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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS THE NORTH CAROLINA FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTER. INC., TO **SUPPORT** THE SCIENCE, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North Carolina Biotechnology Center, Inc., the sum of one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to extend existing Center grant programs that support biotechnology research, education, and training, to augment the Faculty Recruitment Grant (FRG) program, which funds part of faculty start-up packages and builds foundational biotechnology research capacity at North Carolina universities, to expand biotechnology education grants, workshops, and K-12 teacher support across the State, to define measures for educators necessary to shape workforce training programs, and to launch new programs to enhance university graduates' competitiveness for biotechnology jobs.

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SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.