

April 8, 2003

**H 931. FARM FUTURES PILOT PROGRAM.** *TO ESTABLISH A FARM FUTURES PILOT PROGRAM THAT PROMOTES COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS AMONG FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES, UNIVERSITIES, NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, AND LANDOWNERS TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE WORKING FARMS FOR PURPOSES OF SUPPORTING RURAL COMMUNITIES, PRODUCING SAFE AND HEALTHY FOOD AND FIBER, PROTECTING HABITAT FOR ENDANGERED AND OTHER WILDLIFE AND PLANT SPECIES, PRESERVING OPEN SPACE, IMPROVING WATER QUALITY AND GROUNDWATER RECHARGE, AND INCREASING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXISTING AND NEW FARM FAMILIES.* Appropriates \$500,000 for 2003-2004 and \$250,000 for 2004-2005 from General Fund to Dep't of Agriculture & Consumer Services to establish a program in the Dep't of Agriculture and Consumer Services as title indicates. Effective July 1, 2003.

**Intro. by Brubaker.**

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