



HOUSE BILL 137: Steve Troxler Agricultural Sciences Center.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 137 would direct the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences (DACS) to dedicate and rename the Agricultural Sciences Center the "Steve Troxler Agricultural Sciences Center."*

BACKGROUND: The Agricultural Sciences Center (ASC), located at 4400 Reedy Creek Road, Raleigh, NC 27607, is a 225,000 square-foot laboratory facility set to open in April 2021. The ASC was funded with \$94M through the Connect NC Bond in 2016 and received a \$13M supplemental appropriation from the General Assembly. The ASC will consolidate five laboratories from four DACS divisions: Food and Drug Protection, Standards, Structural Pest Control and Pesticides, and Veterinary.

Steve Troxler, the current Commissioner of Agriculture, has served the State in that role since 2005.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 137 would direct DACS to dedicate and rename the ASC the "Steve Troxler Agricultural Sciences Center."

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when it becomes law.

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