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SENATE BILL 14*

Short Title: Expand Duties of Economic Dev. Oversight Comm. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Brunstetter and Stein.

Referred to: Finance.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY AND EXPAND THE DUTIES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE
3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 120 of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes reads as
6 rewritten:

7 "Article 120.

8 "Joint Legislative Economic Development and Global Engagement Oversight Committee.

9 "**§ 120-70.130. Creation and membership of Joint Legislative Economic Development and**
10 **Global Engagement Oversight Committee.**

11 The Joint Legislative Economic Development and Global Engagement Oversight
12 Committee is established. The Committee consists of 12 members as follows:

- 13 (1) Six members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
14 Senate; and
15 (2) Six members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of
16 the House of Representatives.

17 Terms on the Committee are for two years and begin on the convening of the General
18 Assembly in each odd-numbered year, except the terms of the initial members, which begin on
19 appointment and end on the day of the convening of the 2007 General Assembly. Members
20 may complete a term of service on the Committee even if they do not seek reelection or are not
21 reelected to the General Assembly, but resignation or removal from service in the General
22 Assembly constitutes resignation or removal from service on the Committee.

23 A member continues to serve until a successor is appointed. A vacancy shall be filled by the
24 officer who made the original appointment.

25 "**§ 120-70.131. Purpose and powers of Committee.**

26 (a) The Joint Legislative Economic Development and Global Engagement Oversight
27 Committee shall examine, on a continuing basis, economic ~~growth and development~~ and global
28 engagement issues and strategies in North Carolina in order to make ongoing recommendations
29 to the General Assembly on ways to promote cost-effective economic development
30 ~~initiatives~~ initiatives, economic growth, and stimulating job creation in the global economy. In
31 this examination, the Committee may:

- 32 (1) Study the budgets, programs, and policies of the Department of Commerce,
33 the North Carolina Partnership for Economic Development, and other State,
34 regional, and local entities involved in economic development.
35 (2) Analyze legislation from other states regarding economic development.
36 (3) Analyze proposals produced by the Economic Development Board.



- 1 (4) Analyze North Carolina's current international activity in the business, State
2 government, and education sectors.
- 3 (5) Analyze barriers to international trade that may be addressed by legislation.
- 4 (6) Explore ways to increase coordination, synchronization, and
5 intercommunication between State and local governmental entities.
- 6 (7) Collect and analyze data on global business trends.
- 7 (8) Study foreign representation opportunities for North Carolina that could
8 solicit, target, educate, and recruit international businesses to North
9 Carolina.
- 10 (9) Analyze incentives designed to encourage small businesses to export goods
11 and service solutions.
- 12 (10) Study methods for positioning North Carolina as a portal to North America
13 for international trade.
- 14 (11) Explore opportunities to increase foreign direct investment in North
15 Carolina.
- 16 (12) Study any other matters that the Committee considers necessary to fulfill its
17 mandate.

18 (b) The Committee may make interim reports to the General Assembly on matters for
19 which it may report to a regular session of the General Assembly. A report to the General
20 Assembly may contain any legislation needed to implement a recommendation of the
21 Committee.

22 **"§ 120-70.132. Organization of Committee.**

23 (a) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
24 Representatives shall each designate a cochair of the Joint Legislative Economic Development
25 and Global Engagement Oversight Committee. The Committee shall meet upon the joint call of
26 the cochairs.

27 (b) A quorum of the Committee is seven members. Only recommendations, including
28 proposed legislation, receiving at least six affirmative votes may be included in a Committee
29 report to the General Assembly. While in the discharge of its official duties, the Committee has
30 the powers of a joint committee under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4.

31 (c) The cochairs of the Committee may call upon other knowledgeable persons or
32 experts to assist the Committee in its work.

33 (d) Members of the Committee shall receive subsistence and travel expenses as
34 provided in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate. The Committee may contract for
35 consultants or hire employees in accordance with G.S. 120-32.02. The Legislative Services
36 Commission, through the Legislative Services Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist
37 the Committee in its work. Upon the direction of the Legislative Services Commission, the
38 Supervisors of Clerks of the Senate and of the House of Representatives shall assign clerical
39 staff to the Committee. The expenses for clerical employees shall be borne by the Committee."

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