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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON BIOMANUFACTURING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Establishment; membership; holdover of legislative members. – There is established the Joint Select Committee on Biomanufacturing. The membership is as follows:

- (1) Three members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- (2) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (3) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives upon the recommendation of the North Carolina Biotechnology Center.
- (4) One member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate upon the recommendation of the North Carolina Biosciences Organization.
- (5) One member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality.
- (6) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Commerce.
- (7) One member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate upon the recommendation of the North Carolina Economic Development Association.
- (8) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives upon the recommendation of the North Carolina Manufacturers Alliance.
- (9) One member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate upon the recommendation of the President of The University of North Carolina.
- (10) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives upon the recommendation of the North Carolina Community College System.
- (11) The chair of the NCWorks Commission, ex officio.

Committee members who are members of the General Assembly 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. The appointing officer as set forth in this section shall nominate persons to fill vacancies created by resignation or removal in the same manner as the member was originally selected.

SECTION 2. Chairs; meetings; quorum. – The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives must each designate a cochair of the Committee.



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1 The Committee shall meet upon the joint call of the cochairs. A quorum of the Committee is a
2 majority of its members.

3 **SECTION 3.** Purpose. – The Committee is directed to study what is needed to keep
4 North Carolina at the forefront of emerging biomanufacturing technologies and job creation,
5 including all of the following:

- 6 (1) Estimates of current and future biomanufacturing workforce needs and
7 identification of existing and potential bottlenecks that would limit or hinder
8 meeting those needs.
- 9 (2) Estimates of current and future biomanufacturing water and wastewater needs
10 and identification of existing and potential bottlenecks that would limit or
11 hinder meeting those needs.
- 12 (3) Assessment and characterization of the State's existing biomanufacturing
13 workforce education and training assets, together with an estimate of future
14 workforce training needs and identification of investments in personnel,
15 facilities, and equipment needed to meet those needs.
- 16 (4) Identification of locations in the State that can readily accommodate new
17 biomanufacturing operations.
- 18 (5) Identification of existing and emerging wastewater treatment strategies and
19 technologies that can be used to meet the State's biomanufacturing wastewater
20 treatment needs and remove bottlenecks identified in subdivision (2) of this
21 section.
- 22 (6) Any other recommendations as the Committee considers appropriate to
23 support the future growth of North Carolina's biomanufacturing sector.

24 **SECTION 4.** Per diem; staff. – Members of the Committee receive per diem,
25 subsistence, and travel allowance as provided in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.
26 The Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist the
27 Committee in its work.

28 **SECTION 5.** Report. – The Committee may submit an interim report to the 2019
29 Regular Session of the General Assembly prior to its reconvening in 2020 and shall make a final
30 report to the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly prior to its first convening after
31 adjourning its organizational session. The Committee shall also submit its report to the Secretary
32 of Commerce, the Secretary of Environmental Quality, the President of The University of North
33 Carolina, the President of the North Carolina Community College System, and other entities as
34 may be designated by the cochairs, the Speaker of the House, or the President Pro Tempore of
35 the Senate.

36 **SECTION 6.** Termination. – The Committee terminates when the 2021 Regular
37 Session of the General Assembly first convenes after adjourning its organizational session or
38 upon the filing of its final report, whichever occurs first.

39 **SECTION 7.** Appropriation – There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
40 Joint Select Committee on Biomanufacturing the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in
41 nonrecurring funds for fiscal year 2019-2020 to be used to assist with implementation of this act.

42 **SECTION 8.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.