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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 367*

Sponsors: Senators Winner and Cochrane.

Referred to: Rules and Operation of the Senate.

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
2 COMMISSION TO STUDY THE NEED FOR COMPREHENSIVE
3 GROUNDWATER LEGISLATION TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT THE
4 GROUNDWATER RESOURCES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

5 Whereas, more than half the citizens of North Carolina are dependent on
6 groundwater as their principal source of drinking water; and

7 Whereas, groundwater resources across the State are increasingly vulnerable
8 to contamination from many land use activities and an unprecedented number of leaking
9 underground storage tanks; and

10 Whereas, the State's fragmented groundwater protection authorities have
11 effectively frustrated efforts to protect these resources and to clean up pollution where
12 incidents of groundwater contamination have occurred; and

13 Whereas, this inability to effectively protect groundwater is leading to
14 increased statewide degradation of the resource;

15 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

16 Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study the
17 impact of fragmented and ambiguous authorities on the State's ability to effectively
18 protect groundwater resources, and to assess the need for a Comprehensive
19 Groundwater Protection Act which would correct this fragmentation problem. The
20 Commission is further authorized to prepare an interim report of its study, and to make
21 final recommendation, including recommendations to the 1989 General Assembly,
22 Regular Session 1990.

23 Sec. 2. This resolution is effective upon ratification.