OVERVIEW: Section 12.2 of S.L. 2021-180 directs the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources (Committee) to study the existing fee structure for permitting, compliance, and oversight services performed by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) with the goal of identifying areas where fee income does not adequately support the services provided. The Committee must identify, with respect to each service identified as having an insufficient fee, the amount of the fee that was or could have been charged, the cost incurred by DEQ in performing the service, and, if applicable, the reason for not charging the fee or for the fee shortfall. The Committee must provide its report to the 2022 Regular Session of the 2021 General Assembly upon its convening.

This section became effective July 1, 2021.