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SENATE BILL 1468

Short Title: Promote Innovative Water Protection Efforts. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Albertson; Atwater, Hunt, and Kinnaird.

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROMOTE INNOVATIVE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND
3 WATER QUALITY PROTECTION EFFORTS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 113A-251 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 113A-251. Purpose.**

7 The General Assembly recognizes that a critical need exists in this State to clean up
8 pollution in the State's surface waters and to protect and conserve those waters that are
9 not yet polluted. The task of cleaning up polluted waters and protecting the State's water
10 resources is multifaceted and requires different ~~approaches~~approaches, including
11 innovative pilot projects, that take into account the problems, the type of pollution, the
12 geographical area, and the recognition that the hydrological and ecological values of
13 each resource sought to be upgraded, conserved, and protected are unique.

14 It is the intent of the General Assembly that moneys from the Fund created under
15 this Article shall be used to help finance projects that specifically address water
16 pollution problems and focus on upgrading surface waters, eliminating pollution, and
17 protecting and conserving unpolluted surface waters, including urban drinking water
18 supplies. It is the further intent of the General Assembly that moneys from the Fund also
19 be used to build a network of riparian buffers and greenways for environmental,
20 educational, and recreational benefits. While the purpose of this Article is to focus on
21 the cleanup and prevention of pollution of the State's surface waters and the
22 establishment of a network of riparian buffers and greenways, the General Assembly
23 believes that the results of these efforts will also be beneficial to wildlife and marine
24 fisheries habitats."

25 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 113A-253(c) is amended by adding a new subdivision to
26 read:

27 "(8a) To finance innovative efforts, including pilot projects, to improve
28 stormwater management, to reduce pollutants entering the State's

1 waterways, to improve water quality, and to research alternative
2 solutions to the State's water quality problems."

3 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.