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**SENATE BILL 1199*
Education/Higher Education Committee Substitute Adopted 6/23/10**

Short Title: Est. Regional School Planning Comm.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 18, 2010

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE AGRISCIENCE AND BIOTECHNOLOGY REGIONAL
2 SCHOOL PLANNING COMMISSION TO DEVELOP AND PLAN A REGIONAL
3 SCHOOL OF AGRISCIENCE AND BIOTECHNOLOGY.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is established the Agriscience and Biotechnology Regional
7 School Planning Commission. The purpose of the Commission shall be to develop and plan a
8 regional school of agriscience and biotechnology to open in the 2011-2012 school year. The
9 Commission shall be located administratively in the Department of Public Instruction but shall
10 exercise its powers and duties independently of the Department of Public Instruction. The
11 Department of Public Instruction shall provide for the administrative costs of the Commission
12 and shall provide staff to the Commission.

13 **SECTION 2.** The Commission shall consist of up to nine members appointed by
14 the chair of the State Board of Education. Appointments shall be made no later than September
15 1, 2010.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Agriscience and Biotechnology Regional School Planning
17 Commission shall develop a plan for a regional school of agriscience and biotechnology to
18 open in the 2011-2012 school year and shall ensure that the model is replicable, sustainable,
19 and scaleable. In the development of its plan, the Commission shall:

- 20 (1) Consider the regional school's governance, funding for operational and
21 capital needs, personnel, admissions and assignment of students,
22 transportation, school food services, and other issues the Commission deems
23 relevant.
24 (2) Solicit proposals from interested regions seeking to host the school and
25 identify a location for the regional school.
26 (3) Identify potential business partners for the regional school.
27 (4) Consult with North Carolina State University and the NC Research Campus
28 and establish connections between those institutions and the regional school.

29 **SECTION 4.** The Agriscience and Biotechnology Regional School Planning
30 Commission shall report on its recommended plan to the State Board of Education, the Joint
31 Legislative Joining Our Businesses and Schools (JOBS) Study Commission, and the Joint
32 Legislative Education Oversight Committee by January 1, 2011.

33 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

