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SENATE BILL 757*

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

Sponsors: Senator Hartsell (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

May 15, 2014

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO STUDY THE STATUTES AND RULES GOVERNING INTERBASIN TRANSFERS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

SECTION 2. No later than October 1, 2014, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall report its findings and recommendations to the Environmental Review Commission.

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

