



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

HOUSE BILL 1163: Northwest Guilford Water and Sewer Funds.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee: Senate State and Local Government. If **Date:** June 16, 2020
favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of
the Senate

Introduced by: Reps. Faircloth, Hardister

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 1163 would reallocate the unused portion of funds originally allocated to Guilford County and certain municipalities in northwest Guilford County for water and wastewater system improvements by dividing that unused portion equally among the municipalities of Oak Ridge, Stokesdale, and Summerfield to be used for water infrastructure projects.

CURRENT LAW: The Current Operations and Capital Improvements Appropriations Act of 2016 (S.L. 2016-94), allocated \$14.5 million to the Counties of Rockingham and Guilford and to the municipalities in those counties to fund regionalization and interconnection of the water systems in those counties and municipalities. The act was amended by S.L. 2017-17 to apportion 25% of the funds to Guilford County and certain designated Guilford County municipalities, and 75% to Rockingham County and certain designated Rockingham County municipalities. S.L. 2019-75 expanded use of the funds to include sewer and wastewater projects and to provide that any funds not used or encumbered by June 30, 2021, shall revert to the General Fund.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 1163 would provide that any unspent and unencumbered funds allocated by S.L. 2016-94, as amended, to Guilford County and the municipalities of Oak Ridge, Stokesdale, and Summerfield, for water and wastewater system improvements be reallocated equally to Oak Ridge, Stokesdale, and Summerfield for water infrastructure projects and would require that any funds unspent or unencumbered by June 30, 2022, revert to the General Fund.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective when it becomes law.

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