

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 1250
SENATE BILL 977

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR RESEARCH AND EXTENSION PROJECTS.

Whereas, the agriculture and agricultural productivity are of fundamental importance to the economy and well-being of all of the citizens of North Carolina, and should be supported by a strong system of agricultural research and extension; and

Whereas, the annual farm sales have now exceeded three billion dollars (\$3,000,000,000), and the value of the State's agricultural and forestry products at the retail level estimated to exceed 10 billion dollars (\$10,000,000,000) per year; and

Whereas, new knowledge and developments derived from research by the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station is essential to maintain and increase the level of productivity now attained by our State's farmers; and

Whereas, the information needed to direct farm and community decisions is provided the citizens of our State by the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service; and

Whereas, agricultural research and extension costs have risen more rapidly than appropriations; and

Whereas, the requests are critically needed to offset inflation and to strengthen and improve programs of research and extension so essential to the undergirding of a strong and expanding agriculture; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the State to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the purpose of conducting research and extension programs.

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1978.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 16th day of June, 1978.