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HOUSE BILL DRH10421-MKa-137

Short Title: Expanded Food/Nutrition Education Programs. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Brisson, Carney, Dobson, and Horn (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE EXPANDED FOOD AND
3 NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
4 PROGRAMS AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY AND NORTH CAROLINA
5 AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY.

6 Whereas, 32% of adults and 31% of children ages 10 to 17 in North Carolina are
7 obese; and

8 Whereas, many chronic diseases are among the most preventable of all health
9 problems; and

10 Whereas, treating people with chronic conditions now accounts for 90¢ of every \$1.00
11 spent on health care and chronic diseases are among the leading causes of death and disability;
12 and

13 Whereas, a Virginia study of the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program
14 (EFNEP) found that every \$1.00 invested in the program returned \$10.64 in potential health care
15 cost savings; and

16 Whereas, EFNEP has 50 years of demonstrated success in improving the diet and
17 health of low-income families and youth; Now, therefore,
18 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

19 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors
20 of The University of North Carolina the sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000)
21 in recurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year for the North Carolina Expanded Food and
22 Nutrition Education Program (EFENP) to expand partnerships through Cooperative Extension
23 programs with county governments to serve low-resourced families and children with nutrition
24 education outreach as part of EFENP. The funds shall be allocated as follows:

25 (1) The sum of six hundred four thousand dollars (\$604,000) in recurring funds
26 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to North Carolina State University to extend
27 programming to at least 10 additional counties if the funds are leveraged with
28 non-State funds to create one position per county or per two smaller rural
29 counties.

30 (2) The sum of one hundred forty-six thousand dollars (\$146,000) in recurring
31 funds for 2019-2020 fiscal year to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical
32 State University to extend programming to at least two additional counties if
33 the funds are leveraged with non-State funds to create one position per county
34 or per two smaller rural counties.

35 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.

