

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007

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HOUSE DRH50325-TF-2* (03/01)

Short Title: Fund State Water Infrastructure Commission. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Gibson and Owens (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE STATE WATER
2 INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION.
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4 Whereas, the 2005 Session of the General Assembly of North Carolina
5 established the State Water Infrastructure Commission to identify the State's water
6 infrastructure needs, develop a plan to meet those needs, and monitor implementation of
7 the plan; and

8 Whereas, the Commission members have met monthly to hear reports and
9 testimony from experts within the State and to discuss potential solutions to address
10 these needs; and

11 Whereas, in its work thus far, the Commission has examined how water,
12 wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure is funded and developed in North Carolina
13 and in several other states faced with similar challenges of population growth and aging
14 infrastructure; and

15 Whereas, the Commission set forth a series of seven recommendations to the
16 Governor and to the members of the General Assembly to begin responding to the
17 assigned duties of the Commission on November 1, 2006; and

18 Whereas, the work of the Commission has been essential to the State as the
19 Commission provides the forum where these matters can be discussed and
20 recommendations for the State be devised; and

21 Whereas, drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure are
22 essential to the continued economic and environmental health of North Carolina; Now,
23 therefore,

24 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

25 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of
26 the Governor for the State Water Infrastructure Commission the sum of two hundred
27 fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of two

1 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to support work
2 of the Commission.

3 **SECTION 2.** The State Water Infrastructure Commission will report on
4 its progress on or before November 1, 2007, as provided in G.S. 159G-26 and
5 G.S. 159G-67.

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