

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 849**

Short Title: Clarify Regional School CIHS Applications. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Brown (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

May 28, 2014

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOL  
2 PROGRAMS APPLICATION PROCESS FOR REGIONAL SCHOOLS, TO GRANT  
3 ONE-YEAR STATUS AS A COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOL TO THE  
4 NORTHEAST REGIONAL SCHOOL OF BIOTECHNOLOGY AND AGRISCIENCE,  
5 AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION COSTS FOR  
6 STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE NORTHEAST REGIONAL SCHOOL OF  
7 BIOTECHNOLOGY AND AGRISCIENCE.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-238.50A(1a) reads as rewritten:

10 "(1a) Cooperative innovative high school. – A high school approved by the State  
11 Board of Education and the applicable governing Board that meets the  
12 following criteria:

- 13 a. It has no more than 100 students per grade level. This criterion shall  
14 not apply to a regional school as defined in G.S. 115C-238.61.  
15 b. It partners with an institution of higher education to enable students  
16 to concurrently obtain a high school diploma and begin or complete  
17 an associate degree program, master a certificate or vocational  
18 program, or earn up to two years of college credit within five years.  
19 c. It is located on the campus of the partner institution of higher  
20 education, unless the governing Board or the local board of trustees  
21 for a private North Carolina college specifically waives the  
22 requirement through adoption of a formal resolution. This criterion  
23 shall not apply to a regional school established as provided in Part 10  
24 of this Article."

25 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding the requirements of Part 9 of Article 16 of Chapter  
26 115C of the General Statutes, for the 2014-2015 school year, the Northeast Regional School of  
27 Biotechnology and Agriscience shall be designated as a cooperative innovative high school. To  
28 maintain the designation as a cooperative innovative high school beyond the 2014-2015 school  
29 year, the board of directors of the Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience  
30 shall apply with a local board of trustees for approval as a cooperative innovative high school  
31 program as provided under Part 9 of Article 16 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes.

32 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
33 Public Instruction the sum of fourteen thousand nine hundred fifteen dollars (\$14,915) for the  
34 2014-2015 fiscal year to reimburse The University of North Carolina for tuition for courses  
35 taken by students at the Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience through  
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1 the partner institution of higher education, North Carolina State University. The Northeast  
2 Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience students' credit hours shall be nonfundable  
3 under The University of North Carolina Semester Credit Hour Enrollment Change Funding  
4 Model.

5 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2014.