

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**HOUSE BILL 1803*
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/26/10**

Short Title: Review NC Programs for Climate Change Impacts.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 19, 2010

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT STATE AGENCIES TO REVIEW THEIR PROGRAMS,
2 INCLUDING PLANNING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS THAT CONSIDER
3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND RECOMMEND WHETHER THOSE PROGRAMS
4 SHOULD INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF THE IMPACTS OF GLOBAL CLIMATE
5 CHANGE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON
6 GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE.
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8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** Each State agency shall review its programs, including planning and
10 regulatory programs that consider environmental impacts and determine whether the program
11 currently considers the impacts of global climate change. For those programs that currently
12 consider the impacts of global climate change, the agency shall describe how the program
13 considers the impacts of global climate change and recommend whether the consideration of
14 the impacts of global climate change should be modified or expanded. For those programs that
15 do not currently consider the impacts of global climate change, the agency shall recommend if
16 and how the program should consider the impacts of global climate change.

17 **SECTION 2.** No agency shall implement any recommendations identified pursuant
18 to Section 1 of this act without authorization from the General Assembly.

19 **SECTION 3.** No later than September 1, 2011, each State agency shall report the
20 results of its review and any recommendations to the Department of Environment and Natural
21 Resources. The Department shall compile the results and recommendations and report them to
22 the Environmental Review Commission and to any future legislative commission that directly
23 and primarily addresses issues concerning global climate change no later than November 1,
24 2011.

25 **SECTION 4.** As used in this act, "State agency" means the State of North Carolina
26 or any board, bureau, commission, department, institution, or agency of the State.

27 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

