GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1989 SESSION

CHAPTER 1062 HOUSE BILL 2213

AN ACT TO INSTRUCT THE INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY COMMISSION TO STUDY FURTHER THE APPROPRIATE FINANCING OF LOCAL STORMWATER UTILITIES AND TO AUTHORIZE FUNDING OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAMS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 160A-492 reads as rewritten:

"§ 160A-492. Human relations, community action and manpower development programs.

The governing body of any city, town, or county is hereby authorized to undertake, and to expend tax or nontax funds for, human relations, community action and manpower development programs. In undertaking and engaging in such programs, the governing body may enter into contracts with and accept loans and grants from the State or federal governments. The governing body may appoint such human relations, community action and manpower development committees or boards and citizens' committees, as it may deem necessary in carrying out such programs and activities, and may authorize the employment of personnel by such committees or boards, and may establish their duties, responsibilities, and powers. The cities and counties may jointly undertake any program or activity which they are authorized to undertake by this section. The expenses of undertaking and engaging in the human relations, community action and manpower development programs and activities authorized by this section are declared to be-necessary expenses for which funds derived from taxation may be expended without the necessity of prior approval of the voters.

For the purposes of this section, a 'human relations program' shall be defined as <u>is</u> one devoted <u>to (i)</u> to the study of problems in the area of human relations, or to <u>(ii)</u> the promotion of equality of opportunity for all citizens, or to <u>(iii)</u> the promotion of understanding, respect and goodwill among all citizens, or to <u>(iv)</u> the provision of channels of communication among the races, or to <u>(v)</u> dispute resolution, (vi) encourage encouraging the employment of qualified people without regard to race, or to encourage (vii) encouraging youth to become better trained and qualified for employment."

Sec. 2. The State Infrastructure and Local Government Financing Study Commission shall continue a review and analysis of local stormwater management and the concept of stormwater utilities, with particular emphasis on the requirements of the new Environmental Protection Agency regulations and ways to coordinate stormwater utilities within and between counties. The Commission shall report its findings and recommendations on these issues in a report to the General Assembly on or before January 15, 1991.

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of July, 1990.