

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1566

Short Title: Study Tax Credit for LID Stormwater Controls. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Allred.

Referred to: Water Resources and Infrastructure, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY
3 THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF PROVIDING A TAX CREDIT FOR THE
4 INSTALLATION OF INNOVATIVE, LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT
5 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission may study the feasibility and
8 advisability of providing a tax credit for the installation of innovative, low impact development
9 stormwater management systems. As used in this section, a "low impact development
10 stormwater management system" is a system designed to reduce or filter stormwater runoff and
11 includes (i) infiltration systems such as infiltration trenches, infiltration drainfields, dry wells,
12 bioretention basins, and level spreaders, (ii) filtering systems such as filter strips, exfiltration
13 trenches, and wetlands, (iii) alternate conveyance systems such as vegetated channels and
14 grassed swales, and (iv) rainwater catchment systems such as rain barrels and cisterns. In the
15 study, the Commission may consider all of the following:

- 16 (1) What activities and constructions should be considered low impact
17 development stormwater management systems, considering guidelines,
18 regulations, and laws in this State, in other states, and at the federal level.
19 (2) Whether low impact development stormwater management systems are
20 beneficial to the State and in what ways the systems are beneficial.
21 (3) Whether a tax credit for constructing low impact development stormwater
22 management systems would more effectively address stormwater
23 management than regulatory changes.
24 (4) What type of a tax credit would be required to encourage the State's
25 residents to participate in alternative stormwater management techniques.
26 (5) Any other issues the Commission considers relevant to this topic.

27 **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Research Commission may make an interim report to
28 the 2009 General Assembly, Regular Session 2010, and shall make its final report to the 2011
29 General Assembly.

30 **SECTION 3.** The Legislative Services Officer shall allocate funds appropriated to
31 the General Assembly for the expenditures of the Legislative Services Commission in
32 conducting this study.

33 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.

