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HOUSE BILL 379

Short Title: Task Force on Regulatory Reform. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Riddell, Millis, Bradford, and Brenden Jones (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Regulatory Reform

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA JOINT LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE
3 ON REGULATORY REFORM.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** There is established the North Carolina Joint Legislative Task Force
6 on Regulatory Reform (Task Force). The purpose of the Task Force is to (i) solicit and review
7 proposals on ways to improve the regulatory climate of North Carolina and (ii) make
8 recommendations to implement the proposals. The Task Force shall solicit proposals from
9 owners and managers of businesses, economic development professionals, employers,
10 employees, independent contractors, consumers, and citizens from across the State. In
11 conducting its review, the Task Force shall consider all of the following:

- 12 (1) Methods to eliminate ineffective or overly burdensome regulation.
- 13 (2) Options to streamline implementation and reduce the cost of complying with
14 certain State regulations.
- 15 (3) Mechanisms to quickly identify and review disproportionately
16 misinterpreted or challenged regulations.
- 17 (4) Other ideas for improving the regulatory climate of the State.

18 **SECTION 2.** The Task Force shall consist of 12 members, appointed as follows:

- 19 (1) Six members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one
20 of whom shall be a member of the House of Representatives, two of whom
21 shall be at-large public members, and three of whom shall be appointed
22 based upon their active participation and expertise in one of the following
23 industries or economic sectors:
 - 24 a. Business services.
 - 25 b. Environmental services.
 - 26 c. Education and workforce development.
- 27 (2) Six members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, one of
28 whom shall be a member of the Senate, two of whom shall be at-large public
29 members, and three of whom shall be appointed based upon their active
30 participation and expertise in one of the following industries or economic
31 sectors:
 - 32 a. Information technology.
 - 33 b. Health care.
 - 34 c. Construction.



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1 **SECTION 3.** The Task Force shall have two cochairs, one designated by the
2 Speaker of the House of Representatives and one designated by the President Pro Tempore of
3 the Senate. The Task Force shall meet upon the joint call of the cochairs, and the cochairs shall
4 convene the first meeting as soon as practicable after appointments have been made. A majority
5 of the Task Force members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

6 **SECTION 4.** The Task Force may meet at various locations around the State in
7 order to promote greater public participation in its deliberations. The Legislative Services
8 Commission shall grant adequate meeting space to the Task Force in the State Legislative
9 Building or the Legislative Office Building. The Legislative Services Commission shall
10 allocate from a portion of the funds appropriated to the General Assembly sufficient funds for
11 the operation of the Task Force. The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative
12 Services Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist the Task Force in its work. The
13 Directors of Legislative Assistants for the House of Representatives and the Senate shall assign
14 clerical staff to the Task Force, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be
15 borne by the Task Force. The Task Force may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant
16 services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. Members of the Task Force shall receive subsistence
17 and travel expenses at the rates provided in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

18 **SECTION 5.** The Task Force shall submit a final report on the results of its study,
19 including any proposed legislation, to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2018,
20 by filing a copy of the report with the Offices of the Speaker of the House of Representatives
21 and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The Task Force shall terminate on December 31,
22 2018, or upon the filing of the final report, whichever occurs first.

23 **SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law.