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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA JOINT LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE
ON REGULATORY REFORM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is established the North Carolina Joint Legislative Task Force on Regulatory Reform (Task Force). The purpose of the Task Force is to solicit, review, and recommend proposals provided by owners and managers of businesses, economic development professionals, employers, employees, independent contractors, consumers, and citizens from across the State on ways to improve the regulatory climate of North Carolina. In conducting its review, the Task Force shall consider all of the following:

- (1) Methods to eliminate ineffective or overly burdensome regulation.
- (2) Options to streamline implementation and reduce the cost of complying with certain State regulations.
- (3) Avenues to quickly identify and review disproportionately misinterpreted or challenged regulations.
- (4) Other ideas for improving the regulatory climate of the State.

SECTION 2. The Task Force shall consist of 12 members, appointed as follows:

- (1) Six members appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives; one of whom shall be a member of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be an at-large public member, one of whom shall be a representative of an environmental advocacy group, and three of whom shall be appointed based upon their active participation and expertise in one of the following industries or economic sectors:
 - a. Business Services.
 - b. Environmental Services.
 - c. Education and Workforce Development.
- (2) Six members appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; one of whom shall be a member of the Senate, two of whom shall be at-large public members, and three of whom shall be appointed based upon their active participation and expertise in one of the following industries or economic sectors:
 - a. Information Technology.
 - b. Health care.
 - c. Construction.



1 **SECTION 3.** The Task Force shall have two cochairs, one designated by the
2 Speaker of the House of Representatives and one designated by the President Pro Tempore of
3 the Senate. The cochairs shall convene the first meeting as soon as practicable after
4 appointments have been made. The Task Force shall meet upon the call of the chair. A majority
5 of the Task Force members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

6 **SECTION 4.** While in the discharge of its official duties, the Task Force may
7 exercise all powers provided for under Article 5 of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes. The
8 Task Force may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services, as provided by
9 G.S. 120-32.02.

10 **SECTION 5.** Task Force members shall receive no compensation for their service
11 but shall be paid per diem, subsistence, and travel expenses in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1,
12 138-5, and 138-6, as applicable.

13 **SECTION 6.** The Legislative Services Commission shall allocate from a portion of
14 the funds appropriated to the General Assembly for each fiscal year for expenses of the Task
15 Force.

16 **SECTION 7.** The Task Force may meet at various locations around the State in
17 order to promote greater public participation in its deliberations. The Legislative Services
18 Commission shall grant adequate meeting space to the Task Force in the State Legislative
19 Building or the Legislative Office Building.

20 **SECTION 8.** The Task Force shall submit a final report on the results of its study,
21 including any proposed legislation, to the members of the General Assembly on or before
22 December 31, 2016, by filing a copy of the report with the Offices of the Speaker of the House
23 of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The Task Force shall
24 terminate on December 31, 2016, or upon the filing of its final report, whichever occurs first.

25 **SECTION 9.** This act is effective when it becomes law.