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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6719**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 343**

**DATE PREPARED:** Feb 17, 1999

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 16, 1999

**SUBJECT:** Water pollution control.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill provides specific criteria that the Water Pollution Control Board must consider before adopting a rule to designate a waterbody as an outstanding state resource water or outstanding national resource water. It requires the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to present information that supports the designation to the Environmental Quality Service Council and requires the Environmental Quality Service Council to recommend legislation to the General Assembly concerning waterbody designations.

It allows IDEM to issue National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits that include provisions that take into account the effect of wet weather events and drought conditions on certain aspects of the permit.

It specifies that, after June 30, 1999, unless otherwise required by federal law, the Air Pollution Control Board, the Solid Waste Management Board, the Water Pollution Control Board, IDEM, and the Commissioner of IDEM may not take any action that creates or changes water quality standards concerning antidegradation, sediment criteria, or biocriteria until the earlier of: (1) July 1, 2000; or (2) the date the United States Environmental Protection Agency adopts regulations to revise the Water Quality Standards Regulation concerning the national water quality standards program as described in the Advance Notice of Proposed Rule Making published July 7, 1998, in the Federal Register.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**