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SENATE BILL 926

Short Title: Study Deconstruction of Inactive Dams/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Cowell.

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO STUDY DECONSTRUCTION OF INACTIVE DAMS LOCATED IN
NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall conduct a study to examine the feasibility of deconstructing inactive dams located in North Carolina and shall prepare and submit a report based on the results of the study to the Environmental Review Commission no later than January 15, 2009. This study and the report shall include a discussion of:

- (1) Mapping of inactive dams in the State.
- (2) History of each dam and the reason for its inactive status.
- (3) Length of time each dam has been inactive.
- (4) The cost estimates for deconstruction of each inactive dam.
- (5) The barriers to deconstruction of each inactive dam.
- (6) The assessment of deconstruction benefits of each inactive dam.

SECTION 1.(b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to conduct the study required by subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.