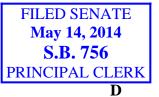
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2013



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SENATE DRS15406-TPz-10B* (03/03)

Short Title:	PED Study of Water and Sewer Systems.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Hartsell (Primary Sponsor).	
Referred to:		

1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED		
2	AN ACT TO DIRECT THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM EVALUATION		
3	OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO DIRECT THE PROGRAM EVALUATION DIVISION		
4	TO STUDY THE BENEFITS THAT MAY RESULT FROM THE MERGER OF PUBLIC		
5	WATER SYSTEMS AND WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT		
6	WORKS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW		
7	COMMISSION.		
8	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:		
9	SECTION 1. The Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee shall		
10	include in the 2014-2015 Work Plan for the Program Evaluation Division of the General		
11	Assembly a study of the benefits that may result from the merger of public water systems and		
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13	include the following in the study:		
14	(1) Consideration of whether the benefits that have resulted from the merger of		
15	certain public water systems and certain wastewater collection and treatment		
16	works can be replicated for other systems. In considering this issue, the		
17	Program Evaluation Division shall investigate the performance of the		
18	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department, the Cape Fear Public Utility		
19	Authority, and Two Rivers Utilities.		
20	(2) Whether the State can incentivize public water systems and wastewater		
21	collection and treatment works that provide service that is affordable,		
22	reliable, and compliant with all applicable laws to purchase, interconnect		
23	with, or enter into joint management agreements with public water systems		
24	and wastewater collection and treatment works that do not provide service		
25	that is affordable, reliable, and compliant with all applicable laws.		
26	(3) Whether the State can allow public water systems and wastewater collection		
27	and treatment works that provide service that is affordable, reliable, and		
28	compliant with all applicable laws to apply for grant funding or other		
29	assistance on the behalf of public water systems and wastewater collection		
30	and treatment works that do not provide service that is affordable, reliable,		
31	and compliant with all applicable laws if the award of such funding is		
32	contingent on purchase, interconnection, or a joint management agreement		
33	between the systems.		
34 25	SECTION 2. The Program Evaluation Division shall submit its findings and		
35	recommendations to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee and the		



General Assembly of North Carolina

- 1 Environmental Review Commission at a date to be determined by the Joint Legislative
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- Program Evaluation Oversight Committee. SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law. 3