

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**HOUSE DRH80631-LY-409A\* (5/18)**

Short Title: Defense and Security Technology Accelerator. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Dickson and Glazier (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A DEFENSE AND SECURITY  
3 TECHNOLOGY ACCELERATOR.

4       Whereas, the nation has committed enormous resources to national security  
5 and to countering terrorism evidenced by the fact that between 2001 and 2004 total  
6 federal spending on defense, homeland security, and international affairs rose more than  
7 fifty percent, in excess of five hundred forty-seven billion dollars; and

8       Whereas, North Carolina is home to five major military installations,  
9 including three first-strike military bases; and

10       Whereas, North Carolina is recognized as a global leader in technology  
11 development and home to world-class innovation and achievement, and by connecting  
12 the technology and scientific expertise with the military knowledge and relationships,  
13 North Carolina can achieve powerful opportunities for new business; and

14       Whereas, a comprehensive action plan, entitled the Defense Technology  
15 Innovation Center, was written by the North Carolina Technology Association to couple  
16 the State's innovation assets and military relationships into a sector-focused business  
17 accelerator for fueling entrepreneurs and innovators to create technologies that could be  
18 used in the global war on terror; and

19       Whereas, the name of the Defense Technology Innovation Center has been  
20 changed to the Defense and Security Technology Accelerator; and

21       Whereas, this model of business acceleration could have a powerful  
22 economic impact in North Carolina by developing technologies that can be used in the  
23 defense and intelligence communities; and

24       Whereas, intellectual property and technologies developed at the Defense and  
25 Security Technology Accelerator would be of a sensitive nature and would need to be  
26 secure; and

1           Whereas, in order for the Accelerator to successfully implement its business  
2 plan, all documentation and financial audits should be executed by a private company;  
3 Now, therefore,

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5           **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Partnership  
6 for Defense Innovation the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 2006-2007  
7 fiscal year to be used for the development of a Defense and Security Technology  
8 Accelerator, a business accelerator focusing on economic development opportunities in  
9 the industries relating to homeland security and national defense. Funds appropriated  
10 under this act shall be used in accordance with Section 2 of this act.

11           **SECTION 2.** Funds appropriated in this act shall be used for the following:

- 12           (1) Site selection and acquisition, including the purchase or lease of real  
13 property to house the Accelerator; the construction of buildings or  
14 other site structures; the improvement or refurbishment of existing  
15 structures to provide appropriate laboratory and administrative space;  
16 and the improvement of existing infrastructure at the facility, including  
17 improvements to utility, telecommunications, and Internet  
18 infrastructure.
- 19           (2) Equipment acquisition, including acquisition of laboratory equipment  
20 and supplies and office furniture, equipment, and supplies.
- 21           (3) Employment of staff to support the mission of the Accelerator and to  
22 oversee day-to-day operations of the Accelerator.
- 23           (4) Implementation of a comprehensive business and marketing plan for  
24 the Accelerator.
- 25           (5) Development of a tenant screening process and the recruitment of  
26 appropriate tenants for the Accelerator.
- 27           (6) Administration and operation of the Accelerator and the development  
28 of a sustainable business plan for the Accelerator.

29           **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.