

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

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SENATE BILL 1954*

Short Title: Historically Minority University Initiative. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Dalton; and Atwater.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 27, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA
3 BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTER FOR THE HISTORICALLY MINORITY
4 UNIVERSITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT (HIG) PROGRAM.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North
7 Carolina Biotechnology Center the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars
8 (\$2,500,000) in recurring funds for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to be used for the
9 Historically Minority University Infrastructure Grant (HIG) program. HIG is proposed
10 as a way to build capacity in the life sciences at North Carolina's public historically
11 minority universities in alignment with the recommendations of the University of North
12 Carolina Tomorrow Commission. Eligible universities include: Elizabeth City State
13 University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical
14 State University, North Carolina Central University, University of North Carolina at
15 Pembroke, and Winston-Salem State University.

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