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SENATE BILL DRS35197-MCa-114

Short Title: Coastal Plain Resilience and Eco. Pros. Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Smith (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
3 QUALITY FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
6 Environmental Quality, Division of Coastal Management, the sum of one million seven hundred
7 ten thousand dollars (\$1,710,000) in recurring funds for each fiscal year of the 2025-2027 fiscal
8 biennium to be used for the following purposes:

9 (1) To provide funding for two full-time positions to staff the Resilient Coastal
10 Communities Program.

11 (2) To provide grant funding, including federal match funding, and technical
12 assistance for targeted projects designed to reduce flood risk and promote
13 long-term resilience.

14 **SECTION 1.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
15 Environmental Quality, Division of Coastal Management, the sum of four hundred seventy
16 thousand dollars (\$470,000) in recurring funds for each fiscal year of the 2025-2027 fiscal
17 biennium to provide funding for five full-time positions to staff the Coastal Habitat Assessment
18 Program.

19 **SECTION 1.(c)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
20 Environmental Quality the sum of nine hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$990,000) in recurring
21 funds for each fiscal year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium to provide funding for six full-time
22 positions to continue implementation of the Flood Resiliency Blueprint described in Section
23 5.9(c) of S.L. 2021-180, as amended.

24 **SECTION 1.(d)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
25 Environmental Quality (the "Department") the sum of one million two hundred ten thousand
26 dollars (\$1,210,000) in recurring funds and five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in
27 nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to provide funding for eight full-time positions
28 to (i) offer relevant technical assistance to the business community in dealings with the
29 Department, (ii) assist in grant administration for recycling industry growth, and (iii) provide
30 improved customer service in the Department's regional offices.

31 **SECTION 1.(e)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
32 Environmental Quality, Division of Marine Fisheries, the sum of six hundred thousand dollars
33 (\$600,000) in recurring funds and ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in nonrecurring funds for the
34 2025-2026 fiscal year to provide funding for five full-time marine patrol officer positions.

35 **SECTION 1.(f)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
36 Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, the sum of four hundred thousand dollars



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1 (\$400,000) in recurring funds each fiscal year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium and five hundred
2 fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to provide
3 funding for three full-time positions to staff the mobile air quality monitoring unit.

4 **SECTION 1.(g)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
5 Environmental Quality the sum of three million one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$3,150,000)
6 in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to fund overtopping studies for all remaining
7 high and intermediate hazard dams in the State, in accordance with G.S. 143-215.32A.

8 **SECTION 1.(h)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
9 Environmental Quality the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) in
10 nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to be used for the ten percent (10%) cost-share
11 required for Superfund cleanups on the National Priority List sites and to pay the operating and
12 maintenance costs associated with those Superfund cleanups.

13 **SECTION 1.(i)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
14 Environmental Quality (the "Department") the sum of four million ten thousand dollars
15 (\$4,010,000) in recurring funds each fiscal year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium and five
16 hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$590,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year
17 to provide funding for 24 full-time positions to assist the Department in addressing the emerging
18 compounds (including PFAs) issue in the State.

19 **SECTION 1.(j)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
20 Environmental Quality the sum of two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for
21 the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the Water Infrastructure Fund to be allocated to the Drinking Water
22 Reserve and the Wastewater Reserve to provide project construction grants for public water
23 systems and wastewater systems. The limits set forth in G.S. 159G-36(c) shall not apply to grants
24 awarded from funds allocated by this subsection.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.