

AGRICULTURE EDUCATION PROGRAM FUNDS

Sec. 15.11.

(a) Of the funds provided to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, the sum of five hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$585,000) for the 1995-96 fiscal year and the sum of five hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$585,000) for the 1996-97 fiscal year shall be allocated to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University for personnel positions and related office and travel expenses to provide overall leadership, coordination, and structure for agricultural education programs and Future Farmers of America activities in the public schools of North Carolina.

(b) The positions in this section are:

(1) A State Agricultural Education Coordinator, located in the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education at North Carolina State University;

(2) Three Regional Consultants who are responsible to the State Agricultural Education Coordinator; and

(3) A State Future Farmers of America Director, who is responsible to the State Agricultural Education Coordinator and the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America, Incorporated. The Executive Director and staff of the North Carolina Future Farmers of America Foundation are provided by the North Carolina Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, and the Director and staff of the North Carolina Future Farmers of America Center are provided by the North Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America, Inc.

(c) The Office of the Governor and the State Board of Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and other State agencies responsible for vocational and technical education in the public schools shall maintain close working relationships with the State Agricultural Education Coordinator. The State Agricultural Education Coordinator and those agencies shall cooperate and collaborate to provide resources that will ensure quality agricultural education programs in the public schools.

Requested by: Senators Odom, Perdue, Plyler, Plexico, Rand, Winner, Representatives Grady, Preston, Cummings