

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2019**

**SESSION LAW 2019-75
SENATE BILL 95**

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AT THE NORTH CAROLINA VETERANS MEMORIAL PAVILION SHALL NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND UNTIL JUNE 30, 2020; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER FUNDING SHALL NOT REVERT UNTIL JUNE 30, 2021; REDIRECTING CERTAIN STORM RESILIENCE FUNDS; BY REPURPOSING CERTAIN PLANNING FUNDS, AND BY CLARIFYING THE PURPOSE OF CERTAIN WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING PROVIDED TO THE TOWN OF MOUNT AIRY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of S.L. 2017-57, or of the Committee Report described in Section 39.2 of that act to the contrary, the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2017-2018 fiscal year appropriated in that act to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for the construction of public facilities at the North Carolina Veterans Memorial Pavilion in Broadway, North Carolina, shall not revert on June 30, 2019, as required by Section 6.13(c) of that act, but shall remain available for expenditure until June 30, 2020.

SECTION 2. Section 14.20A of S.L. 2016-94, as amended by Section 1 of S.L. 2017-17, reads as rewritten:

"REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER FUNDING

"SECTION 14.20A.(a) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure, by this act, the sum of fourteen million five hundred forty-eight thousand nine hundred eighty-one dollars (\$14,548,981) shall be used to fund interconnection, extension of water and sewer lines, and related water and wastewater system modification and expansion involving the Counties of Rockingham and Guilford and the municipalities of Oak Ridge, Stokesdale, Summerfield, Reidsville, Madison, and Mayodan. Of the funds allocated by this section, no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds shall be used for Guilford County and may include one or more of the municipalities listed in this section located in Guilford County, and no more than seventy-five percent (75%) shall be used for Rockingham County and may include one or more of the municipalities listed in this section located in Rockingham County. The funds allocated by this section may be spent for planning, design, survey, real property acquisition, construction, repair, and any other activities necessary to improve the performance and reliability and expand the capacity and service footprint of participating water and wastewater systems in Rockingham and Guilford Counties. The Counties of Rockingham and Guilford and the municipalities participating in the interconnection and extension of water and sewer lines within each county funded by this section shall agree on the use of the funds allocated by this section through any combination of (i) interlocal agreements under Article 20 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes that specify, at a minimum, the ownership of the water ~~lines~~-lines, sewer lines, and related infrastructure funded by this section and long-term maintenance, repair, and replacement responsibility or (ii) one or more regional water and sewer authorities under Article 1 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes.



"**SECTION 14.20A.(b)** Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-6-23(f1)(1) and G.S. 143C-1-2, funds allocated by this section shall be held in reserve by the Office of State Budget and Management and the allocations to each County shall be released when the County and one or more of the municipalities specified in subsection (a) of this section reach agreement on the funds allocated to that County by this section through interlocal agreements or the formation of regional water and sewer authorities or a combination of interlocal agreements and regional water and sewer authorities. Funds not spent or encumbered by June 30, ~~2020, 2021~~, shall be returned by the local governments or regional water and sewer authority to the Office of State Budget and Management and revert to the General Fund."

SECTION 3. Section 13.9 of S.L. 2018-5, as amended by Section 2.9 of S.L. 2018-138, reads as rewritten:

"DEQ GRANT-IN-AID GRANTS-IN-AID"

"**SECTION 13.9.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Resources, the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall be used to provide a grant-in-aid to Resource Institute, Inc., for the purpose of ~~working with local governments on Topsail Island and engineering firms to develop, plan, or implement projects intended to mitigate the impacts of future hurricanes on Topsail Island.~~ allocated in equal amounts to the Towns of North Topsail Beach, Surf City, and Topsail Beach for hurricane recovery projects in or benefitting the Towns and their adjoining coastline.

"**SECTION 13.9.(b)** On or before October 1, 2019, ~~Resource Institute, Inc., the recipients of allocations under this section~~ shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources and the Fiscal Research Division. The report shall contain at least all of the following:

- (1) A list of participating local governments and engineering firms and other partners in projects funded under this section.
- (2) A list of projects ~~funded on Topsail Island, funded,~~ including a summary of the costs and the scope of the project.
- (3) ~~A summary of the emerging techniques developed and implemented as a result of the efforts of the collaboration between local governments, engineering firms, and Resource Institute, Inc.~~
- (4)(3) Documentation of the impact on the resilience of beach nourishment projects."

SECTION 4. Funds appropriated to the Division of North Carolina Aquariums in the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources by Section 14.19 of S.L. 2017-57, as amended by Section 4.3 of S.L. 2017-197 and Section 4.9 of S.L. 2017-212, and allocated for planning and permitting of a satellite aquarium area shall instead be used for the following purposes:

- (1) Ninety-eight thousand seven hundred ninety-four dollars (\$98,794) to address storm damage at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center in Harkers Island, North Carolina.
- (2) One hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$155,000) to add the home of civil rights leader Golden Frinks to the Historic Edenton State Historic Site.

SECTION 4.1. Subdivision (2) of Section 13.4 of S.L. 2018-5 reads as rewritten:

- "(2) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Town of Mount Airy for ~~a water and sewer line extension project.~~ water or sewer projects."

SECTION 5. This act becomes effective June 30, 2019.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26th day of June, 2019.

s/ Daniel J. Forest
President of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved 5:25 p.m. this 1st day of July, 2019