

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE DRH50240-SB-22A\* (03/01)**

Short Title: Study Water & Sewer Service Providers. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Hamilton.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION TO STUDY THE REDUCTION AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE STATUTORY MODELS FOR ESTABLISHING, OPERATING, AND FINANCING CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE WATER AND SEWER SERVICES IN THE STATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** The Environmental Review Commission shall study the statutory models for establishing, operating, and financing certain organizations that provide water and sewer services in the State. The Commission shall specifically consider the statutory models for the following:

- (1) Sanitary Districts (Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes).
- (2) Water and Sewer Authorities (Article 1 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes).
- (3) Metropolitan Water Districts (Article 4 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes).
- (4) Metropolitan Sewerage Districts (Article 5 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes).
- (5) County Water and Sewer Districts (Article 6 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes).
- (6) Any other similar organizations that provide water or sewer service in the State.

**SECTION 1.(b)** The Commission shall determine whether, how, and to what extent the number of statutory models should be reduced and consolidated. In making these determinations, the Commission shall consider and address any impacts such reduction and consolidation would have on the ongoing operations and financing of existing organizations for the provision of water and sewer services.

**SECTION 1.(c)** The Commission shall report its findings and recommendations, if any, to the 2012 Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly upon its convening.

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

