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HOUSE BILL 97: 2015 Appropriations Act, Sec. 14.14A: Encourage Interconnection of Public Water Systems

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SUMMARY: *Sec. 14.14A of S.L. 2015-241 directs the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to identify public water supply systems that meet all of the following criteria: (i) the system is capable, as constructed or altered, of interconnectivity with another system located in the same river basin; (ii) the system has adequate capacity to expand; and (iii) interconnectivity of the system with other systems would promote public health, protect the environment, or ensure compliance with drinking water rules. DENR must notify the identified systems and those systems may discuss options for potential interconnectivity. The Department must also notify the Local Government Commission and the Commission must assist the systems with any questions regarding liabilities of the systems and alterations to the operations of the systems. The Commission for Public Health may adopt rules to implement this section.*

This section became effective July 1, 2015.

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