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**HOUSE BILL 724**

Short Title: NC-FACT.

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April 3, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE THE NC-FEDERAL ALIGNMENT FOR CRITICAL TECHNOLOGIES TASK FORCE (NC-FACT) WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND TO REQUIRE THAT TASK FORCE TO STUDY WAYS TO FOSTER AND PROMOTE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION IN THE STATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** There is established the NC-Federal Alignment for Critical Technologies Task Force (Task Force) within the Department of Commerce, Office of Science, Technology & Innovation (Office). The Task Force shall consist of members of the Office and, at the discretion of the Office, may consist of members of constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina and the private sector.

**SECTION 1.(b)** The Task Force established under subsection (a) of this section shall have the following duties:

- (1) Research ways to increase collaboration among State, federal, and private entities involved in the promotion of science, technology, and innovation in the State.
- (2) Research ways to streamline State, federal, and private resources to promote the science and technology industries in the State.
- (3) Develop short-, mid-, and long-term economic development-related strategies and recommendations to increase the patronage and prevalence of the science and technology industries in the State, with particular emphasis on attracting out-of-state investment into the State.
- (4) Perform any other studies, evaluations, or determinations the Task Force considers necessary.

**SECTION 1.(c)** No later than April 1 of each year, the Task Force shall submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Economic Development and Global Engagement Oversight Committee. These findings and recommendations shall include specific, concrete, and actionable steps to be undertaken by the State and upon which the General Assembly could act.

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

