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HOUSE BILL 1595

Short Title: Piedmont Triad Center/Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Gray; Bowie, Dockham, Esposito, Jarrell, Jeffus, Kennedy, Lineberry, and Rhodes.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE PIEDMONT TRIAD  
3 ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTER AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. Article 31 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes reads as  
6 rewritten:

7 "ARTICLE 31.

8 ~~Piedmont Triad Research Institute and Graduate Engineering Program.~~

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10 ~~§ 116-250. Piedmont Triad Regional Institute; establishment; board of directors;~~  
11 ~~purpose.~~

12 (a) ~~There is established the Piedmont Triad Research Institute as a nonprofit~~  
13 ~~corporation registered and regulated pursuant to Chapter 55A of the General Statutes.~~

14 (b) ~~The Articles of Incorporation of the Institute shall constitute the board of~~  
15 ~~directors of the Institute of individuals representing industrial and business interests in~~  
16 ~~the Triad area, and of representatives of the following universities:~~

17 (1) ~~North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University;~~

18 (2) ~~North Carolina State University at Raleigh;~~

19 (3) ~~Wake Forest University; and~~

20 (4) ~~Winston-Salem State University.~~

21 (c) ~~The Institute is established to further education and research in engineering,~~  
22 ~~particularly as engineering may be applied to medicine.~~

23 **PIEDMONT TRIAD ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTER.**

1 **"§ 116-250. Piedmont Triad Engineering Research Center; establishment; board**  
2 **of directors; purpose.**

3 (a) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall establish  
4 the Piedmont Triad Engineering Research Center.

5 (b) Subject to the requirements of this Article and to policies established by the  
6 Board of Governors, the programs and activities of the Center shall be governed by a  
7 Board of Directors consisting of the following members:

8 (1) Ex Officio, the Vice President for Research of The University of North  
9 Carolina; the Dean of the School of Engineering of North Carolina  
10 State University; the Dean of the School of Engineering of North  
11 Carolina A&T State University; the Dean of the School of Engineering  
12 of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte; the Executive Vice  
13 President for Health Affairs of Wake Forest University; the Provost of  
14 the University of North Carolina at Greensboro; and the Vice  
15 Chancellor for Academic Affairs of Winston-Salem State University;

16 (2) One member of the faculty of the School of Engineering of North  
17 Carolina State University, to be appointed by the Board of Governors  
18 on nomination of the Chancellor of that institution, for a term of three  
19 years;

20 (3) One member of the faculty of the School of Engineering of North  
21 Carolina A&T State University, to be appointed by the Board of  
22 Governors on nomination of the Chancellor of that institution, for a  
23 term of three years;

24 (4) Two members of the faculty of Wake Forest University, appointed by  
25 the Board of Governors on nomination of the President of that  
26 institution, for terms of three years; and

27 (5) Three private citizens, who are neither officers nor employees of the  
28 mentioned institutions of higher education, who are residents of  
29 the cities of Winston-Salem, Greensboro, or High Point, and who have  
30 distinguished themselves as leaders in private commercial activity, to  
31 be appointed by the Board of Governors, for terms of three years.

32 (c) The Center shall be established to further graduate education and research in  
33 engineering within the Piedmont Triad area and its principal municipalities of Winston-  
34 Salem, Greensboro, and High Point.

35 **"§ 116-251. Center Director; administration; finances.**

36 (a) The programs and activities of the Center shall be administered by a Director,  
37 who shall be appointed by the Board of Governors on nomination of the President of  
38 The University of North Carolina, following consultation with the Board of Directors of  
39 the Center; the Director shall report to and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of  
40 Directors; the Director shall make an annual report to the Board of Governors.

41 (b) The Director shall be assisted by any other administrative officers and  
42 professional staff members considered appropriate by and selected and employed by the  
43 Board of Directors, on recommendation of the Director. The Director and other  
44 administrative officers and professional staff members of the Center shall be exempt

1 from the State Personnel Act, and their employment shall be governed by the policies  
2 and regulations and provisions for compensation established by the Board of Directors.  
3 All other employees of the Center shall be subject to the State Personnel Act.

4 (c) All employees of the Center shall be considered to be employees of the State  
5 and shall be covered by all provisions of State law relevant thereto, including Chapter  
6 97, Chapter 135, and Article 31A of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.

7 (d) Subject to instructions established by the President of The University of  
8 North Carolina, the Board of Directors shall develop, prepare and submit to the  
9 President recommended budget requests for State appropriated funds for operation of  
10 the Center. The comprehensive budget for the Center shall be established by the Board  
11 of Directors, on recommendatin of the Director, to be based on funds derived from (i)  
12 appropriations to the Center from the State; (ii) matching grants from local  
13 governmental entities within the Piedmont Triad area; (iii) grants from or contracts with  
14 federal government agencies, such as the National Science Foundation and the National  
15 Institutes of Health; (iv) grants from or contracts with private industries; (v) other  
16 private benefactions, and any other receipts to which the Center may have access. The  
17 Board of Directors may accept, receive, and use any federal funds, local government  
18 grants, private benefactions, or other receipts which, in the judgment of the Board of  
19 Directors, would be beneficial to the operation of the Center."

20 Sec. 2. Article 1 of Chapter 126 of the General Statutes is amended by  
21 adding a new subdivision to read:

22 "(16) The Director and other members of the administrative and professional  
23 staff of the Piedmont Triad Engineering Research Center, as provided  
24 for in G.S. 116-251(b)."

25 Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of  
26 Governors of The University of North Carolina, the sum of five hundred thousand  
27 dollars (\$500,000) for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the establishment and operation of the  
28 Piedmont Triad Engineering Research Center. These funds are to be part of the  
29 continuation budget in the next and subsequent biennia.

30 Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1992.