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HOUSE BILL DRH30264-RIa-18

Short Title: Funds for Texfi Remediation Pilot. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Szoka, Brisson, Grange, and Davis (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A PILOT TO TEST A REMEDIAL STRATEGY
3 TO ADDRESS CONTAMINATION AT THE TEXFI SITE IN FAYETTEVILLE.

4 Whereas, the Texfi Industries plant operated in Fayetteville until it was closed in
5 1999; and

6 Whereas, the Texfi site is polluted with very high concentrations of known
7 carcinogens; and

8 Whereas, those carcinogens include tetrachloroethene and its degradation
9 by-products trichloroethene; 1,2-dichloroethene, and vinyl chloride; and

10 Whereas, the defunct Texfi plant is located in close proximity to Fayetteville Public
11 Works Commission's (PWC) Hoffer Water Treatment Plant and the Cape Fear River; and

12 Whereas, the chemical plume is spreading laterally and vertically in the groundwater
13 towards PWC's Hoffer Water Treatment Plant and the Cape Fear River; and

14 Whereas, PWC serves over 225,000 residents of the City of Fayetteville, Fort Bragg,
15 and surrounding communities; and

16 Whereas, citizens downstream of Fayetteville in Bladen, Columbus, Pender,
17 Brunswick, and New Hanover Counties, including the City of Wilmington, also get their drinking
18 water from the Cape Fear River; and

19 Whereas, residents of the Cape Fear River Basin are already suffering from the effects
20 of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), including GenX Compounds; and

21 Whereas, the Texfi site is a real threat to the drinking water of the residents of the
22 Cape Fear River Basin; Now, therefore,

23 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

24 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
25 Environmental Quality, Division of Waste Management, the sum of four hundred twenty
26 thousand dollars (\$420,000) for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, which shall be used to provide a
27 grant-in-aid to the Fayetteville Public Works Commission (Commission) to engage a consultant
28 selected by the Commission to perform pilot testing of In Situ Enhanced Reductive
29 Dechlorination using Zero-Valent Iron and Carbon Substrate as a remedial strategy to address
30 contamination at the Texfi site in Cumberland County on the parcel known as 601 Hoffer Drive
31 in Fayetteville in the area of the site showing trichloroethene, tetrachloroethene, and
32 chlorotoluene. The funds appropriated herein are not subject to a match and shall not revert.

33 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Commission shall submit an interim report on activities
34 conducted pursuant to this section to the Environmental Review Commission, the Joint
35 Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, and the



- 1 Fiscal Research Division no later than December 31, 2020, and a final report with the pilot's
2 results no later than December 31, 2021.
3 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.