

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 417\***

Short Title: Food Commercialization Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Humphrey, K. Smith, and Murphy (Primary Sponsors).  
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March 21, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA FOOD  
2 COMMERCIALIZATION CENTER.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.(a)** Three million one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$3,150,000) in  
5 nonrecurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year is appropriated to the Department of Agriculture  
6 and Consumer Services for local food processing initiatives. These funds shall be used to provide  
7 a grant to the Eastern North Carolina Food Commercialization Center to provide matching funds  
8 for a federal construction grant and to provide working capital and equipment for the Center.

9 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Center shall submit an annual report on the use of the funds  
10 allocated by this section to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural  
11 and Economic Resources and the Fiscal Research Division no later than April 1 of each year until  
12 the funds are spent or have reverted.

13 **SECTION 1.(c)** Funds appropriated by this section that are not spent or encumbered  
14 by June 30, 2022, shall revert to the General Fund.

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