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H 1990. ESTABLISH THE BIOFUELS CENTER OF NC/FUNDS. Filed 5/9/07. *TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BIOFUELS INDUSTRY STRATEGIC PLAN WORK GROUP, TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE BIOFUELS CENTER OF NORTH CAROLINA, AND TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA BIOFUELS CAMPUS WITHIN THE OXFORD RESEARCH STATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES.* Directs co-conveners of the Biofuels Industry Strategic Plan Work Group, established under Section 3.1 of SL 2006-206, to take the necessary steps to cause the Biofuels Center of North Carolina, Inc., to be incorporated as a nonprofit corporation. Provides that the Center, in consultation with other departments and centers, will be responsible for implementing NC's strategic plan for biofuels leadership. Directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to establish the NC biofuels campus and to operate and manage it. Requires the Center to submit an annual report to various legislative committees, by December 1 with first report due in 2008. Appropriates from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services \$5 million each year of the 2007-09 biennium, which the Department must transfer to the Center when incorporated. States the General Assembly's intent that the appropriation be recurring. Effective July 1, 2007.

Intro. by Crawford.

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