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SENATE BILL 1284*

Short Title: Farm to School Program/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Purcell, Dannelly, Davis, Preston, Tillman, Walters; Atwater, Bingham, Dorsett, Foriest, Graham, Jacumin, Jones, and Snow.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 20, 2010

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN EMPLOYEE POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 AGRICULTURE DEDICATED TO ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF THE
4 FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO
5 REPORT ANNUALLY ON THE PROGRAM, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE
6 LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North Carolina
9 Department of Agriculture the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) for the 2010-2011
10 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to establish a position in the Department dedicated to the
11 administration and operation of the Farm to School Program. Duties of the position shall
12 include:

- 13 (1) Increasing the educational components of the Farm to School Program.
- 14 (2) Developing and maintaining a list of farmers interested in selling farm
15 products to school systems in this State.
- 16 (3) Encouraging more school systems to participate in the Farm to School
17 Program.
- 18 (4) Expanding the current efforts of participating school systems in the Farm to
19 School Program.
- 20 (5) Providing technical assistance to farmers on participation in the Farm to
21 School Program.
- 22 (6) Seeking opportunities to standardize the small purchase threshold for child
23 nutrition programs to facilitate the purchase by school systems of farm
24 products from local farmers.
- 25 (7) Working with the Department of Public Instruction to create Farm to School
26 Program curriculum materials or to revise existing materials to correlate with
27 the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.
- 28 (8) Collaborating with the Child Nutrition Program, the Department of Health
29 and Human Services, Division of Health Services, and other groups working
30 in the area of child nutrition.

31 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Department of Agriculture shall report annually on the Farm
32 to School Program, including information on participation rates, amount and types of produce
33 purchased, education, and expansion efforts. The Department shall report to the Task Force on
34 Childhood Obesity, the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, the Joint Legislative
35 Health Care Oversight Committee, the Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture, and the
36 Chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources.



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SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2010.