

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1016

Short Title: Bent Creek Institute Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Fisher, Goforth, and Whilden (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 2, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE BENT CREEK INSTITUTE AT THE
2 NORTH CAROLINA ARBORETUM.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to Bent Creek Institute,
6 Inc., a nonprofit corporation, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the
7 2009-2010 fiscal year for continuation of the Institute's core activities and partnerships
8 facilitating research and development, new enabling technologies, North America's only
9 medicinal herb germplasm repository, and the critical capacity for business creation and
10 attraction in the twenty-five billion dollar (\$25,000,000,000) United States dietary supplement
11 and functional food industries. The Bent Creek Institute, located at the North Carolina
12 Arboretum, is leading the creation of a statewide cluster of business, jobs, and commerce
13 centered around nutraceutical and pharmaceutical development, processing, manufacturing, and
14 global distribution. The Bent Creek Institute is recognized as a catalyst for profitable use of
15 Western North Carolina's unique biodiversity and existing workforce and has established
16 productive partnerships nationally.

17 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.



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