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Short Title: Study - NC Programs That Impact Environment. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Harrison, Underhill, and Wilkins (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT STATE AGENCIES TO REVIEW THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL
3 PROGRAMS AND RECOMMEND WHETHER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS
4 SHOULD INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE, AS
5 RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON GLOBAL CLIMATE
6 CHANGE.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** Each State agency shall review its programs, including planning and
9 regulatory programs, that consider environmental impacts and determine whether the program
10 currently considers the impacts of global climate change. For those programs that currently
11 consider the impacts of global climate change, the agency shall describe how the program
12 considers the impacts of global climate change and recommend whether the consideration of
13 the impacts of global climate change should be modified or expanded. For those programs that
14 do not currently consider the impacts of global climate change, the agency shall recommend if
15 and how the program should consider the impacts of global climate change.

16 **SECTION 2.** No later than September 1, 2011, each State agency shall report the
17 results of its review and any recommendations to the Department of Environment and Natural
18 Resources. The Department shall compile the results and recommendations and report them to
19 the Environmental Review Commission and to any future legislative commission that directly
20 and primarily addresses issues concerning global climate change no later than November 1,
21 2011.

22 **SECTION 3.** As used in this act, "State agency" means the State of North Carolina
23 or any board, bureau, commission, department, institution, or agency of the State.

24 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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