

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

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

1 these high-tech manufacturing operations due to its plentiful
2 natural resources, connected infrastructure and world-renowned
3 research, technology and educational institutions; therefore be
4 it

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

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

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

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

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

25 and be it further

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

1 RESOLVED, That the select committee consist of five members
2 of the House of Representatives, including three members from
3 the majority caucus of the House of Representatives and two
4 members from the minority caucus of the House of
5 Representatives; and be it further

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

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

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

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

22 RESOLVED, That the select committee submit a report of its
23 findings and recommendations, including any recommendations for
24 any appropriate legislation or other action, to the House of
25 Representatives no later than November 30, ~~2021~~ 2022. <--