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S 1342. REAUTH. SMALL FAMILY FARM COMM (=H 1623). TO REAUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION ON SMALL FAMILY FARM PRESERVATION. Creates cited commission in the General Assembly, to develop a proposal for the establishment of a small farm center that will promote the viability of small family farms through education, technical assistance, cost-sharing programs, and other means. Comm'n is to be composed of 19 members: three Senators appointed by President Pro Tempore; three members of the House appointed by the Speaker; two small family farmers appointed by the Governor; the Master of the state Grange (or designee); the president of the Farm Bureau (or designee); the Comm'n of Agriculture and Consumer Services (or designee); the Sec'y of Environment and Natural Resources (or designee); the dean of the NCSU School of Agriculture and Life Sciences (or designee); the Dean of the NCA&T School of Agriculture (or designee); the dean of the School of Design at NCSU (or designee); the dean of the School of City and Regional Planning at UNC-CH (or designee); the director of the NC Environmental Defense Fund (or designee); and the director of the Southern Environmental Law Center (or designee). Comm'n must make final report to the 2001 General Assembly. Appropriates \$25,000 for fiscal 2000-2001 from General Fund to fund comm'n's activities.

Intro. by Albertson.