GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2001

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SENATE BILL 247 Finance Committee Substitute Adopted 6/28/01

	Short Title: Reallocate Clean Water Bond Funds.			(Public)
	Sponsors:			
	Referred to:			
	February 26, 2001			
1			A BILL TO BE ENTITLED	
2	AN ACT TO REALLOCATE THE PROCEEDS OF THE CLEAN WATER BONDS			
3	AND TO DELAY ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.			
4	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:			
5	SECTION 1. Delay. – Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State			
6	Treasurer shall not issue or sell, during the period between July 1, 2001, and January 1,			
7	2002, any State of North Carolina Clean Water Bonds authorized for unsewered			
8	community grants or supplemental grants in S.L. 1998-132 and in Sections 3 and 4 of			
9	this act.			
10	SECTION 2. Withdrawal of Loan Funds. – Pursuant to Section 5.1(i) of S.L.			
11	1998-132, the following amounts of the Clean Water Bond proceeds allocated for loans			
12	in Section 5.1(h) of S.L. 1998-132 are withdrawn from allocation under Section 5.1(h)			
13			eallocated as provided in this act:	
14	(1) Water supply and distribution systems and water conservation			
15		proje		
16		a.	Reserved for loans to local	
17 10			government units whose bond	
18 19			rating is less than 75 or who have no bond rating	\$ 5 100 000
20		b.	Reserved for loans to local	3,100,000
21		0.	government units whose bond	
22			rating is 75 or more	\$27.402.114
23	(2) Wastewater collection systems and wastewater treatment w			
24	(-)	a.	Reserved for loans to local	
25			government units whose bond	
26			rating is less than 75 or	
27			who have no bond rating	\$ 2,900,000
28		b.	Reserved for loans to local	, ,
29			government units whose bond	

SECTION 3. Reallocation for Unsewered Community Grants. – Of the funds withdrawn pursuant to this act from allocation under Section 5.1(h) of S.L. 1998-132, the sum of thirty-seven million four hundred fifty-one thousand nine hundred fifty-five dollars (\$37,451,955) is reallocated to be used to provide unsewered community grants to eligible local government units to assist with wastewater treatment works and wastewater collection systems for the same purpose and in accordance with Section 5.1(g) of S.L. 1998-132. Grants from amounts reallocated shall be awarded and administered by the Rural Economic Development Center in accordance with Section 5.1(g) of S.L. 1998-132. The funds reallocated under this section shall be awarded on the criteria set out in Section 5.1(g) of S.L. 1998-132.

SECTION 4. Reallocation for Supplemental Grants. – Of the funds withdrawn pursuant to this act from allocation under Section 5.1(h) of S.L. 1998-132, the sum of thirty-seven million four hundred fifty-one thousand nine hundred fifty-four dollars (\$37,451,954) is reallocated to be used to provide supplemental grants to eligible local government units to match federal, State, and other grant or loan program funds to plan or improve needed water and sewer projects. Grants from amounts reallocated shall be awarded and administered by the Rural Economic Development Center in accordance with Section 5.1(f) of S.L. 1998-132 and this act. The funds reallocated under this section shall be awarded on the criteria set out in Section 5.1(f) of S.L. 1998-132.

SECTION 5. Cap on Supplemental Grants. – Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5.1(f) of S.L. 1998-132 and Section 2(b) of S.L. 2000-156, a maximum of twenty-one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$21,500,000) of supplemental grant funds may be certified by the Rural Economic Development Center to the State Treasurer each fiscal year through June 30, 2005, and the State Treasurer may issue the amount certified up to this maximum each fiscal year through June 30, 2005. Upon certification for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, the State Treasurer may issue the remaining balance of the funds allocated under Section 5.1(f) of S.L. 1998-132, Section 2(b) of S.L. 2000-156, and this act for any purpose authorized under Section 5.1(f) of S.L. 1998-132.

SECTION 6. Reallocation by Rural Economic Development Center. – Notwithstanding the provisions of S.L. 1998-132, S.L. 2000-156, and Sections 3 and 4 of this act, if the Rural Economic Development Center determines that there has been a change in any fiscal year in the relative needs between the purposes provided in Section 3 of this act and the purposes provided in Section 4 of this act, the Rural Economic Development Center may reallocate funds from Section 3 purposes to Section 4 purposes or from Section 4 purposes to Section 3 purposes. The Board of Directors of the Rural Economic Development Center must approve in advance any reallocation under this section. At least 30 days before making a reallocation under this section, the Rural Economic Development Center must consult with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

SECTION 7.(a) Reallocation for Administrative Expenses. – Of the funds withdrawn pursuant to this act from allocation under Section 5.1(h) of S.L. 1998-132, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) is reallocated to the Rural Economic Development Center to be used in the 2001-2002 fiscal year to administer bond funds allocated for grants pursuant to S.L. 1998-132, S.L. 2000-156, and this act. This amount shall be remitted to the Rural Economic Development Center as soon as possible after July 1, 2001.

SECTION 7.(b) Reports. – Section 11(a) of S.L. 1998-132 reads as

SECTION 7.(b) Reports. – Section 11(a) of S.L. 1998-132 reads as rewritten:

"Section 11. Reports on Grants.

- (a) The Rural Economic Development Center shall prepare and file each year on or before July 31 with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal Research Division a report for the preceding fiscal year concerning the allocation and making of grants authorized by this act. The report shall be signed by the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Rural Economic Development Center. The report shall set forth for the preceding fiscal year:
 - (1) Itemized and total allocations of grants authorized and unallocated funds for the grant program as of the end of the preceding fiscal year; year.
 - (2) Identification of each grant agreement entered into by the Rural Economic Development Center during the preceding fiscal year and the total amount of grants authorized by the grant agreements; agreements.
 - (3) The amount disbursed to each local government unit pursuant to the grant agreements during the preceding fiscal year and the total amount of the disbursements; and disbursements.
 - (4) A summary for the five preceding years of the information required by subdivisions (1) through (3) of this subsection.
 - (5) An itemized accounting of the Center's expenditures of bond funds allocated for administering grants under this act, as amended, and a certification that bond funds allocated for this purpose have been used for no other purpose.
 - (6) A detailed description of the criteria and point system used for awarding grants.
- (a1) The Rural Economic Development Center shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations at least 60 days before making any change to the criteria or point system used for awarding grants authorized by this act."

SECTION 8. Effective Date. – This act is effective when it becomes law.