



# HOUSE BILL 1163: Northwest Guilford Water and Sewer Funds.

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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.*

**CURRENT LAW:** The Current Operations and Capital Improvements Appropriations Act of 2016 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 rewritten in 2017 (S.L. 2017-17) to apportion the funds on a 25%/75% split between Guilford and Rockingham Counties respectively, specify the municipalities that would receive a portion of the funds, and broaden the authorized uses of the funds. The provision was amended again in 2019 (S.L. 2019-75) to allow the funds to be used for wastewater as well as water system improvements and extend to June 30, 2021 the date on which unused funds would revert to the General Fund.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 1183 would do the following:

**Section 1** would reallocate funds remaining from the original 2016 appropriation allocated to Guilford County in equal amounts to the municipalities of Oak Ridge, Stokesdale, and Summerfield for water infrastructure projects in each municipality.

**Section 2** would extend until June 30, 2022, the time in which the funds allocated to the municipalities of Oak Ridge, Stokesdale, and Summerfield may be used before unspent or unencumbered funds revert to the General Fund.

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

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