

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 769

Short Title: Agric. Fairs Advisory Council/Grant Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hill; Wainwright and Barefoot.

Referred to: Agriculture, if favorable, Appropriations.

March 26, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE AGRICULTURAL FAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL
3 AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR GRANTS FOR LOCAL
4 AGRICULTURAL FAIRS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Part 4 of Article 45 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes is
7 amended by adding a new section to read:

8 "**§ 106-520.8. Agricultural Fairs Advisory Council.**

9 The Agricultural Fairs Advisory Council is created. The Commissioner of
10 Agriculture may appoint the members of the Agricultural Fairs Advisory Council. The
11 Advisory Council may consist of up to 15 members, who shall represent local and
12 county agricultural fairs, commodity associations, farm organizations, or persons having
13 an interest in agricultural fairs. The members of the Agricultural Fairs Advisory Council
14 shall serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner of Agriculture. The Commissioner or
15 the Commissioner's designee shall serve as Cochair of the Advisory Council. The
16 Advisory Council shall meet at the call of the Cochair for the purpose of advising the
17 Commissioner of Agriculture on the distribution of grants to local agricultural fairs
18 licensed under this Article from funds appropriated by the General Assembly for this
19 purpose."

20 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
21 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the sum of three hundred thousand
22 dollars (\$300,000) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year to be used for grants to local
23 agricultural fairs licensed under Article 45 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes and to
24 be distributed by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The Commissioner of Agriculture
25 may seek advice on the distribution of these grants from the Agricultural Fairs Advisory
26 Council, created in G.S. 106-520.8, as enacted in Section 1 of this act.

27 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.