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HB 1095, assigned to the House Appropriations Committee, is based on recommendations from 50 industry, university and government experts who testified during five hearings last fall before Rep. Byrd’s House Bioeconomic Development Study Committee.

Reps. Amos Amerson, Karla Drenner, Carl Rogers, Jeff Lewis and Burke Day co-sponsored the legislation. Here is a link to the bill on the General Assembly’s website:

http://www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2007_08/sum/hb1095.htm

Georgia Bio (GaBio) applauds Rep. Byrd for introducing a bill that will make Georgia competitive nationally in the race for life sciences industry growth, creating more high-paying jobs, strengthening education and improving the health and quality of life for all Georgians. For more information on Rep. Byrd’s House Study Committee, [click here](#).

In addition to HB 1095, Rep. Byrd filed House Resolution 1158 saluting GaBio and welcoming the 2009 Biotechnology Industry Organization International Convention to Atlanta. The House adopted HR 1158 and sent it to the Senate this week.

GaBio sincerely thanks Rep. Byrd and her House colleagues for their support of the unique opportunity presented by hosting the BIO conference in May 2009. This is the world’s largest biotech conference, bringing 25,000 professionals from 60 nations to Georgia.

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Students learn biostatistics, regulations, project management, and bioethics in the context of drug and device testing and commercialization. The program can be completed in three semesters and leads to a graduate certificate, with the possibility of applying the credit earned toward a master's degree in pharmacy with an emphasis in regulatory affairs.

The combination of web-based instruction and limited weekend sessions at UGA's Gwinnett campus is designed for working adults. Roughly 90% of the students have full-time jobs.

The new certificate builds on the ***Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Regulatory Affairs*** graduate certificate program that began in 2005. Nearly 60 students from more than 20 Georgia companies and biomedical institutions have earned over 500 credit hours. By summer, nearly 30 students will have been awarded their graduate certificate in regulatory affairs and several have progressed into Masters Degree programs. Fifteen new students enrolled in the Regulatory Affairs and Clinical Trials programs in January.

The two certificate programs were established through a partnership between businesses, UGA, and Georgia's Intellectual Capital Partnership Program (ICAPP). UGA is grateful to the Georgia Bio members who recognized the value of developing this critical talent and helped to make these programs possible. **For more information, contact the UGA College of Pharmacy at 678-407-5277, RegAffairs@rx.UGA.edu or www.rx.UGA.edu.**

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In the inaugural year, the ELN helped coordinate four high quality internship opportunities in the local community. Students were placed at SEBIO, MediPurpose, Guvner Enterprises, and the Georgia Department of Economic Development.

In the second year, the ELN is building on its initial success to create a more robust program. To reach this year's goal of 10 internships, the ELN needs more participation from the biotech business community.

Last year more than 40 highly qualified graduate level students applied for the four internships that were offered. The ELN would like to thank those vanguard organizations that participated last year, and encourages more companies to follow suit. Offering an internship gives local companies advanced access to Georgia's young professionals of tomorrow. This is an excellent opportunity to develop relationships with the brightest and most motivated students from the very best life sciences, engineering, and business programs that Georgia has to offer.

If your company or organization would like more information on how to become a partner in this exciting internship experience, please send an email to internships@gabio.org.

The ELN is devoted to promoting networking between emerging and established professionals within the Georgia life sciences community. ELN's programs are designed to facilitate the growth and development of Georgia based biotechnology academic institutions, industries and service providers. A goal of ELN is to retain and cultivate locally educated talent, as well as welcome and integrate new members to the Georgia biotechnology community. In pursuit of these goals, ELN provides opportunities for developing industry contacts, mentoring, and career enhancement through a variety of programs.