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HOUSE BILL 312

Short Title: Agrimedecine Feasibility Study.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Holt; Bowen and Loflin.

Referred to: Rules.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF GOVERNORS TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF AN AGRIMEDICINE PROGRAM IN NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The University of North Carolina Board of Governors shall study the need for and the feasibility and costs of establishing and maintaining an agrimedecine program involving the joint resources of a medical school of one of the constituent institutions and an agricultural school of one of the constituent institutions. The study shall consider the following potential components of an agrimedecine program:

(a) Service functions, including providing lab analyses and consultations to physicians and other health care providers concerning the diagnosis and treatment of various diseases and symptoms related to the use of or exposure to agricultural chemicals;

(b) Research functions, including research activities on pesticide exposure, other agriculturally-related health concerns, and chemical hypersensitivity among farm and nonfarm populations; and

(c) Education functions, including training of physicians and other health care providers on the recognition of pesticide-related health symptoms and the training of community and farm groups on the health effects of agricultural activities.

Sec. 2. The Board of Governors shall report its findings and recommendations in writing to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations no later than March 31, 1990.

1 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.