



SENATE BILL 105: 2021 Appropriations Act, Sec. 5.9B: Agricultural Crop Loss Program

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Analysis of:	Sec. 5.9B of S.L. 2021-180		

OVERVIEW: Section 5.9B of S.L. 2021-180, as amended by Section 1.5 of S.L. 2021-189, establishes the Agricultural Crop Loss Program within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to provide financial assistance to farmers affected by Tropical Storm Fred. A person may receive financial assistance for losses of agricultural commodities or damage to farm infrastructure if (i) the person experienced a verifiable loss of agricultural commodities due to Tropical Storm Fred and is located in an eligible county (Avery, Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Rutherford, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey); and (ii) the agricultural commodity was planted but not harvested on or before August 17, 2021. Financial assistance is administered based on criteria set out in this section. The program expires on November 1, 2026, and unexpended funds revert to the Disaster Relief and Mitigation Fund.

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