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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to biomedical research and training;
 providing for establishment of the Center for Excellence
 in Biomedical Training and Investigation upon designation
 by the Board of Governors of the State University System
 of the institution responsible for operating the center;
 providing criteria for such designation; providing duties
 of the center; requiring the center to work with Scripps
 Florida and other such entities; requiring a report to the
 Governor, Legislature, and Board of Governors; providing
 an appropriation; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, expanding cooperative networks of biomedical
 research is urgently needed to speed the delivery of new
 treatment discoveries, and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has developed an excellent
 medical education and research infrastructure in the northern,
 central, and southern regions of the state, and

WHEREAS, private corporations have expressed a desire to
 partner with public institutions devoted to biomedical research
 and training, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature intends to foster such
 partnerships and nurture biomedical research and training in
 this state by establishing a Center for Excellence in Biomedical
 Training and Investigation as provided in this act, NOW,
 THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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30 Section 1. Center for Excellence in Biomedical Training
31 and Investigation.--

32 (1) The Center for Excellence in Biomedical Training and
33 Investigation is established upon designation by the Board of
34 Governors of the State University System of the institution
35 responsible for operating the center. The center shall be
36 designated by the Board of Governors no later than September 1,
37 2004.

38 (2) The Board of Governors shall designate the institution
39 responsible for operating the center based on the following
40 criteria:

41 (a) The institution must be a public university.

42 (b) The institution must include colleges of medicine,
43 dentistry, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine.

44 (c) The institution must be accredited by the appropriate
45 accrediting bodies.

46 (d) The institution must be authorized to confer earned
47 M.D., Ph.D., D.M.D., D.V.M., and Pharm.D. degrees.

48 (e) The institution must be able to raise up to \$10
49 million in private funding to match \$10 million in state
50 revenue.

51 (3) The duties of the center shall include, but not be
52 limited to:

53 (a) Training biomedical investigators, including medical
54 and academic doctors, under the auspices of the college of
55 medicine of the institution operating the center.

56 (b) Developing a program to provide a professional
57 workforce to enhance the quality and amount of biomedical
58 research conducted in the state.

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59 (c) Creating a cadre of investigators to develop and
60 conduct translational research initiatives that are the direct
61 outgrowth of fundamental research in areas such as drug
62 discovery, genetics, cancer, and neuroscience, including
63 Alzheimer's disease, brain trauma, and memory loss.

64 (d) Creating research and educational opportunities for
65 medical students, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows on
66 regional campuses to be developed in concert with local health
67 care and research facilities.

68 (e) Providing training opportunities with investigators
69 from colleges of medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, and veterinary
70 medicine who are funded by the National Institutes of Health.

71 (f) Providing technology-intense environments for both
72 training and research.

73 (4) The center shall work in partnership with Scripps
74 Florida and other entities involved in biomedical research and
75 training as appropriate.

76 (5) The findings and achievements of the center shall be
77 reported to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the
78 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Board of
79 Governors no later than September 1, 2005.

80 Section 2. The sum of \$10 million is appropriated out of
81 nonrecurring general revenue to the Center for Excellence in
82 Biomedical Training and Investigation to carry out the purposes
83 of this act.

84 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.