GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

S SENATE BILL 715

Short Title: Funds/Wake Forest Institute. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Garrou; and Brunstetter.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 14, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES TO SUPPORT THE SOLDIER INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE.

Whereas, The Soldier Institute of Regenerative Medicine is a Department of Defense procurement that will be located at a major biotechnical facility in October 2007; and

Whereas, The Soldier Institute for Regenerative Medicine will develop advanced regenerative techniques for treatment of soldier wounds – from the battlefield to the hospital and through long-term care by creating major tissue reconstruction for limbs, fingers and toes, facial reconstruction, and skin burn repair; and

Whereas, Department of Defense funding for The Soldier Institute of Regenerative Medicine and a Good Manufacturing Practice facility to be located at the Piedmont Triad Research Park in Forsyth County is anticipated to be \$10,000,000 per year through the year 2012; and

Whereas, the Good Manufacturing Practice facility will enable the Wake Forest Institute of Regenerative Medicine to advance clinical applications in regenerative medicine and allow timely transfer of research breakthroughs directly to the patient; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to Wake Forest University Health Sciences, a nonprofit organization, for the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine the sum of eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to provide support for the Department of Defense Soldier Institute for Regenerative Medicine and infrastructure support for a Good Manufacturing Practice facility to be located at the Piedmont Triad Research Park in Forsyth County.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.