



HOUSE BILL 366: Regulatory Reform Act of 2021, Sec. 4: Wastewater Reserve Priority

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Analysis of:	Sec. 4 of S.L. 2021-117		

OVERVIEW: Section 4 of S.L. 2021-117 requires the Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI) to give priority to projects that improve designated impaired waters of the State and that serve as a public water supply for a large public water system (defined as those with over 175,000 service connections) when determining priority for a loan or grant from the Wastewater Reserve or the Drinking Water Reserve. It also requires DWI to give priority to improvements made by a local government unit to protect or preserve the water supply of a neighboring local government unit that has a lower poverty rate, lower utility bills, higher population growth, higher median household incomes, and lower unemployment.

This section became effective September 1, 2021, and applies to applications for loans of grants from the Wastewater Reserve or the Drinking Water Reserve received by DWI on or after that date.

CURRENT LAW/BILL ANALYSIS:

Prior to the enactment of S.L. 2021-117, the Department of Environmental Quality's DWI must consider, in part, the following when determining priority for a loan or grant from the Wastewater Reserve or the Drinking Water Reserve: the effect on impaired waters and whether a project will address a conflict between local plans.

Section 4 of S.L. 2021-117 requires priority to be given to projects that improve designated impaired waters of the State and that serve as a public water supply for a large public water system (defined as those with over 175,000 service connections). It also requires DWI to give priority to improvements made by a local government unit to protect or preserve the water supply of a neighboring local government unit that has a lower poverty rate, lower utility bills, higher population growth, higher median household incomes, and lower unemployment.

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