

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 832**

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Sponsors: Senators Albertson; and Smith.

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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April 3, 2003

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
2 COMMISSION TO STUDY METHODS OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO  
3 NORTH CAROLINA DAIRY FARMERS.

4       Whereas, it is in the best interest of the citizens of North Carolina to have a  
5 safe and dependable local supply of fresh and wholesome Grade A milk; and

6       Whereas, dairy farmers have faced severe economic hardship in recent years  
7 due to factors beyond their control; and

8       Whereas, the number of dairy farms producing milk in North Carolina has  
9 declined considerably in recent years; and

10       Whereas, consumer demand has outpaced the local supply; and

11       Whereas, current federal dairy programs do not provide sustainable market  
12 prices for dairy farmers in the South; and

13       Whereas, Congress has yet to ratify the proposed Southern Dairy Compact;  
14 Now, therefore,

15 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

16       **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study  
17 methods of providing assistance to North Carolina dairy farmers.

18       **SECTION 2.** The Commission shall make a final report of its findings and  
19 recommendations to the 2004 Regular Session of the 2003 General Assembly.

20       **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.