



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5369

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUS OF MANUFACTURING IN CONNECTICUT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) On or before January 1, 2005, the
2 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall make
3 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General
4 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce
5 concerning legislation required to implement a manufacturing
6 initiative that, over the course of the succeeding five years, will
7 improve the competitive position of Connecticut's small and medium-
8 sized manufacturers by: (1) Expanding the use of progressive
9 manufacturing techniques and advanced technology; (2) increasing the
10 skill of the manufacturing work force; (3) creating virtual centers for
11 the gaining of market intelligence, development of international
12 marketing and production design; and (4) establishing a "next
13 generation" virtual manufacturing center in this state that will assist
14 existing and new manufacturers to become effective innovative global
15 enterprises.

16 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
17 study those states with whom Connecticut competes for
18 manufacturing employers regarding the costs, capital investment and
19 depreciation incentives and tax credits of such states as they relate to

20 manufacturing in comparison with those of Connecticut.

21 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

22 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
23 one of whom shall be a representative of an economic cluster initiative
24 recognized by the Commissioner of Economic and Community
25 Development;

26 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
27 of whom shall be a representative of an economic cluster initiative
28 recognized by the Commissioner of Economic and Community
29 Development;

30 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
31 Representatives;

32 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

33 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
34 Representatives; and

35 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

36 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subsection (b) of
37 this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

38 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
39 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
40 filled by the appointing authority.

41 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
42 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task
43 force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons
44 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no
45 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

46 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
47 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce

48 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

49 (g) Not later than January 1, 2005, the task force shall submit a
50 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
51 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
52 relating to commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
53 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
54 that it submits such report or January 1, 2005, whichever is earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>

CE *Joint Favorable Subst.*