

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE DRH70507-LNz-194\* (04/15)**

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

Sponsors: Representatives Fisher, McLawhorn, Weiss, and Yongue (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

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



- 1 Health Care Oversight Committee, the Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture, and the
- 2 Chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources.
- 3       **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2010.