

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

**HOUSE BILL 665
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 143B-472.80 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-472.80. North Carolina Board of Science and Technology; creation; powers and duties.

The North Carolina Board of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce is created. The Board has the following powers and duties:

- (1) To identify, and to support and foster the identification of, important research needs of both public and private agencies, institutions and organizations in North Carolina that relate to the State's economic growth and development;
- (2) To make recommendations concerning policies, procedures, organizational structures and financial requirements that will promote effective use of scientific and technological resources in fulfilling the research needs identified and that will promote the economic growth and development of North Carolina;
- (3) To allocate funds available to the Board to support research projects, to purchase research equipment and supplies, to construct or modify research facilities, to employ consultants, and for other purposes necessary or appropriate in discharging the duties of the Board;
- (4) To advise and make recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Economic Development Board on the role of science and technology in the economic growth and development of North Carolina."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 9th day of June,
2003.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved _____m. this _____ day of _____, 2003