

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

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HOUSE BILL 791

Short Title: NC Agricultural Mediation Program Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Adams, Jones, Rapp (Primary Sponsors); Faison, Fisher, Harrison, Hughes, and Wainwright.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 26, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EXPAND THE NORTH CAROLINA
2 AGRICULTURAL MEDIATION PROGRAM AT WESTERN CAROLINA
3 UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE MEDIATION, ARBITRATION, AND NEGOTIATION
4 SERVICES TO TRADITIONALLY UNDERSERVED MEMBERS OF THE
5 AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY IN FORECLOSURES, BANKRUPTCIES, AND
6 OTHER AGRICULTURAL DISPUTES THAT THREATEN THE AGRICULTURAL
7 COMMUNITY IN RURAL AND ECONOMICALLY STRESSED AREAS OF THE
8 STATE.
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10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
12 Governors of The University of North Carolina for the North Carolina Agricultural Mediation
13 Program (NCAMP) at Western Carolina University the sum of one hundred ten thousand nine
14 hundred seventy-five dollars (\$110,975) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and the sum of one
15 hundred ten thousand nine hundred seventy-five dollars (\$110,975) for the 2010-2011 fiscal
16 year to be used to train and support additional certified agricultural mediators and to expand
17 NCAMP to provide mediation, arbitration, and negotiation services to traditionally underserved
18 members of the agricultural community in foreclosure, bankruptcy, or any other agricultural
19 dispute that involves the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of
20 Environment and Natural Resources, any State agency, or the community regulated by any
21 State agency for the purpose of assisting the agricultural community in rural and economically
22 stressed areas of the State.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.

