

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 2034

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

Sponsors: Senators Weinstein; Albertson, Atwater, Bingham, Dalton, Garrou,
McKissick, and Soles.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 28, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA
2 BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTER, INC., TO SUPPORT THE SCIENCE,
3 EDUCATION, AND TRAINING PROGRAM.
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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, Inc., the sum of one million two hundred fifty thousand
8 dollars (\$1,250,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to extend existing Center grant
9 programs that support biotechnology research, education, and training. These funds
10 shall be allocated as follows:

11 (1) \$800,000 to augment the Faculty Recruitment Grant (FRG)
12 program, which funds part of faculty start-up packages and
13 builds foundational biotechnology research capacity at North
14 Carolina universities.

15 (2) \$450,000 to expand biotechnology education grants,
16 workshops, and K-12 teacher support across the State, to define
17 measures for educators necessary to shape workforce training
18 programs, and to launch new programs to enhance university
19 graduates' competitiveness for biotechnology jobs.

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