



SENATE BILL 812: Agricultural Sciences Center Funds.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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Introduced by:		Prepared by:	Jeff Cherry
Analysis of:	S.L. 2020-44		Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: S.L. 2020-44 provides \$10.1 million in funding for the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' new Agricultural Sciences Center by reallocating existing cash balances from four different sources.

This act became effective July 1, 2020.

BACKGROUND: The Agricultural Sciences Center (Center) will contain offices and labs that perform tests for four of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' divisions: Food and Drug Protection, Standards, Structural Pest Control and Pesticides, and Veterinary. The building, scheduled to open in December of 2020 at a site in west Raleigh, will replace four labs whose average age is more than 40 years.

BILL ANALYSIS: S.L. 2020-44 provides \$115,220 in recurring funds for an Executive Director position for the Center, funded by a reallocation of funds from the Pay Plan Reserve. The act also provides \$10 million in nonrecurring funds for equipment, moving costs, and other nonrecurring expenses drawn from the unencumbered cash balances of the following funds:

- \$3.8 million from the Shallow Draft Navigation Channel Dredging and Aquatic Weed Fund.
- \$1.2 million from the Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund.
- \$5 million from the Expanded Gas Products Service to Agriculture Fund.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act became effective July 1, 2020.

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