

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1123

Short Title: Environmental Reports Amendments. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Albertson.

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

March 24, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO MODIFY ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 143-215.8C is repealed.

SECTION 2. G.S. 143-215.107C reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-215.107C. State agency goals, plans, duties, and reports.

...

(d) The Department of Administration, the Office of State Personnel, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall jointly develop and periodically update a plan to reduce vehicle miles traveled by State employees and vehicle emissions resulting from job-related travel, including commuting to and from work. The plan shall consider the use of carpooling, vanpooling, public transportation, incentives, and other appropriate strategies. The ~~Office of State Personnel~~ Department of Transportation shall report on the development and implementation of the plan to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the Environmental Review Commission on or before 1 October of each year beginning 1 October 2000.

(e) The Department of Transportation, the Department of Commerce, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall jointly develop and periodically update a plan to reduce vehicle miles traveled by private sector employees and vehicle emissions resulting from job-related travel, including commuting to and from work. The plan shall consider the use of incentives for both private sector employees and employers, carpooling, vanpooling, public transportation, and other appropriate strategies. The Department of Transportation shall report on the development and implementation of the plan to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the Environmental Review Commission on or before 1 October of each year beginning 1 October 2000.

(f) The Office of State Personnel shall implement a policy that promotes telework/telecommuting for State employees as recommended by the report of the State

1 Auditor entitled "Establishing a Formal Telework/Telecommuting Program for State
2 Employees" and dated October 1997. It shall be the goal of the State to reduce State
3 employee vehicle miles traveled in commuting by twenty percent (20%) without
4 reducing total work hours or productivity. ~~The Office of State Personnel shall report on~~
5 ~~progress in implementing this section to the Environmental Review Commission on or~~
6 ~~before 1 October of each year beginning 1 October 2000."~~

7 **SECTION 3.** The primary investigator or researcher for the Neuse River
8 Modeling and Monitoring Project shall provide a final report summarizing the findings
9 and outcomes of the Project to the Environmental Review Commission no later than 1
10 November 2005.

11 **SECTION 4.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective 1 December 2005.
12 Sections 2 through 4 of this act become effective when it becomes law.