

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR65205-LG-122 (03/26)

Sponsors: Senator Albertson.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
2 COMMISSION TO STUDY METHODS OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO
3 NORTH CAROLINA DAIRY FARMERS.

4 Whereas, it is in the best interest of the citizens of North Carolina to have a
5 safe and dependable local supply of fresh and wholesome Grade A milk; and

6 Whereas, dairy farmers have faced severe economic hardship in recent years
7 due to factors beyond their control; and

8 Whereas, the number of dairy farms producing milk in North Carolina has
9 declined considerably in recent years; and

10 Whereas, consumer demand has outpaced the local supply; and

11 Whereas, current federal dairy programs do not provide sustainable market
12 prices for dairy farmers in the South; and

13 Whereas, Congress has yet to ratify the proposed Southern Dairy Compact;
14 Now, therefore,

15 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

16 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study
17 methods of providing assistance to North Carolina dairy farmers.

18 **SECTION 2.** The Commission shall make a final report of its findings and
19 recommendations to the 2004 Regular Session of the 2003 General Assembly.

20 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.