

## **SENATE BILL 691: Emergency Operating Funds for Utilities.**

2019-2020 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: S.L. 2019-226 permits funds from the Wastewater Reserve and the Drinking Water Reserve to be used during the 2019-2020 fiscal year to provide grants to the Local Government Commission to fund operating deficits of a public water or wastewater system when (1) the system has been taken over by the Local Government Commission or (2) the charter of the local government or public authority owning the system has been revoked by a local act of the General Assembly.

This act became effective October 1, 2019.

**CURRENT LAW:** Under current law, the Wastewater Reserve and the Drinking Water Reserve funds provide loans and grants for construction costs of certain wastewater projects and public water system projects, emergency loans for systems that cause a public health hazard or (for public water systems) to mitigate a drought emergency, and grants for certain studies related to merger/regionalization feasibility and asset inventory and assessment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act became effective October 1, 2019.

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