

HOUSE BILL 958

By Clemmons

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 43
and Title 67, Chapter 6, relative to agriculture.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-207(a), is amended by adding the following as new subdivisions:

- () Any equipment and technology purchased for:
 - (A) Soil testing;
 - (B) Soil carbon sequestration;
 - (C) The implementation of regenerative farming practices, including, but not limited to, compost application, mulching, no-till, and conservation tillage and cover cropping;
 - (D) Organic farming;
 - (E) Conservation farming practices, including, but not limited to, direct seeding, field windbreaks, rotational grazing, perennial forage crops, reduced summer fallow, and proper straw management; or
 - (F) Reforestation;
- () Tree seedlings;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 43, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Minimum acreage requirements for eligibility for cost-share grants associated with the row crop solutions portion of the department's Tennessee agricultural enhancement program are as follows:

- (1) One hundred (100) acres of land in row crop production; or

(2) Fifty (50) acres of land in row crop production if the applicant for the program's cost-share grant engages in:

(A) Soil carbon sequestration;

(B) Regenerative farming practices, including, but not limited to, compost application, mulching, no-till, or conservation tillage and cover cropping;

(C) Organic farming; or

(D) Other conservation farming practices.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.