

Senate Study Bill 1203

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1 1 Section 1. APPROPRIATION GRAIN INFRASTRUCTURE
1 2 ASSESSMENT STUDY. There is appropriated from the general fund
1 3 of the state to the department of agriculture and land
1 4 stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and
1 5 ending June 30, 2002, the following amount, or so much thereof
1 6 as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

1 7 For the purpose of conducting a grain infrastructure
1 8 assessment study:
1 9 \$ 50,000

1 10 1. The department shall establish a task force to carry
1 11 out the study and the secretary of agriculture shall appoint
1 12 members to the task force who are knowledgeable about grain
1 13 and the grain industry. The task force shall investigate and
1 14 analyze this state's grain infrastructure, including
1 15 practices, systems, and facilities used in handling, storing,
1 16 and transporting grain, including grain originating from seeds
1 17 produced by conventional breeding methods and by genetic
1 18 engineering. The task force shall consider the extent to
1 19 which grain may be identified, segregated, and maintained in
1 20 order to preserve the value of the grain and public confidence
1 21 in this state's grain infrastructure.

1 22 2. The task force shall report its findings and
1 23 recommendations to the secretary of agriculture as required by
1 24 the department. The department shall submit a final report to
1 25 the general assembly as provided in section 7A.11A, and to the
1 26 chairpersons and ranking members of the standing committees on
1 27 agriculture. The report shall be filed by the department not
1 28 later than January 15, 2002.

1 29 EXPLANATION
1 30 This bill appropriates \$50,000 from the general fund of the
1 31 state for the 2001-2002 fiscal year to the department of
1 32 agriculture and land stewardship for the purpose of conducting
1 33 a grain infrastructure assessment study. The department is
1 34 required to establish a task force to investigate and analyze
1 35 this state's grain infrastructure, including practices,
2 1 systems, and facilities used in handling, storing, and
2 2 transporting grain, including grain originating from seeds
2 3 produced by conventional breeding methods and by genetic
2 4 engineering. The task force must report its findings and
2 5 recommendations to the secretary of agriculture, and the
2 6 department is required to file a final report with the general
2 7 assembly by January 15, 2002.

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