

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH30498-LE-351 (5/8)

Short Title: NC Viticulture/Enology Center Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Harrell.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA
2 VITICULTURE AND ENOLOGY CENTER ON THE CAMPUS OF SURRY
3 COMMUNITY COLLEGE.
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5 Whereas, grape growing has proven to be a viable agricultural alternative,
6 yielding a profit margin comparable with tobacco; and

7 Whereas, Surry Community College offers a degree, diploma, and certificate
8 in viticulture/enology and provides the only two-year degree program on the East Coast;
9 and

10 Whereas, Surry Community College provides applied research,
11 demonstration, consultation, evaluation, technical support, and workforce development
12 for vineyard and winery owners; and

13 Whereas, Surry Community College is located in the center of the Yadkin
14 Valley Appellation, the only designated American Viticulture Area in North Carolina;
15 and

16 Whereas, plans have been made to establish the North Carolina Center for
17 Viticulture and Enology on the campus of Surry Community College; and

18 Whereas, the North Carolina Viticulture and Enology Center will house a
19 state-of-the-art bonded winery for producing quality wines, classrooms, offices, a
20 resource library, a climate-controlled wine cellar, and an auditorium for seminars,
21 conventions, and conferences; and

22 Whereas, the North Carolina Viticulture and Enology Center will serve as a
23 teaching laboratory and demonstration model for the wine industry; Now, therefore,
24 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

25 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North
26 Carolina Community Colleges System Office the sum of seven million five hundred
27 thousand dollars (\$7,500,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to establish the North

- 1 Carolina Center for Viticulture and Enology on the campus of Surry Community
2 College.
3 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.