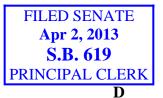
## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2013



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## SENATE DRS35271-LG-84A (03/14)

	Short Title:	Study/Water Quality Cost Share.	(Public)
	Sponsors:	Senator McKissick (Primary Sponsor).	
	Referred to:		
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1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED	
2 3	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON WATER QUALITY COST SHARE.		
4	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:		
5	SECTION 1. There is established the Legislative Study Commission on Wate		
6	Quality Cost Share. The Commission shall consist of 18 members appointed as follows:		
7 8	(1)	) Five members of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Te Senate.	mpore of the
9	(2)		e Speaker of
10	(2)	the House of Representatives.	e opeaker or
11	(3)	•	r the Chair's
12		designee.	
13	(4)	-	nstitute.
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16		Commissioners.	2
17	(7)	) A professional engineer registered under the provisions of Ch	apter 89C of
18		the General Statutes nominated by the Professional Engineer	ers of North
19		Carolina.	
20	(8)	) One member who is knowledgeable about wildlife and fisheries	habitats and
21		resources, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate	
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23		restoration of water quality, appointed by the Speaker of the	ne House of
24		Representatives.	
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26	<b>SECTION 2.</b> The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro		
27	Tempore of the Senate shall each designate a cochair. The Commission may meet at any time		
28	upon the joint call of the cochairs. A quorum of the Commission shall be a majority of its		
29	members.		
30	Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by the same appointing authority that		
31	made the initial appointment.		
32 33	Subject to the approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Commission		
33 34	may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.		
34 35	The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional staff to assist the Commission in its work. The House of		
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Representatives' and the Senate's Director of Legislative Assistants shall assign clerical support 



1 staff to the Commission, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be borne by 2 the Commission. 3 The Commission, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all 4 powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The 5 Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services as provided by 6 G.S. 120-32.02. 7 Members of the Commission shall receive subsistence and travel expenses at the 8 rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate. 9 **SECTION 3.** The Legislative Study Commission on Water Quality Cost Share 10 shall study the costs and benefits of improving water quality in reservoirs, rivers, and other 11 water resources shared by local governments. In its study, the Commission shall consider the 12 water quality issues for local governments located both upstream and downstream from water 13 resources, the wastewater treatment standards that local governments both upstream and 14 downstream must meet, the cost of complying with water quality and wastewater treatment 15 standards, and the benefits received by local governments by complying with those standards. 16 The Commission shall also consider possible alternatives to the current rate structure, treatment 17 programs, and technology used by the State and local governments with regard to water quality 18 and wastewater treatment. The Commission may also consider any other issue that it deems

19 relevant to this study.

SECTION 4. The Commission may make an interim report, including any legislative recommendations, to the 2013 Regular Session of the General Assembly when it reconvenes in 2014 and shall submit a final report, including any legislative recommendations, prior to the convening of the 2013 Regular Session of the General Assembly in 2014. The Commission shall terminate upon the filing of its final report or on January 1, 2015, whichever occurs first.

26 **SECTION 5.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General 27 Assembly the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 2013-2014 fiscal year to be 28 allocated to the Legislative Services Office to implement this study.

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**SECTION 6.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013.