including any proposed
30 legislation, to the 2013 Regular Session of the General Assembly when it reconvenes in 2014.
31 The Committee shall terminate upon filing its final report or upon the convening of the 2015
32 Regular Session of the General Assembly, whichever is earlier.

33 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

