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H 1724. NC BIOTECHNOLOGY AND AGRISCIENCE SCHOOL. Filed 5/13/10. *TO CREATE THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF BIOTECHNOLOGY AND AGRISCIENCES TO BE LOCATED AT THE VERNON G. JAMES RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE JOINING OUR BUSINESSES AND SCHOOLS (JOBS) STUDY COMMISSION.*

Creates Article 15A of GS Chapter 115C to establish the North Carolina School of Biotechnology and Agriscience. School is to offer high school diploma and up to two years of college credit, is to be located at the Vernon G. James Research and Extension Center, is to be a public school, and is to be exempt from statutes applicable to local board of education or local school administrative units except as specified. Creates nine-member board of directors for school, specifies that Governor appoints three members and that the chairs of the local board of education for Bertie, Chowan, Halifax, Hertford, Tyrell, and Washington counties each appoint one member. Specifies terms, organization, procedures, and powers of the board of directors. Board is to appoint principal for school and set the course of study for the school. Provides priorities for admission and sets attendance requirements and other operational provisions for the school. Specifies formula for State Board of Education and local school administrative units to follow in allocating funds to the school. Provides that Washington County Board of Education is to serve as finance agent for the school, with reasonable compensation for the service. Allows for criminal history checks for school personnel. Makes other conforming amendments to GS 114-19.2 and GS 126.5.

Intro. by Braxton.

GS 114, 115C, 126