

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1997**

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**HOUSE BILL 540**

Short Title: NC Biotechnology Center Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Yongue; Baddour, Bonner, Goodwin, H. Hunter, Mitchell, and Moore.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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March 19, 1997

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

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2 **AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA**  
3 **BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTER FOR PLANNING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A**  
4 **PARKING DECK.**

5       Whereas, the Biotechnology/Bioscience industry is growing rapidly in North  
6 Carolina; and

7       Whereas, meetings that share information, build infrastructure, and provide  
8 community development are growing in size along with the industry itself; and

9       Whereas, the North Carolina Biotechnology Center (Center) hosts over 2,000  
10 meetings attended by 30,000 people each year; and

11       Whereas, more than 400 people attend meetings at the Center at any time,  
12 resulting in twice as many people attending meetings as originally projected; and

13       Whereas, this high level of use causes traffic hazards due to persons attempting  
14 to park along side streets leading to the Center; and

15       Whereas, the parking changes planned for the Center will provide 75 to 80 new  
16 parking spaces, alleviating congestion and potential traffic liabilities; Now, therefore,  
17 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1           Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North Carolina  
2 Biotechnology Center, a nonprofit corporation, the sum of three hundred thousand dollars  
3 (\$300,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year for planning for a parking deck at the Center.

4           Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.