OVERVIEW: Section 8.20 of S.L. 2021-180 requires North Carolina State University (University) to establish a Student Beekeeping Grant Program for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to create beekeeping programs for high school chapters of the Future Farmers of America (FFA).

The University must ensure that no more than $1,500 per county is available to FFA chapters at high schools in each county. FFA chapters are responsible for matching the grant received in a manner and amount as the University may specify. The University must 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.

This section became effective July 1, 2021.