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**HOUSE BILL DRH30355-MWa-126**

Short Title: Pilot Program to Clear DOT Pipes/Culverts. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Goodwin.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A PILOT PROGRAM TO LOCATE, CLASSIFY, AND CLEAR  
3 HIGHWAY DRAINAGE ISSUES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Pilot Program to Locate, Classify, and Clear Drainage Issues. – No  
6 later than September 1, 2019, the Department of Transportation (Department) shall establish a  
7 pilot program to locate, classify, and clear drainage issues in Highway Division 1. The program  
8 shall consist of the following:

- 9 (1) Locating and recording the GPS coordinates of all culverts located in the  
10 Department right-of-way.  
11 (2) Locating and recording the GPS coordinates of all drainage easements held  
12 by the Department with respect to ditches or canals or other conveyances  
13 adjacent to the Department right-of-way and used to divert or drain water  
14 away from the right-of-way.  
15 (3) Classifying the condition of each culvert, the overall drainage conditions of  
16 the adjoining ditches or canals, whether the culvert needs to be cleared, and  
17 whether the adjoining ditches or canals need to be cleaned, excavated, or  
18 repaired with soil stabilization.  
19 (4) Clearing, cleaning, or repairing all culverts and ditches identified pursuant to  
20 subdivision (3) of this section.  
21 (5) Developing an ongoing inspection schedule for all culverts located pursuant  
22 to subdivision (1) of this section.

23 **SECTION 2.** Pilot Program End Date. – The pilot program shall end on September  
24 1, 2021.

25 **SECTION 3.** Appropriation. – There is appropriated from the Highway Fund to the  
26 Department of Transportation the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in nonrecurring funds  
27 for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium for the purpose of conducting the pilot program required by  
28 Section 1 of this act.

29 **SECTION 4.** Report. – The Department shall report to the Joint Legislative  
30 Transportation Oversight Committee on the progress of the pilot program established pursuant  
31 to this act on September 1, 2020, and on September 1, 2021.

32 **SECTION 5.** Effective Date. – This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.

