AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

That the general statutes be amended to permit municipalities to establish local agricultural commissions for the purpose of (1) providing information to local farmers and to municipal boards and commissions about supporting a balance between agriculture, land preservation and other land uses; (2) educating municipal officials about agricultural laws and safety issues; (3) identifying grant sources for farmers and municipalities; (4) enabling a common understanding of farming among all municipal departments; (5) providing information and guidance on agriculture-related zoning issues; (6) supporting local, regional and state vocational agricultural programs; (7) providing conflict resolution and advisory services; (8) identifying innovative opportunities for farming; and (9) creating a climate that supports the economic viability of farming in the municipality.

Statement of Purpose:
To authorize municipalities to establish local agricultural commissions.