

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009**

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**SENATE BILL 840**

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

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Sponsors: Senator Albertson.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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March 25, 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.

