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SENATE BILL 1349

Short Title: Greenhouse Gases Emissions Data/Report Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Weinstein.

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO GLOBAL WARMING INITIATIVES, A
NONPROFIT CORPORATION THAT ENCOURAGES INDUSTRIES TO
REDUCE THEIR EMISSIONS OF GREENHOUSE GASES AND TO
VOLUNTARILY REPORT THEIR EMISSIONS FOR PUBLICATION IN A
REGISTRY TO BE PUBLISHED EVERY TWO YEARS BY GLOBAL
WARMING INITIATIVES.

Whereas, in 1995 the United States Department of Energy and the United States Environmental Protection Agency established a pilot program whereby industries were encouraged to reduce greenhouse gases emissions, to increase energy and process efficiency, and to voluntarily report their greenhouse gases emissions for publication so that these emissions could be monitored; and

Whereas, in 2001, 36 North Carolina facilities voluntarily provided data on their greenhouse gases emissions, more than any other state that year; and

Whereas, the federally sponsored pilot program ended June 30, 2001; and

Whereas, the State Energy Office of the Department of Administration provided \$50,000 for the 2001-2002 fiscal year to support the continuation of the efforts of the pilot program; however, these funds were not continued for the 2002-2003 fiscal year due to the State's budget crisis and the lack of matching funds; and

Whereas, in 2003, Global Warming Initiatives was incorporated as a nonprofit corporation for the purpose of continuing the efforts begun by the federally sponsored pilot program; Now, therefore,
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to Global Warming Initiatives the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year, to be used to assist Global Warming Initiatives, a nonprofit corporation, to do all of the following:

- 1 (1) Encourage industries to reduce greenhouse gases emissions, to
2 increase energy and process efficiency, and to voluntarily report their
3 greenhouse gases emissions for publication.
- 4 (2) Publish at least twice each calendar year a registry of the data collected
5 from industries under subdivision (1) of this section.
- 6 (3) Recruit additional industries to report their greenhouse gases
7 emissions.
- 8 (4) Study ways to promote wider participation by industry in the voluntary
9 reporting of greenhouse gases emissions, including consideration of
10 the advisability of mandating industry to report these emissions.
- 11 (5) Conduct seminars across the State to inform industry on the activities
12 of Global Warming Initiatives and the benefits of industry
13 participation in its reporting program.
- 14 (6) Continue working with units of local government that participate in the
15 International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, in which the
16 City of Durham, the Towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, and Orange
17 County currently participate.
- 18 (7) Study the feasibility and desirability of promoting the use in North
19 Carolina of a cap and trade program whereby industries that emit less
20 than a maximum allowed level of greenhouse gases receive credit that
21 may be traded to industries that emit more than that level.
- 22 (8) No later than December 1, 2005, report to the State Energy Office of
23 the Department of Administration, which report shall include an
24 itemized account of how the funds appropriated by this act were used,
25 how Global Warming Initiatives accomplished the activities specified
26 under this section, the success of each activity, and any findings or
27 recommendations regarding these activities in reducing greenhouse
28 gases emissions.

29 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.