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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17

Sponsors: Senators Brown, Rouzer, Jackson; Allran, Apodaca, Bingham, Blake, Brock, Brunstetter, Clary, Daniel, East, Goolsby, Gunn, Harrington, Hartsell, Hise, Hunt, Meredith, Newton, Pate, Preston, Rabon, Rucho, Stevens, and Tillman.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

February 2, 2011

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT REGULATORY REFORM
2 COMMITTEE.

3 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

4 **SECTION 1.** Purpose. – There is hereby established the Joint Regulatory Reform
5 Committee, hereinafter called the Committee, which shall work to create a strong environment
6 for private sector job creation by lifting the undue burden imposed by outdated, unnecessary,
7 and vague rules.

8 **SECTION 2.** Membership. – (a) The Committee consists of 16 members appointed
9 as follows:

10 (1) Eight members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
11 Senate, three of whom are members of the Senate
12 Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources Committee and three of whom
13 are members of the Senate Commerce Committee.

14 (2) Eight members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of
15 the House of Representatives, three of whom are members of the House
16 Environment Committee and three of whom are members of the House
17 Commerce and Job Development Committee.

18 **SECTION 2.(b)** Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

19 **SECTION 3.** Powers. – The Joint Regulatory Reform Committee has the following
20 powers and duties:

21 (1) Hold meetings and receive input from the public, regulated community, and
22 agencies regarding outdated, unnecessary, unduly burdensome, or vague
23 rules and rule-making procedures that are an impediment to private sector
24 job creation.

25 (2) Evaluate the reform suggestions presented during the public comment
26 process and determine which warrant introduction and consideration during
27 the 2011 Session of the General Assembly in 2011 or 2012.

28 (3) Review the rule-making process to determine if the procedures for adopting
29 rules give adequate consideration to the potential impact on job creation.

30 (4) Report to the General Assembly concerning any recommendations for
31 statutory changes.

32 **SECTION 4.** Consideration of recommendations. – Notwithstanding any rule or
33 joint resolution to the contrary, proposed legislation to implement any recommendation of the



1 Committee may be introduced and considered during the 2011 Regular Session of the General
2 Assembly through sine die adjournment.

3 **SECTION 5.** Organization. – (a) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
4 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each designate cochairs of the Committee. The
5 Committee shall meet upon the joint call of the cochairs.

6 **SECTION 5.(b)** A quorum of the Committee is six members. No action may be
7 taken except by a majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

8 **SECTION 5.(c)** While in the discharge of its official duties, the Committee has the
9 powers of a joint committee under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4.

10 **SECTION 6.** Expenses of members. – Members of the Committee receive
11 subsistence and travel expenses as provided in G.S. 120-3.1. The Committee may meet in the
12 Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building upon the approval of the Legislative
13 Services Commission. The Committee may also meet at other locations.

14 **SECTION 7.** Staffing. – The Legislative Services Commission, through the
15 Legislative Services Office, shall assign professional staff to assist the Committee in its work.
16 Upon the direction of the Legislative Services Commission, the Directors of Legislative
17 Assistants of the Senate and of the House of Representatives shall assign clerical staff to the
18 Committee.

19 **SECTION 8.** This resolution is effective upon ratification and expires December
20 31, 2012.