

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE DRS55645-LG-725 (5/15)

Short Title: Farm to School Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Swindell.

Referred to:

1    A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE REVOLVING FUNDS FOR THE FARM TO SCHOOL  
3 PROGRAM.

4            Whereas, it is important to promote the use of fresh, locally grown produce in  
5 our schools, and

6            Whereas, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the  
7 Department of Public Instruction, and local school districts have developed the Farm to  
8 Schools Program to promote the use of locally grown fruits and vegetables, and

9            Whereas, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will be  
10 accepting delivery of produce from farmers and making deliveries to schools, and

11           Whereas, the Department needs to make payment to farmers at the time of  
12 delivery, and the schools will then reimburse the Department; Now, therefore,

13 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

14           **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
15 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the sum of two hundred thousand  
16 dollars (\$200,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to be placed in a nonreverting,  
17 revolving account and used as start-up funds for the purchase of local produce in the  
18 Farm to School Program, to be reimbursed by the schools following delivery of the  
19 produce.

20           **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.