Senator B. Jackson moves to amend the bill on page 15, lines 38 and 39, by inserting between those lines:

"SWEETPOTATO ADVISORY COUNCIL CHANGES

SECTION 2.6.(a). G.S. 106-1066(4), as enacted by Section 6 of S.L. 2020-18, reads as rewritten:

"(4) "North Carolina Sweetpotato Quality and Branding Advisory Council" means the advisory council established pursuant to G.S. 106-1070."

SECTION 2.6.(b) G.S. 106-1069, as enacted by Section 6 of S.L. 2020-18, reads as rewritten:

"§ 106-1069. Standards for grades.

The most recent standards for grades adopted by the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Standards for Grades of Sweet Potatoes are adopted by reference and shall be the standards for grades in this State, except that the Commissioner may establish tolerances or allowable percentages of United States standards each season upon the recommendation of the North Carolina Sweetpotato Quality and Branding Advisory Council."

SECTION 2.6.(c) G.S. 106-1070, as enacted by Section 6 of S.L. 2020-18, reads as rewritten:


The Commissioner shall appoint a North Carolina Sweetpotato Advisory Council. There is established within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the North Carolina Sweetpotato Quality and Branding Advisory Council. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall serve as chair, and the members of the Advisory Council shall be appointed by the North Carolina Sweetpotato Commission, to consist of individuals involved in growing, packing, or growing and packing North Carolina sweetpotatoes; at least one sweetpotato processor; at least one sweetpotato retailer; at least one county cooperative extension agent familiar with the production of North Carolina sweetpotatoes; the Executive Director of the North Carolina Sweetpotato Commission, and any other person or persons selected by the Commissioner, for the purpose of rendering advice upon his or her the Commissioner's request regarding the exercise of the Commissioner's authority pursuant to G.S. 106-1068. Members shall also provide advice and recommendations to the Commissioner on plant pest regulatory issues affecting sweetpotatoes, over which the
Commissioner has regulatory jurisdiction. The North Carolina Sweetpotato Quality and Branding Advisory Council shall meet at least quarterly or as needed upon the request of the Commissioner. Members of the North Carolina Sweetpotato Quality and Branding Advisory Council shall receive no compensation for their service."

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Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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