**An Act To Improve the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund and Agricultural Development Grant**

L.D. 219

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SENATE AMENDMENT “      ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 154, L.D. 219, “An Act To Improve the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund and Agricultural Development Grant”

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §306-A in subsection 1 in the last 3 lines (page 1, lines 23 to 25 in amendment) by striking out the following: "No later than July 31st each fiscal year, the State Controller shall transfer $550,000 from General Fund undedicated revenue to the fund."

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 13 and inserting the following:

'**Sec. 13.** **Transfer from unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer $467,240 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Agricultural Development Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account.

**Sec. 14. Appropriations and allocations.**  The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation for grants to public agencies, private for-profit entities and nonprofit entities based in the State to conduct market research or to undertake market promotion activities for the purpose of expanding existing markets and developing new markets for state agricultural products; to test and demonstrate new technologies related to the production, storage and processing of state agricultural products; and to provide technical assistance grants for conducting market research, feasibility studies, engineering studies, construction planning, land use planning, facility design and configuration planning and funding the purchase of on-farm equipment and other technology purchases that directly support the growth of agricultural enterprises.

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| **OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
| All Other | $0 | $617,240 |
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| OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL | $0 | $617,240 |

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Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment amends Committee Amendment "A" to remove the provision that requires the State Controller to transfer $550,000 from General Fund undedicated revenue to the Agricultural Development Fund annually. It requires the transfer of $467,240 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Agricultural Development Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account by June 30, 2023. It replaces the appropriations and allocations section.

**SPONSORED BY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**(Senator BREEN, C.)**

**COUNTY: Cumberland**