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SENATE BILL 1973

Short Title: Farm to School Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Swindell; Atwater, Bingham, Goss, Malone, Queen, Stevens,
and Weinstein.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 28, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO PROVIDE REVOLVING FUNDS FOR THE FARM TO SCHOOL
PROGRAM.

Whereas, it is important to promote the use of fresh, locally grown produce in our schools, and

Whereas, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Public Instruction, and local school districts have developed the Farm to Schools Program to promote the use of locally grown fruits and vegetables, and

Whereas, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will be accepting delivery of produce from farmers and making deliveries to schools, and

Whereas, the Department needs to make payment to farmers at the time of delivery, and the schools will then reimburse the Department; Now, therefore, The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to be placed in a nonreverting, revolving account and used as start-up funds for the purchase of local produce in the Farm to School Program, to be reimbursed by the schools following delivery of the produce.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.