

March 26, 2001

H 769. AGRIC. FAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL/GRANT FUNDS. TO ESTABLISH THE AGRICULTURAL FAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR GRANTS FOR LOCAL AGRICULTURAL FAIRS. Amends GS Ch. 106, Part 4, by adding a section creating the Agricultural Fairs Advisory Council, the members of which are to be appointed by the Comm'r of Agriculture. Provides that the Council may consist of up to 15 members representing local and county agricultural fairs, commodity associations, farm organizations, or persons having an interest in agricultural fairs. Provides that the Council shall meet for the purpose of advising the Comm'r of Agriculture on the distribution of grants to local agricultural fairs from funds appropriated by the General Assembly. Appropriates \$300,000 for 2002-2003 from General Fund to Dep't of Agriculture & Consumer Services for grants to local agricultural fairs. Effective July 1, 2001.

Intro. by Hill.

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April 19, 2001

H 769. AGRIC. FAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL/GRANT FUNDS. Intro. 3/26/01. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Provides that advisory council shall (was, may) consist of 15 members and requires that the members represent all geographic regions of the state. Designates the Comm'n of Agriculture (or designee) as the chair of the council (was, co-chair). Specifies that no grant from the appropriation provided in the bill to an individual local agricultural fair may exceed \$7,500.