

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS35210-LD-79 (03/12)

Short Title: NC Agricultural Mediation Program Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Albertson.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EXPAND THE NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL MEDIATION PROGRAM AT WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE MEDIATION, ARBITRATION, AND NEGOTIATION SERVICES TO TRADITIONALLY UNDERSERVED MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY IN FORECLOSURES, BANKRUPTCIES, AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL DISPUTES THAT THREATEN THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY IN RURAL AND ECONOMICALLY STRESSED AREAS OF THE STATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina for the North Carolina Agricultural Mediation Program (NCAMP) at Western Carolina University the sum of one hundred ten thousand nine hundred seventy-five dollars (\$110,975) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred ten thousand nine hundred seventy-five dollars (\$110,975) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year to be used to train and support additional certified agricultural mediators and to expand NCAMP to provide mediation, arbitration, and negotiation services to traditionally underserved members of the agricultural community in foreclosure, bankruptcy, or any other agricultural dispute that involves the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, any State agency, or the community regulated by any State agency for the purpose of assisting the agricultural community in rural and economically stressed areas of the State.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.

