

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE BILL 1961\***

Short Title: Study Ag. Research Stations/Develop Plan. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Weinstein, Nesbitt, Queen, Snow; Atwater, Bingham, Goss, Jacumin, Preston, Soles, Swindell, and Tillman.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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May 28, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT A JOINT EFFORT TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF, AND TO  
2 DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR, THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH  
3 STATIONS.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at  
7 North Carolina State University at Raleigh (NCSU), the Dean of the School of  
8 Agriculture and Environmental Sciences at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical  
9 State University, and the Commissioner of Agriculture shall, with the advice and  
10 consent of the Board of Agriculture, jointly study and develop a comprehensive  
11 strategic plan for the management of the agriculture research stations that are currently  
12 jointly managed by NCSU and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.  
13 The plan shall identify ways to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the research  
14 stations. The Board shall seek input on the plan from farm organizations, commodity  
15 associations, and other interested parties. Following approval by the Board of  
16 Agriculture, the plan shall be submitted to the Chairs of the House Agriculture  
17 Committee, the Senate Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee,  
18 and the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Natural and Economic  
19 Resources no later than May 1, 2009.

20 **SECTION 2.** The costs of conducting the study and developing the strategic  
21 plan under Section 1 of this act shall be jointly and equally funded from funds  
22 appropriated to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina and the  
23 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

24 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.