

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2021**

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HOUSE BILL 454

Short Title: Funds for Texfi Remediation Pilot. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Szoka, Richardson, Brisson, and Davis (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 31, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A PILOT TO TEST A REMEDIAL STRATEGY
3 TO ADDRESS CONTAMINATION AT THE TEXFI SITE IN FAYETTEVILLE.

4 Whereas, the Texfi Industries plant operated in Fayetteville until it was closed in
5 1999; and

6 Whereas, the Texfi site is polluted with very high concentrations of known
7 carcinogens; and

8 Whereas, those carcinogens include tetrachloroethene and its degradation
9 by-products trichloroethene; 1,2-dichloroethene, and vinyl chloride; and

10 Whereas, the defunct Texfi plant is located in close proximity to Fayetteville Public
11 Works Commission's (PWC) Hoffer Water Treatment Plant and the Cape Fear River; and

12 Whereas, the chemical plume is spreading laterally and vertically in the groundwater
13 towards PWC's Hoffer Water Treatment Plant and the Cape Fear River; and

14 Whereas, PWC serves over 225,000 residents of the City of Fayetteville, Fort Bragg,
15 and surrounding communities; and

16 Whereas, citizens downstream of Fayetteville in Bladen, Columbus, Pender,
17 Brunswick, and New Hanover Counties, including the City of Wilmington, also get their drinking
18 water from the Cape Fear River; and

19 Whereas, residents of the Cape Fear River Basin are already suffering from the effects
20 of per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), including GenX Compounds; and

21 Whereas, the Texfi site is a real threat to the drinking water of the residents of the
22 Cape Fear River Basin; Now, therefore,

23 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

24 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
25 Environmental Quality, Division of Waste Management, the sum of four hundred forty thousand
26 dollars (\$440,000) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, which shall be used to provide a grant-in-aid to
27 the Fayetteville Public Works Commission (Commission) to engage a consultant selected by the
28 Commission to perform pilot testing of In Situ Enhanced Reductive Dechlorination using
29 Zero-Valent Iron and Carbon Substrate as a remedial strategy to address contamination at the
30 Texfi site in Cumberland County on the parcel known as 601 Hoffer Drive in Fayetteville in the
31 area of the site showing trichloroethene, tetrachloroethene, and chlorotoluene. The funds
32 appropriated herein are not subject to a match and shall not revert.

33 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Commission shall submit an interim report on activities
34 conducted pursuant to this section to the Environmental Review Commission, the Joint
35 Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, and the



- 1 Fiscal Research Division no later than December 31, 2022, and a final report with the pilot's
2 results no later than December 31, 2023.
3 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.