

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 292*

Short Title: Food Commercialization Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator D. Davis (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 19, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA FOOD
3 COMMERCIALIZATION CENTER.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** Three million one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$3,150,000) in
6 nonrecurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year is appropriated to the Department of Agriculture
7 and Consumer Services for local food processing initiatives. These funds shall be used to provide
8 a grant to the Eastern North Carolina Food Commercialization Center to provide matching funds
9 for a federal construction grant and to provide working capital and equipment for the Center.

10 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Center shall submit an annual report on the use of the funds
11 allocated by this section to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural
12 and Economic Resources and the Fiscal Research Division no later than April 1 of each year until
13 the funds are spent or have reverted.

14 **SECTION 1.(c)** Funds appropriated by this section that are not spent or encumbered
15 by June 30, 2022, shall revert to the General Fund.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.

