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SENATE BILL DRS45111-MHa-75

Short Title: Funds/Bingham Park Remediation. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Robinson (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE REMEDIATION OF THE BINGHAM PARK
3 LANDFILL IN GUILFORD COUNTY.

4 Whereas, Bingham Park and the part of the surrounding predominantly African
5 American neighborhood of Cottage Grove in Greensboro was constructed over the site of an
6 incinerator and former landfill that closed and was buried nearly 70 years ago; and

7 Whereas, the landfill predated modern regulatory requirements, and thus was not built
8 with a liner, which means that residual contamination from the landfill and incinerator have
9 leached into soils, groundwater, and streams running adjacent to the Park; and

10 Whereas, the levels of contaminants such as lead and asbestos exceed State standards
11 in the Park; and

12 Whereas, city, State, and federal agencies have known about the contamination of the
13 Park for over 10 years; and

14 Whereas, North Carolina's program for remediation of pre-regulatory landfill sites
15 such as Bingham Park has identified over 650 such landfills in the State, but the solid waste
16 tipping fee that supports the program generates about \$12 million annually; and

17 Whereas, the presence of low-income housing complexes near the Park means
18 significant numbers of vulnerable populations, including children and the elderly, are exposed to
19 the contamination from the former landfill site; Now, therefore,
20 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

21 **SECTION 1.** The sum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) in nonrecurring funds
22 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year is appropriated from the General Fund to the City of Greensboro
23 for remediation of the landfill underlying Bingham Park, for restoration of the site, and for
24 rehabilitation and remediation of the creeks draining the site.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2023.

