

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1405*

Short Title: Farmers' Market Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Parnell; Albertson, Conder, Plyler, and Soles.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 25, 1994

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A
3 SOUTHEASTERN FARMERS' MARKET AND
4 EQUESTRIAN/AGRICULTURAL CENTER.

5 Whereas, the 1993 General Assembly appropriated \$2,500,000 in Section 4
6 of Chapter 561 of the 1993 Session Laws to the Department of Agriculture for planning
7 of a Southeastern Farmers' Market and Equestrian/Agricultural Center to be located near
8 Interstate 95 in Robeson County; and

9 Whereas, Economics Research Associates has produced an evaluation of the
10 market and financial feasibility of such a facility, and has concluded that there is a
11 demand for an expanded retail farmers' market, a meeting facility, and an equestrian
12 center in that region of the State, and recommends that the complex be located in
13 Lumberton; and

14 Whereas, the study concludes that the complex will have a major impact on
15 the economy of the local area, with a direct economic impact estimated between \$4.3
16 and 4.9 million and an indirect impact of from \$8 to \$10 million; and

17 Whereas, an additional \$8,000,000 will be needed to complete construction
18 and development of the facility, including the purchase of necessary land; Now,
19 therefore,

20 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

21 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
22 Agriculture the sum of eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for
23 the construction and development of a Southeastern Farmers' Market and

1 Equestrian/Agricultural Center in Robeson County, including the purchase of necessary
2 land.

3 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.