THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 7, 2021

A RESOLUTION

Establishing the Select Committee on the Jobs of the Future to investigate, review and make findings and recommendations regarding opportunities for the development of new industries, including advanced manufacturing, in this Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, The worldwide pandemic caused by the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) demonstrated America’s concerning dependence on foreign nations to manufacture and produce critical supplies; and

WHEREAS, Most of this critical supply chain is manufactured offshore using high-tech techniques that were developed and created in this Commonwealth's research, technology and higher education institutions; and

WHEREAS, It is most important for America's national security and economy to ensure that critical supplies and other goods are produced and manufactured domestically; and

WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is uniquely positioned to reshore
these high-tech manufacturing operations due to its plentiful natural resources, connected infrastructure and world-renowned research, technology and educational institutions; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives establish the Select Committee on the Jobs of the Future to investigate, review and make findings and recommendations regarding opportunities for the development of new industries, including advanced manufacturing, in this Commonwealth; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the select committee investigate, review and make findings and recommendations regarding all of the following:

(1) The critical supplies and goods during the COVID-19 pandemic that are primarily or exclusively available only through foreign supply chains.

(2) Resources that are available to train students for careers in new industries, including advanced manufacturing, at building trade union facilities, technical educational institutions, K-12 schools and colleges and universities in this Commonwealth.

(3) Other states' best practices and programs to reshore advanced manufacturing operations, attract high-tech industries and prepare students for careers in new industries, including advanced manufacturing;

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the select committee develop proposals which encourage postsecondary educational institutions in this Commonwealth to expand career training programs that will help meet the needs of current and future employers; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the select committee consist of five members of the House of Representatives, including three members from the majority caucus of the House of Representatives and two members from the minority caucus of the House of Representatives; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives appoint the chair of the select committee from among the members of the select committee; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the select committee hold hearings, call witnesses, take testimony and make its investigations at such places as it deems necessary in this Commonwealth; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the select committee be authorized to instruct any individual to appear before the select committee to answer questions on matters properly being inquired into by the select committee and to produce books, papers, records, accounts, reports and documents as the select committee deems necessary; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the Education Committee of the House of Representatives assist the select committee to the fullest extent possible; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the select committee submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any recommendations for any appropriate legislation or other action, to the House of Representatives no later than November 30, 2022.