

2023-2024 General Assembly

SENATE BILL 355: North Carolina Farm Act of 2024, Sec. 4: Direct Agriculture and Forestry Awareness Study Commission to Study Low-Hanging Communications Lines

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OVERVIEW: Section 4 of S.L. 2024-32 directs the Agriculture and Forestry Awareness Study Commission to study communication lines that fall below minimum height requirements and create a public safety hazard. The Commission must seek input from numerous stakeholders, including the Office of Broadband Infrastructure, electric and telecommunications companies, agricultural organizations, and any other stakeholders the Commission deems necessary. The Commission is directed to report its findings, including recommendations or proposed legislation, prior to the start of the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

This section became effective July 3, 2024.

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