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HOUSE BILL 1365

Short Title: Economic Development Oversight Committee. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Daughtridge; Barnhart, Brown, Faison, Hill, Justice, Justus, McGee, Moore, Sauls, and Wray.

Referred to: Commerce.

April 21, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 120 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read:

"Article 120.

"Joint Legislative Economic Development Oversight Committee.

"§ 120-70.130. Creation and membership of Joint Legislative Economic Development Oversight Committee.

The Joint Legislative Economic Development Oversight Committee is established. The Committee consists of 12 members as follows:

(1) Six members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

(2) Six members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Terms on the Committee are for two years and begin on the convening of the General Assembly in each odd-numbered year, except the terms of the initial members, which begin on appointment and end on the day of the convening of the 2007 General Assembly. Members may complete a term of service on the Committee even if they do not seek reelection or are not reelected to the General Assembly, but resignation or removal from service in the General Assembly constitutes resignation or removal from service on the Committee.

A member continues to serve until a successor is appointed. A vacancy shall be filled by the officer who made the original appointment.

"§ 120-70.131. Purpose and powers of Committee.

(a) The Joint Legislative Economic Development Oversight Committee shall examine, on a continuing basis, economic growth and development issues and strategies

1 in North Carolina in order to make ongoing recommendations to the General Assembly
2 on ways to promote cost-effective economic development initiatives. In this
3 examination, the Committee may:

4 (1) Study the budgets, programs, and policies of the Department of
5 Commerce, the North Carolina Partnership for Economic
6 Development, and other State, regional, and local entities involved in
7 economic development.

8 (2) Analyze legislation from other states regarding economic
9 development.

10 (3) Analyze proposals produced by the Economic Development Board.

11 (4) Study any other matters that the Committee considers necessary to
12 fulfill its mandate.

13 (b) The Committee may make interim reports to the General Assembly on
14 matters for which it may report to a regular session of the General Assembly. A report
15 to the General Assembly may contain any legislation needed to implement a
16 recommendation of the Committee.

17 **"§ 120-70.132. Organization of Committee.**

18 (a) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives shall each designate a cochair of the Joint Legislative Economic
20 Development Oversight Committee. The Committee shall meet upon the joint call of the
21 cochairs.

22 (b) A quorum of the Committee is seven members. Only recommendations,
23 including proposed legislation, receiving at least six affirmative votes may be included
24 in a Committee report to the General Assembly. While in the discharge of its official
25 duties, the Committee has the powers of a joint committee under G.S. 120-19 and
26 G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4.

27 (c) The cochairs of the Committee may call upon other knowledgeable persons
28 or experts to assist the Committee in its work.

29 (d) Members of the Committee shall receive subsistence and travel expenses as
30 provided in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate. The Committee may contract
31 for consultants or hire employees in accordance with G.S. 120-32.02. The Legislative
32 Services Commission, through the Legislative Services Officer, shall assign
33 professional staff to assist the Committee in its work. Upon the direction of the
34 Legislative Services Commission, the Supervisors of Clerks of the Senate and of the
35 House of Representatives shall assign clerical staff to the Committee. The expenses for
36 clerical employees shall be borne by the Committee."

37 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.