



# HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 10.1: Large Animal Health Enhancement Fund

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<b>Analysis of:</b>	Sec. 10.1 of S.L. 2023-134		

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**OVERVIEW:** *Section 10.1 of S.L. 2023-134 establishes the Large Animal Healthcare Enhancement Fund (Fund) as a special fund within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the purpose of making grants to veterinary students to encourage them to practice veterinary medicine for livestock, poultry, or equine animals, and to support them in better serving their designated counties.*

*The Fund is administered by the North Carolina Agricultural Finance Authority (Authority) based on grant eligibility criteria determined by the Large Animal Healthcare Enhancement Advisory Committee. A large animal veterinarian who practices or plans to practice in one or more designated counties may be eligible for a grant of up to \$25,000 per fiscal year from the Fund.*

*The Authority must report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources and the Fiscal Research Division no later than October 1 each year regarding the implementation of the grant program.*

*This section became effective October 3, 2023.*

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