

SENATE BILL 257: Appropriations Act of 2017, Sec. 13.26: Department of Environmental Quality Reorganization Through Reduction

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OVERVIEW: Section 13.26 of S.L. 2017-57 directs the Office of State Human Resources to permit the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to use the Reorganization through Reduction (RTR) program throughout the 2017-2019 biennium to achieve funding reductions imposed elsewhere in the bill. The RTR program was created by Part VIII of S.L. 2013-382 as a time-limited employee volunteer separation program to accomplish reorganization and restructuring needs in certain state agencies, but had been scheduled to sunset June 30, 2017 under existing law. Section 13.26 also directs DEQ to transfer the Utility Savings Initiative from the Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service to the State Energy Office.

This section became effective July 1, 2017.

