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SENATE DRS55670-MC-265 (5/14)

Short Title: Science, Education, and Training Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Weinstein.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA
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. These funds shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) \$800,000 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.
- (2) \$450,000 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.

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