

1 shall be given to the local governments assisted by the Regional Water Supply
2 Authority. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of
3 Health and Human Services, the Department of Administration, the Department of
4 Commerce, and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall notify the
5 Authority when State or federal funds are available for the development of regional
6 water supplies to ensure that the local governments served by the Authority are
7 provided priority with regard to possible funding sources. The Regional Water Supply
8 Authority shall also assist in fulfilling the functions set out in G.S. 162A-23 for the local
9 governments identified in this section."

10 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall,
11 pursuant to G.S. 143-355(b), conduct an engineering study and report of a proposed
12 water resources project consisting of constructing and establishing a dam and reservoir,
13 to be located on the Cape Fear River in Cumberland County, for the purpose of
14 establishing a regional public drinking water supply. The Department shall develop for
15 budget and planning purposes estimates of the costs of the proposed project. The
16 Department shall request the North Carolina Congressional Delegation to apply to the
17 Congress of the United States for appropriations for this water resources development
18 project.

19 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall
20 apply for a grant from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund under Article 13A of
21 Chapter 113 of the General Statutes to assist local governments served by the Regional
22 Water Supply Authority to plan, develop, and construct regional water supply systems.

23 **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
24 Department of Environment and Natural Resources the sum of thirty-five thousand
25 dollars (\$35,000) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year for the study and report under Section 2
26 of this act and to apply for the grant under Section 3 of this act.

27 **SECTION 5.** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall
28 use any State or federal funds available for water resources development projects to
29 assist in constructing and establishing regional water supply systems for local
30 governments served by the Regional Water Supply Authority.

31 **SECTION 6.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.