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HOUSE BILL 528

Short Title: Amend Reporting Requirements.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives DeVane; and Bowman.

Referred to: Rules, Appointments and Calendar.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FREQUENCY OF REPORTS PREPARED FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND VARIOUS COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND DEPARTMENTS AS SPECIFIED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 6 of Chapter 426 of the 1989 Session Laws reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 6. The Environmental Management Commission shall submit written reports on the implementation of this act to the Environmental Review Commission ~~on a quarterly basis beginning 1 January 1990.~~ on a semiannual basis beginning January 1, 1991."

Sec. 2. Section 3 of Chapter 603 of the 1989 Session Laws, as amended by Section 222 of Chapter 727 of the 1989 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 3. The Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources shall report ~~semi-annually beginning 1 October 1989~~ on an annual basis beginning September 1, 1991 to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Environmental Review Commission as to progress in the implementation of this act."

Sec. 3. Section 225 of Chapter 727 of the 1989 Session Laws is amended by adding a new subsection (c) to read:

"(c) The Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources shall submit written reports on the implementation of this act to the Environmental Review Commission on a semiannual basis beginning January 1, 1991."

Sec. 4. G.S. 143B-279.5 reads as rewritten:

1 **"§ 143B-279.5. Biennial State of the Environment Report.**

2 The Secretary of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources shall report on the  
3 state of the environment to the General Assembly and the Environmental Review  
4 Commission no later than ~~1 January of each odd-numbered year beginning 1 January 1991.~~  
5 May 1 of each odd-numbered year beginning May 1, 1991. The report shall include:

- 6 (1) An identification and analysis of current environmental protection  
7 issues and problems within or affecting the State and its people;  
8 (2) Trends in the quality and use of North Carolina's air and water  
9 resources;  
10 (3) An inventory of areas of the State where air or water pollution is in  
11 evidence or may occur during the upcoming biennium;  
12 (4) Current efforts and resources allocated by the Department to correct  
13 identified pollution problems and an estimate, if necessary, of  
14 additional resources needed to study, identify, and implement solutions  
15 to solve potential problems;  
16 (5) Departmental goals and strategies to protect the natural resources of  
17 the State;  
18 (6) Any information requested by the General Assembly or the  
19 Environmental Review Commission;  
20 (7) Suggested legislation, if necessary; and  
21 (8) Any other information on the state of the environment the Secretary  
22 considers appropriate.

23 Other State agencies involved in protecting the State's natural resources and  
24 environment shall cooperate with the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural  
25 Resources in preparing this report."

26 Sec. 5. Section 47(c) of Chapter 168 of the 1989 Session Laws reads as  
27 rewritten:

28 "Sec. 47.(c) All information received pursuant to G.S. 130A-294(k),  
29 G.S. 143-215.1(g) and G.S. 143-215.108(c) shall be transmitted to the Solid Waste  
30 Management Division of the Department for review and analysis. The Solid Waste  
31 Management Division shall consider this information in the development of the  
32 comprehensive hazardous waste management plan required by G.S. 130A-294(i) and  
33 shall prepare a report on the feasibility of incorporating waste reduction requirements  
34 into existing solid and hazardous waste permitting processes. The Solid Waste  
35 Management Division shall report to the Environmental Review Commission as to  
36 progress in implementing this section ~~on a quarterly basis beginning 1 January 1990.~~ on a  
37 semiannual basis beginning January 1, 1991."

38 Sec. 6. G.S. 130A-309.12(c) reads as rewritten:

39 **"§ 130A-309.12. Solid Waste Management Trust Fund.**

40 (c) The Department shall report ~~on a quarterly basis~~ on an annual basis beginning  
41 September 1, 1991 to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations  
42 and to the Environmental Review Commission as to the condition of the Solid Waste  
43 Management Trust Fund and as to the use of all funds allocated from the Solid Waste  
44 Management Trust Fund. ~~Quarterly reports required under this subsection shall be made not~~

- 1 ~~later than 60 days after the last day of each calendar quarter beginning with the quarter ending~~  
2 ~~31 December 1989."~~  
3       Sec. 7. This act is effective upon ratification.