

1 (3) Determine funding strategies for water and wastewater infrastructure,
2 including sources of funding, the appropriate mix of grants and loans, and
3 funding allocation based on statewide priorities. As part of this component,
4 the statewide strategic plan shall identify how best to fund the State match
5 with recurring State funds for the revolving loan programs. To assist the
6 General Assembly in determining an appropriate mix of grants and loans, the
7 statewide strategic plan shall, with the assistance of the Local Government
8 Commission, develop criteria that may be used to identify which systems
9 with water and wastewater infrastructure needs appear to have the resources
10 to repay loans and which systems appear to lack those resources and so
11 would require grants.

12 (4) Identify any statutory changes required to implement the statewide strategic
13 plan developed pursuant to this act.

14 **SECTION 2.** The State Water Infrastructure Commission shall contract with an
15 independent entity to develop a statewide strategic plan for water and wastewater infrastructure
16 pursuant to this act.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the
18 Department of Commerce, and the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund shall
19 cooperate with the State Water Infrastructure Commission and any entity with whom the
20 Commission contracts to develop a statewide strategic water infrastructure plan pursuant to this
21 act. The North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, if it receives State funds, shall
22 also, as a condition of receiving those State funds, cooperate with the State Water Infrastructure
23 Commission and any entity with whom the Commission contracts to develop a statewide
24 strategic water infrastructure plan pursuant to this act.

25 **SECTION 4.** Funds in the amount of three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars
26 (\$375,000) appropriated to the Clean Water Management Trust Fund for the 2009-2010 fiscal
27 year shall be transferred to the Office of the Governor to be used to pay for services rendered
28 pursuant to the contract. In addition, funds in the amount of three hundred seventy-five
29 thousand dollars (\$375,000) appropriated to the North Carolina Rural Economic Development
30 Center for the 2009-2010 fiscal year shall also be transferred to the Office of the Governor to
31 be used to help pay for services rendered pursuant to the contract.

32 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.