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SENATE BILL DRS35387-MTa-136

Short Title: RO Filling Stations for New Hanover Schools.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Peterson (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR REVERSE OSMOSIS WATER FILTRATION FILLING
3 STATIONS IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY SCHOOLS TO AMELIORATE DRINKING
4 WATER CONTAMINATION FROM PER-FLUOROALKYL AND
5 POLY-FLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** Of the funds appropriated for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to the
8 Department of Public Instruction that remain unexpended and unencumbered at the end of the
9 2019-2020 fiscal year, an amount of up to six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) shall not
10 revert to the General Fund, but shall be allocated to New Hanover County Schools for the
11 2020-2021 fiscal year to install no more than 10 reverse osmosis water filtration filling stations
12 (filling stations) in every school in New Hanover County Schools for the purpose of ameliorating
13 drinking water contamination from per-fluoroalkyl and poly-fluoroalkyl substances, subject to
14 the following:

- 15 (1) The number of filling stations installed in each school shall be based on the
16 average daily membership of that school.
17 (2) The filling stations shall be installed subject to a lease agreement of no more
18 than 36 months in order to allow sufficient time for the public water utility to
19 upgrade its own water filtration system.
20 (3) The filling stations shall be maintained by the supplier of the filling stations
21 and not by New Hanover County Schools.
22 (4) The supplier of the filling stations shall remove the filling stations at the end
23 of the lease period at no additional cost to New Hanover County Schools or
24 the State of North Carolina.
25 (5) The funds shall not revert at the end of each fiscal year but shall remain
26 available until June 30, 2023.

27 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective June 30, 2020.

