

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 566

Short Title: 21st Century Farmers' Market Program Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Kinnaird; Albertson, Atwater, Berger of Franklin, and Cowell.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 7, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING THE 21ST
2 CENTURY FARMERS' MARKETS PROGRAM, A PILOT PROGRAM TO
3 ASSIST SMALL, LOW-INCOME NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS WHO
4 MARKET THEIR PRODUCTS DIRECTLY TO CUSTOMERS.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to The Leaflight,
8 Inc., a nonprofit corporation, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the
9 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 2008-2009
10 fiscal year to assist in the development of and the operational and staffing costs of its
11 21st Century Farmers' Markets Program, a pilot program to assist small, low-income
12 North Carolina farmers who market their products directly to customers to enroll in the
13 United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service Food Stamp
14 Program, to educate and encourage these farmers to accept noncash customer payments,
15 and to provide educational materials to food stamp recipients; thereby helping these
16 farmers increase their customer base while educating low-income persons about the
17 benefits of having a healthy diet and improved nutrition.

18 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.