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SENATE BILL 691

Short Title: Emergency Operating Funds for Utilities. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Perry and D. Davis (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW EMERGENCY FUNDING FROM THE WATER AND  
3 WASTEWATER RESERVES TO COVER OPERATING DEFICITS INCURRED BY  
4 CERTAIN PUBLIC WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. Article 1 of Chapter 159G of the General Statutes is amended by  
7 adding a new section to read:

8 "**§ 159G-25.5. Emergency expenditure for operating deficits incurred by certain public**  
9 **water systems and wastewater systems.**

10 The Department may use funds in the Wastewater Reserve or the Drinking Water Reserve to  
11 provide grants to the Local Government Commission to cover deficits in the operating expenses  
12 of a public water or wastewater system in either of the following circumstances:

- 13 (1) The Local Government Commission has exercised its powers under  
14 G.S. 159-181 to assume full or partial control over the affairs of the public  
15 water or wastewater system or of the unit of local government or public  
16 authority that owns or operates the public water or wastewater system.  
17 (2) The charter of the unit of local government or public authority that owns or  
18 operates the public water or wastewater system has been suspended or revoked  
19 by local act."

20 SECTION 2. G.S. 159G-33(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

21 "(5) Emergency grant for operating deficit. – An emergency grant for operating  
22 deficits is available for certain wastewater systems as set forth in  
23 G.S. 159G-25.5."

24 SECTION 3. G.S. 159G-34(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

25 "(5) Emergency grant for operating deficit. – An emergency grant for operating  
26 deficits is available for certain public water systems as set forth in  
27 G.S. 159G-25.5."

28 SECTION 4. This act becomes effective October 1, 2019.

