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SENATE BILL 355: North Carolina Farm Act of 2024, Sec. 7: Increased Promotion of New and Emerging Crops

Committee:
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OVERVIEW: Section 7 of S.L. 2024-32 authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) to use up to the full amount of funds appropriated for the Bioenergy Research Initiative on efforts to advance and promote new and emerging crops, and other research initiatives related to agricultural technologies, up from a previous allowable fund limit of 50%.

This section became effective July 3, 2024.

BILL ANALYSIS:

In 2018, the General Assembly authorized the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) to establish a program to advance and promote new and emerging crops and to use up to 50% of the funds appropriated for the Bioenergy Research Initiative to fund the new and emerging crops program. Since 2018, DACS has received \$1.5 million in recurring funds for the Bioenergy Research Initiative. About \$1 million is appropriated in the form of grants.

Section 7 of S.L. 2024-32 authorizes DACS to use up to the full amount of funds appropriated for the Bioenergy Research Initiative on efforts to advance and promote new and emerging crops, and other research initiatives related to agricultural technologies.

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