



# SENATE BILL 691: Emergency Operating Funds for Utilities.

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**OVERVIEW:** *S691 would permit funds from the Wastewater Reserve and the Drinking Water Reserve to be used to provide grants to the Local Government Commission to fund operating deficits of a public water or wastewater system when (1) the system has been taken over by the Local Government Commission or (2) the charter of the local government or public authority owning the system has been revoked by a local act of the General Assembly.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Under current law, the Wastewater Reserve and the Drinking Water Reserve provides loans and grants for construction costs of certain wastewater projects and public water system projects, emergency loans for systems that cause a public health hazard or (for public water systems) to mitigate a drought emergency, and grants for certain studies related to merger/regionalization feasibility and asset inventory and assessment.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill would become effective October 1, 2019.

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