

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS55128-LD-65A (02/20)

Short Title: 21st Century Farmers' Market Program Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Kinnaird.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING THE 21ST
CENTURY FARMERS' MARKETS PROGRAM, A PILOT PROGRAM TO
ASSIST SMALL, LOW-INCOME NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS WHO
MARKET THEIR PRODUCTS DIRECTLY TO CUSTOMERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to The Leaflight, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to assist in the development of and the operational and staffing costs of its 21st Century Farmers' Markets Program, a pilot program to assist small, low-income North Carolina farmers who market their products directly to customers to enroll in the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service Food Stamp Program, to educate and encourage these farmers to accept noncash customer payments, and to provide educational materials to food stamp recipients; thereby helping these farmers increase their customer base while educating low-income persons about the benefits of having a healthy diet and improved nutrition.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.