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HOUSE BILL 718

Short Title: DENR Study of IBT Laws. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Bradford (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

April 15, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
2 RESOURCES TO STUDY THE STATUTES AND RULES GOVERNING INTERBASIN
3 TRANSFERS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
4 COMMISSION.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall study
8 the statutes and rules governing interbasin transfers and make recommendations as to whether
9 the statutes and rules should be amended. The study shall specifically examine all of the
10 following:

- 11 (1) Whether and to what extent temporary and emergency interbasin transfers,
12 including interbasin transfers to provide drought relief, should be subject to
13 different regulatory requirements than long-term interbasin transfers.
14 (2) Whether and to what extent interbasin transfers between river sub-basins
15 should be subject to different regulatory requirements than interbasin
16 transfers between major river basins.
17 (3) Whether there are types of interbasin transfers that should be exempted from
18 the interbasin certification or other regulatory requirements.

19 **SECTION 2.** No later than October 1, 2016, the Department of Environment and
20 Natural Resources shall report its findings and recommendations to the Environmental Review
21 Commission.

22 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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