

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

**HOUSE BILL 847
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT EMPLOYEES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE ARE EXEMPT FROM THE STATE
PERSONNEL ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 126-5(c1) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(9a) Employees of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service of North Carolina State University who are employed in county operations and who are not exempt pursuant to subdivision (8) or (9) of this subsection."

SECTION 2. Article 1 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 116-33.2. Cooperative Extension Service employees.

The Board of Trustees of North Carolina State University shall adopt personnel policies governing the employment of the employees of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service who are exempted from certain provisions of Chapter 126 of the General Statutes pursuant to G.S. 126-5(c1)(9a)."

SECTION 3. G.S. 153A-439 reads as rewritten:

"§ 153A-439. Support of extension activities; personnel rules for extension employees.

(a) A county may support the work of the North Carolina Agricultural Cooperative Extension Service and for these purposes may appropriate revenues not otherwise limited as to use by law.

~~If a county adopts rules and regulations concerning annual leave, sick leave, hours of employment, and holidays that apply to county employees generally, these rules and regulations apply to county extension employees. Otherwise, the rules and regulations adopted by the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service concerning these matters apply to county extension employees.~~

(b) The policies adopted by the Board of Trustees of North Carolina State University for the employees of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service shall govern the employment of employees exempted from certain provisions of Chapter 126 of the General Statutes pursuant to G.S. 126-5(c1)(9a). The policies adopted by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors and the employing constituent institution shall govern the employment of employees of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service exempted from certain provisions of Chapter 126 of the General Statutes pursuant to G.S. 126-5(c1)(8)."

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 29th day of
June, 2007.

Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved _____m. this _____ day of _____, 2007