

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE BILL 479**

Short Title: NC A & T Agricultural Research Funds.

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Sponsors: Representatives Adams; Black, Bowie, Boyd-McIntyre, Braswell, Earle, Fitch, Jarrell, Jeffus, Kinney, Michaux, Oldham, Smith, Wainwright, Womble, and Wright.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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March 10, 1997

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND  
EXTENSION PROGRAMS AT NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND  
TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY.**

Whereas, currently, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University receives federal funding in the amount of \$2.6 million for its Agricultural Research Program and \$2.5 million for its Cooperative Extension Program; and

Whereas, in order to provide equitable funding, it is the intent of the General Assembly to increase the State's level of funding for these programs to eventually match the federal level of funding; 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 one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year as matching funds for agricultural research and extension programs at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. These funds are in addition to any State funds appropriated for these programs and shall be allocated as follows:

- 1           (1)   \$500,000 for the 1997-98 fiscal year and \$500,000 for the 1998-99  
2           fiscal year to match federal funds for the Agricultural Research  
3           Program.  
4           (2)   \$500,000 for the 1997-98 fiscal year and \$500,000 for the 1998-99  
5           fiscal year to match federal funds for the Cooperative Extension  
6           Program.  
7           Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.