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TENNESSEE CLEAN WATER NETWORK

## **Don't Give Up on Polluted Streams!** **SB0631 (Southerland) / HB1616 (McCord)**

**SB0631 (Southerland) / HB1616 (McCord)** – Prevents polluted waters from being classified as Exceptional Tennessee Waters and removes the burden of proving an economic and social need for projects which impact Exceptional Waters when the project is publicly funded.

- Don't give up on our waters! Just because they're polluted now doesn't mean we stop protecting them.
- Strips Exceptional status from approximately 1,000 miles of our streams, including Pigeon River, Caney Fork, the Harpeth River, French Broad River, Clinch River, Hiwassee River, Duck River, Mississippi River, and Big Sandy River.
- The bill is in violation of the Clean Water Act, which clearly places the burden on the applicant to show social and economic necessity. The legislature cannot shift the burden and stay consistent with federal law.
- Denies the public its right to participation in the process: Spending our money, polluting our water and we have no voice in the matter.



*The Hiwassee was the first river managed in the State Scenic River program. These bills would take away its protection!*

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