GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 252

Short Title: A&T Equity Study/Funds.	(Public)
Sponsors: Senator Martin of Guilford.	
Referred to: Rules & Operations of the Senate.	

February 22, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE ISSUE OF EQUITY IN FUNDING FOR THE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Legislative Study Commission on Equity of Funding at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University is created. The Commission shall consist of 10 members: five Senators appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and five Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

- Sec. 2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate one Senator as cochairman and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one Representative as cochairman.
- Sec. 3. The Commission shall study the whole issue of equity in funding for the School of Agriculture at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. The study shall include the equity to funding for the School of Agriculture generally, for the agricultural extension services rendered through North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, and for research in the area of agriculture and related fields.
- Sec. 4. The Commission shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations, including any recommendations on correcting any inequities of funding it finds to the General Assembly no later than March 1, 1990, by filing the report with the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Upon filing its final report, the Commission shall terminate.

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- Sec. 5. The Commission, while in the discharge of official duties, may exercise all the powers provided for under the provisions of G.S. 120-19, and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Commission may meet at any time upon the joint call of the cochairmen. The Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.
- Sec. 6. Members of the Commission shall receive subsistence and travel expenses at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1.
- Sec. 7. The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative Administrative Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist in the work of the Commission. The House of Representatives' and the Senate's Supervisor of Clerks shall assign clerical staff to the Commission or committee, upon the direction of the Legislative Services Commission. The expenses relating to clerical employees shall be borne by the Commission.
- Sec. 8. When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Commission the vacancy shall be filled by the same appointing officer who made the initial appointment.
- Sec. 9. All State departments and agencies and local governments and their subdivisions shall furnish the Commission with any information in their possession or available to them.
- Sec. 10. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General Assembly the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the 1989-90 fiscal year for the expenses of the Commission.
 - Sec. 11. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.