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SENATE DRS65099-LG-164A* (04/19)

Short Title: UNCG/NCA&T Nanoscience/Nanoengineering Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Vaughan and Robinson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
3 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
4 FOR THE JOINT SCHOOL OF NANOSCIENCE AND NANOENGINEERING ON THE
5 CAMPUS OF THE GATEWAY UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARK OF THE
6 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO AND NORTH CAROLINA
7 AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY.

8 Whereas, the Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering (JSNN), a
9 collaboration of NC A&T State University and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro,
10 is a \$56.3 million, state-of-the-art facility that opened on December 7, 2011; and

11 Whereas, in its first 18 months of operation, prior to completion of its formal
12 facility, JSNN was awarded over \$4 million in research funding and continues to work closely
13 with Gateway University Research Park to develop partnerships with high technology firms;
14 and

15 Whereas, currently, JSNN's budget allocation includes \$4.9 million in recurring
16 funds from the State. The 2011-2013 biennial budget provided an additional \$1 million
17 annually in nonrecurring funds to purchase equipment and hire temporary staff; and

18 Whereas, to become fully operational, JSNN needs a recurring budget of \$6.9
19 million from the State to bring the Joint School to a sustainable operating budget. With the
20 JSNN facility now complete, over 30 additional large nano-research equipment systems have
21 been installed and are expected to cost over \$1 million to operate and maintain annually; and

22 Whereas, an additional \$2 million in recurring State funds will enable JSNN to
23 make its temporary positions permanent, maintain its equipment appropriately, and thus
24 enhance its job creation efforts; and

25 Whereas, when fully operational, JSNN's economic impact over 10 years is
26 projected to be approximately \$500 million; Now, therefore,
27 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

28 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
29 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for
30 the 2012-2013 fiscal year to be used by the Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering
31 on the campus of the Gateway University Research Park of the University of North Carolina at
32 Greensboro and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University to hire permanent
33 staff, adequately maintain its equipment, and support operations. Beginning with the 2012-2013
34 fiscal year, these funds shall become part of the continuation budget.

35 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2012.



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