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SENATE DRS25138-TCa-31 (05/02)

Short Title: Clarify Regional School CIHS Applications. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Brown (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOL  
3 PROGRAMS APPLICATION PROCESS FOR REGIONAL SCHOOLS, TO GRANT  
4 ONE-YEAR STATUS AS A COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOL TO THE  
5 NORTHEAST REGIONAL SCHOOL OF BIOTECHNOLOGY AND AGRISCIENCE,  
6 AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION COSTS FOR  
7 STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE NORTHEAST REGIONAL SCHOOL OF  
8 BIOTECHNOLOGY AND AGRISCIENCE.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-238.50A(1a) reads as rewritten:

11 "(1a) Cooperative innovative high school. – A high school approved by the State  
12 Board of Education and the applicable governing Board that meets the  
13 following criteria:

- 14 a. It has no more than 100 students per grade level. This criterion shall  
15 not apply to a regional school as defined in G.S. 115C-238.61.  
16 b. It partners with an institution of higher education to enable students  
17 to concurrently obtain a high school diploma and begin or complete  
18 an associate degree program, master a certificate or vocational  
19 program, or earn up to two years of college credit within five years.  
20 c. It is located on the campus of the partner institution of higher  
21 education, unless the governing Board or the local board of trustees  
22 for a private North Carolina college specifically waives the  
23 requirement through adoption of a formal resolution. This criterion  
24 shall not apply to a regional school established as provided in Part 10  
25 of this Article."

26 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding the requirements of Part 9 of Article 16 of Chapter  
27 115C of the General Statutes, for the 2014-2015 school year, the Northeast Regional School of  
28 Biotechnology and Agriscience shall be designated as a cooperative innovative high school. To  
29 maintain the designation as a cooperative innovative high school beyond the 2014-2015 school  
30 year, the board of directors of the Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience  
31 shall apply with a local board of trustees for approval as a cooperative innovative high school  
32 program as provided under Part 9 of Article 16 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes.

33 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
34 Public Instruction the sum of fourteen thousand nine hundred fifteen dollars (\$14,915) for the  
35 2014-2015 fiscal year to reimburse The University of North Carolina for tuition for courses  
36 taken by students at the Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience through



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1 the partner institution of higher education, North Carolina State University. The Northeast  
2 Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience students' credit hours shall be nonfundable  
3 under The University of North Carolina Semester Credit Hour Enrollment Change Funding  
4 Model.

5 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2014.