

_____ moved to amend as follows:

1 In line 151 of the title, delete "940.36, 940.37,"

2 In line 332, delete "940.36, 940.37,"

3 In line 14664, reinsert "natural resource "; delete "soil
4 and water"

5 In line 14665, delete everything after "improvement"

6 In line 14666, delete everything before the semicolon

7 In line 14749, reinsert "service "; delete "services";
8 reinsert "is"; delete "are"

9 In line 15168, delete everything after "(U)"

10 Delete lines 15169 through 15171

11 In line 15172, delete "(V)"

12 In line 15175, delete "(W)" and insert "(V)"

13 Delete lines 15195 through 15289

14 Delete lines 96211 through 96234

15 The motion was _____ agreed to.

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SYNOPSIS

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Statewide watershed management

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R.C. 939.02, 940.06, 940.36, and 940.37; Section 709.____

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Removes provisions added by the Senate that do all of the following:

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1. Create the Statewide Watershed Planning and Management Program for the improvement and protection of Ohio's watersheds to be administered by the Director of Agriculture;

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2. Require the Director to appoint at least one watershed planning and management coordinator (hereafter coordinator) in each watershed region categorized under the bill to coordinate watershed planning in the watershed;

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3. Require a coordinator to perform certain duties in the watershed in which the coordinator is assigned, including assisting each soil and water conservation district to identify sources and areas of water quality impairment;

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4. Require the Director, in conjunction with soil and water conservation districts, to collect and aggregate information on conservation practices utilized in Ohio that are funded by public money;

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5. Require the Director to assist soil and water conservation districts in watershed planning and management;

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6. Require a soil and water conservation district board to consult and work with the coordinator appointed to the watershed region in which the soil and water conservation district is located;

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7. State that it is the General Assembly's intent to collaborate with organizations representing agriculture, conservation, the environment, and higher education to establish a certification program for farmers that

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49 utilize practices designed to minimize impacts to water
50 quality;

51 8. Require the Department of Agriculture, in consultation
52 with the Lake Erie Commission and the Ohio Soil and Water
53 Conservation Commission, to establish a pilot program
54 that assists farmers, agricultural retailers, and soil
55 and water conservation districts in reducing phosphorus
56 in a watershed to be determined by the Department; and

57 9. Require the funding to be used to support specified
58 purposes, including equipment for subsurface placement of
59 nutrients into the soil and equipment for nutrient
60 placement based on geographic information system data.