
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, MARCH 22, 2021

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

17 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is uniquely positioned to reshore
18 these high-tech manufacturing operations due to its plentiful

1 natural resources, connected infrastructure and world-renowned
2 research, technology and educational institutions; therefore be
3 it

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

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

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

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

20 (3) Other states' best practices and programs to reshore
21 advanced manufacturing operations, attract high-tech
22 industries and prepare students for careers in new
23 industries, including advanced manufacturing;
24 and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the select committee develop proposals which
26 encourage postsecondary educational institutions in this
27 Commonwealth to expand career training programs that will help
28 meet the needs of current and future employers; and be it
29 further

30 RESOLVED, That the select committee consist of five members

1 of the House of Representatives, including three members from
2 the majority caucus of the House of Representatives and two
3 members from the minority caucus of the House of
4 Representatives; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
6 appoint the chair of the select committee from among the members
7 of the select committee; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the select committee hold hearings, call
9 witnesses, take testimony and make its investigations at such
10 places as it deems necessary in this Commonwealth; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That the select committee be authorized to instruct
13 any individual to appear before the select committee to answer
14 questions on matters properly being inquired into by the select
15 committee and to produce books, papers, records, accounts,
16 reports and documents as the select committee deems necessary;
17 and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Education Committee of the House of
19 Representatives assist the select committee to the fullest
20 extent possible; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the select committee submit a report of its
22 findings and recommendations, including any recommendations for
23 any appropriate legislation or other action, to the House of
24 Representatives no later than November 30, 2021.