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HOUSE BILL 719

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

Sponsors: Representatives Brisson, Carney, Dobson, and Horn (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Appropriations, Education, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 15, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE EXPANDED FOOD AND NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PROGRAMS AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY AND NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) The sum of six hundred four thousand dollars (\$604,000) in recurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to North Carolina State University to extend programming to at least 10 additional counties if the funds are leveraged with non-State funds to create one position per county or per two smaller rural counties.
- (2) The sum of one hundred forty-six thousand dollars (\$146,000) in recurring funds for 2019-2020 fiscal year to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University to extend programming to at least two additional counties if the funds are leveraged with non-State funds to create one position per county or per two smaller rural counties.



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