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SENATE BILL 749

Short Title: RO Filling Stations for New Hanover Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Peterson (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

May 18, 2020

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR REVERSE OSMOSIS WATER FILTRATION FILLING STATIONS IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY SCHOOLS TO AMELIORATE DRINKING WATER CONTAMINATION FROM PER-FLUOROALKYL AND POLY-FLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

