Amends Title [NO]

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Representative McNeely

moves to amend the bill on page 199, lines 30-31, by inserting the following language between those lines:

"STUDENT BEEKEEPING GRANT PROGRAM"

SECTION 8.20.(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act or the Committee Report described in Section 43.2 of this act, of the funds appropriated by this act to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina for the 2022-2023 fiscal year for the North Carolina Food Innovation Laboratory at the NC Research Campus in Kannapolis, the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars ($150,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year shall be allocated to North Carolina State University (NC State University) for the provision of grants to create beekeeping programs for high school chapters of Future Farmers of America (FFA) located in the State.

SECTION 8.20.(b) NC State University shall include the following in the grant program funded by this section:

(1) Expenses eligible for funding from a grant under this section shall include the purchase of any of the following:
   a. Woodenware and other materials necessary to house honeybee colonies, including hive bodies, supers, top and bottom boards, inner covers, and frames.
   b. Protective gear and other equipment necessary for the practice of beekeeping.
   c. Queens, honeybee packages, and nucleus colonies.
   d. Eligible educational expenses for no more than two persons per grant. For purposes of this subdivision, an eligible educational expense means registration and materials for a course designed to assist the participant to become a beekeeper certified by the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association.

(2) NC State University shall ensure that no more than one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500) per county is available to FFA chapters at high schools in that county. FFA chapters shall be responsible for matching the grant received in a manner and amount as NC State University may specify.
NC State University shall provide for a recovery of the grant award if the beekeeping program funded by the grant is not maintained for at least three school years.

Of the funds appropriated by this section, NC State University may spend up to fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) for administrative costs, including the costs of promoting the program to potential grantees.

and by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.

SIGNED __________________________________________
Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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