

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a pilot competitive grant program for improving the sharing of water quality data, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. JONES (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. WATER QUALITY DATA SHARING PILOT PRO-**  
4 **GRAM.**

5 Title V of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act  
6 is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating section 520 (33 U.S.C.  
8 1251 note) as section 521; and

1           (2) by inserting after section 519 (33 U.S.C.  
2           1377a) the following:

3   **“SEC. 520. WATER QUALITY DATA SHARING PILOT PRO-**  
4                                   **GRAM.**

5           “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator shall es-  
6   tablish a competitive grant pilot program (referred to in  
7   this section as the ‘pilot program’) under which the Ad-  
8   ministrator may award grants to eligible States under sub-  
9   section (b) to establish systems that improve the sharing  
10  of information concerning water quality, sources of water  
11  pollution, and water infrastructure needs among counties  
12  and other units of local government of the State, which  
13  may include—

14           “(1) establishing a website or data hub to ex-  
15   change water quality data; and

16           “(2) inter-county communications initiatives re-  
17   lated to water quality.

18           “(b) ELIGIBLE STATES.—A State shall be eligible for  
19  a grant under the pilot program if the State—

20           “(1) has a coastal watershed with significant  
21   pollution levels; and

22           “(2) has counties or other units of local govern-  
23   ment with significant individual wastewater infra-  
24   structure deficits.

1           “(c) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
2 under the pilot program, an eligible State under sub-  
3 section (b) shall submit to the Administrator an applica-  
4 tion at such time, in such manner, and containing such  
5 information as the Administrator may require.

6           “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
7 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the pilot  
8 program such sums as are necessary for each of fiscal  
9 years 2020 through 2025.”.