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HOUSE BILL 756

Short Title: Beehive Grant Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative C. Graham.

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Referred to: Appropriations

April 13, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BEEHIVE GRANT FUND.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 106 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
5 Article to read:

6 "Article 55A.

7 "Beehive Grants.

8 **"§ 106-650. Beehive Grant Fund.**

9 (a) Establishment. – The North Carolina Beehive Grant Fund is established as a special
10 fund in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The Department shall be
11 responsible for administering the Fund. The Fund may receive such funds as may be
12 appropriated by the General Assembly and any gifts, grants, or donations from any public or
13 private sources.

14 (b) Purposes. – Funds in the North Carolina Beehive Grant Fund shall be used, as
15 available, to encourage the establishment of new beehives in the State. Grants from the Fund
16 shall be made upon application to the Beehive Grant Program as set forth in G.S. 106-651.

17 **"§ 106-651. Beehive Grant Program.**

18 (a) Definitions. – The definitions in G.S. 105-164.3 and the following definitions apply
19 to this Article:

20 (1) Eligible activity. – Any of the following:

21 a. The purchase of a new hive for bees.

22 b. The purchase of materials or supplies to be used for the construction
23 of a new hive for bees.

24 (2) Eligible beekeeper. – A resident of the State who meets the following
25 requirements:

26 a. The person is at least 18 years of age.

27 b. The person is a Certified Beekeeper as determined by the North
28 Carolina State Beekeepers Association at the time of filing of the
29 grant application.

30 (3) Fund. – The Beehive Grant Fund established by G.S. 106-650.

31 (b) Grants. – Any eligible beekeeper may apply for a grant from the Fund for an eligible
32 activity. The Department shall specify the form and contents of the application, including
33 procedures for the submission of applications electronically. The Board may establish a fee for
34 grant applicants to recover the reasonable costs of reviewing and processing applications.
35 Grants shall be limited to two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per new hive, up to a maximum grant



1 of two thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,400) per grant recipient in any year, and shall be
2 issued in the order that each completed eligible application is received. In the event that the
3 amount of eligible grants requested in a fiscal year exceeds the funds available in the Fund,
4 such grants shall be paid in the next fiscal year in which funds are available.

5 (c) Rule making. – The Board may issue rules to implement the requirements of this
6 Article."

7 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2017.