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Short Title: Farmland Preservation/DOT Projects. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Queen, Ramsey, and McGrady (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE  
3 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES TO CREATE A  
4 PLAN TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT ACTIVE FARMLAND AND ALLUVIAL SOIL  
5 DEPOSITS DISTURBED BY ROAD CONSTRUCTION.  
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
7 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Transportation and the Department of Agriculture  
8 and Consumer Services shall jointly devise a plan to minimize destruction and damage to  
9 farmland due to Department of Transportation projects through or adjacent to agricultural  
10 areas. The program shall:  
11 (1) Provide for mitigation of farmland destroyed or impacted by Department of  
12 Transportation projects; and  
13 (2) Place the highest priority on preservation of farmland containing alluvial  
14 soils that is located adjacent to the right-of-way of the Department of  
15 Transportation project.  
16 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Transportation and the Department of Agriculture  
17 and Consumer Services shall report to the House Agriculture Committee, the House  
18 Transportation Committee, the Senate Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources Committee,  
19 and the Senate Transportation Committee on the program required by Section 1 of this act  
20 within one month of the convening of the 2014 Session of the 2013 General Assembly.  
21 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

