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SENATE BILL 723

Short Title: Infrastructure Inventory Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Clodfelter.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 14, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE
2 INVENTORIES TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY
3 DEVELOPMENT, AND MORE EFFICIENT INFRASTRUCTURE
4 INVESTMENTS IN REGIONS ACROSS THE STATE.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
8 Department of Commerce the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars
9 (\$1,500,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of one million five hundred
10 thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to fund a systematic
11 inventory of existing and planned infrastructure improvements in order to promote
12 economic development, community development, and more efficient infrastructure
13 investments in regions across the State. Examples of infrastructure that may be
14 inventoried with these funds include transportation facilities, schools, parks, water and
15 wastewater infrastructure, and other community facilities. The Department of
16 Commerce shall award these funds for local coordination of the inventory upon the joint
17 application of the respective Regional Councils of Governments and Regional
18 Economic Development Partnerships representing any of the 17 planning regions of the
19 State. Funds shall be awarded in the same manner as other funding for Councils of
20 Governments managed by the Department of Commerce.

21 **SECTION 1.(b)** In order to provide for the most efficient inventory, the
22 Regional Councils of Governments and the Regional Economic Development
23 Partnerships shall coordinate with the Rural Economic Development Center regarding
24 data on water and sewer infrastructure being collected for the Water 2030 Plan.

25 **SECTION 1.(c)** At the conclusion of the project period, the Department of
26 Commerce and each funding recipient shall submit a final report summarizing the work
27 accomplished, how the data products are being used, and what amount of recurring
28 funds would be required to keep the inventories updated.

29 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.