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Senate Bill 106 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Senator Mike Goschka

Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 53 (Clean Water Assistance) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to provide that if a water pollution control project requiring assistance from the State Revolving Fund were a sewage treatment works project or a stormwater treatment project, the priority list criteria for project plans submitted by municipalities would have to include a determination of whether a project was necessary to comply with an order, permit, or other document with an enforceable schedule for addressing a municipality's sewage-related water pollution problems that was issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) or entered as part of an action brought by the State against the municipality. In addition, a municipality could voluntarily agree to an order, permit, or other document with an enforceable schedule.

Under Part 53, if approved by the DEQ, municipalities may receive assistance from the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund for a sewage treatment works project, a stormwater treatment project, and/or a nonpoint source project. Each year the DEQ must develop priority lists for these projects, based on project plans submitted by municipalities. If a project is a sewage treatment works project or a stormwater treatment project, the priority lists must be based on the following criteria: the severity of the water pollution problem; the population to be served by the project; the dilution ratio existing between the discharge volume and the receiving stream; and a determination of whether a project is or was necessary to comply with an order, permit, or other document issued by the DEQ or entered as part of an action brought by the State against a municipality. Under the bill, this determination would pertain to compliance with an enforceable schedule for addressing a municipality's sewage-related water pollution problems as described above.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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