

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 721

Short Title: NC A&T State University/Ag/Doctoral Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Robinson and Garrett (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

May 14, 2020

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO NORTH CAROLINA
2 AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO
3 SUPPORT AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
4 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AND TO SUPPORT ITS DOCTORAL PROGRAMS.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors
8 of The University of North Carolina the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars
9 (\$2,500,000) in additional recurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to be allocated to North
10 Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NC A&T State University) to support its
11 agricultural research and cooperative extension activities by matching federal funds awarded to
12 NC A&T State University as a land-grant university pursuant to the National Agricultural
13 Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977, as amended, 7 U.S.C. § 3221, et seq. The
14 required minimum match for eligibility under the program is one dollar (\$1.00) in nonfederal
15 funds, including those made available by State appropriation, for every one dollar (\$1.00) in
16 federal funds for agricultural research and extension activities approved in the plan of work
17 submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States. Without the minimum matching
18 State funds appropriated pursuant to this act, NC A&T State University may lose millions of
19 dollars in federal funds for its research and extension activities, since it is currently receiving
20 those funds under a temporary waiver for inability to meet the match requirement. It is also the
21 intent of the General Assembly to appropriate additional State funds as necessary to meet at least
22 a minimum match of one dollar (\$1.00) in nonfederal funds for every one dollar (\$1.00) in
23 available federal funds for this program in subsequent fiscal years to ensure compliance with
24 federal law.

25 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors
26 of The University of North Carolina the sum of seven million five hundred thousand dollars
27 (\$7,500,000) in additional recurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to be allocated to North
28 Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University to support its doctoral programs. The funds
29 shall be used to support new faculty and graduate student services for the doctoral programs,
30 including computer science, various engineering fields, energy and environmental systems,
31 education, agriculture, and rehabilitation counseling.

32 **SECTION 3.** If House Bill 966, 2019 Regular Session, becomes law, and any
33 provision of that act or a provision of the Committee Report described in Section 42.2 of that act
34 conflicts with this act, this act shall control.

35 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2020.

