

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE BILL 1419**

Short Title: Farmland Preservation Funds.

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Sponsors: Senator Phillips.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 28, 1998

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A FARMLAND PRESERVATION PILOT PROGRAM TO PRESERVE FARMLAND IN ROWAN, IREDELL, AND DAVIDSON COUNTIES.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North Carolina Farmland Preservation Trust Fund, established in G.S. 106-744 and administered by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to be used for a farmland preservation pilot program. The funds appropriated in this section shall be used to purchase agricultural conservation easements in any one or more of Rowan, Iredell, or Davidson Counties pursuant to The Farmland Preservation Enabling Act, Article 61 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes. These funds may also be used for the reasonable costs of administering this pilot program.

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1998.