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Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:
(CE)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF SECRETARY OF MANUFACTURING.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) There shall be a
2 Secretary of Manufacturing appointed by the Governor for a term of
3 four years. Such term may be renewed at the discretion of the
4 Governor after consultation with a state-wide manufacturing
5 collaborative.

6 (b) The secretary shall have (1) at least ten years of experience in the
7 manufacturing industry, preferably as an executive of a company with
8 fewer than five hundred employees, (2) a subjective background in
9 financial management, (3) familiarity with current state programs
10 concerning manufacturing assistance, (4) credibility with the state's
11 manufacturing community, and (5) experience in government relations
12 activity.

13 (c) The secretary shall, in consultation with the state's
14 manufacturing community, (1) define strategic goals and objectives for

15 advancing manufacturing growth, (2) ensure state and federal
16 investments for the advancement of manufacturing are aligned with
17 such strategic goals and objectives, (3) enhance state-wide
18 coordination, collaboration and partnership among public, private and
19 nonprofit entities, and (4) establish systems for regularly measuring
20 the effectiveness of investments that are achieving measurable
21 objectives and recommend changes as necessary.

22 (d) Not later than October 1, 2020, the secretary shall submit a report
23 to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the General
24 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce on plans
25 for and progress toward addressing the following priorities:

26 (1) With regard to workforce development, the secretary shall (A)
27 develop initiatives for promoting manufacturing careers in public
28 schools and local communities, (B) increase the capability of traditional
29 and technical high schools to provide comprehensive technical
30 education to students, (C) ensure coordinated integration of
31 manufacturing curriculums in middle schools, high schools,
32 community colleges, four-year colleges and graduate level
33 manufacturing-related education programs, and (D) expand the state's
34 capability to address immediate manufacturing workforce needs
35 through greater regional partnerships and expansion of strategic
36 workforce pipeline initiatives.

37 (2) With regard to technology, the secretary shall establish an
38 Advanced Manufacturing Technology Consortium to coordinate state-
39 funded technology resource providers. The consortium shall (A)
40 establish clear mission lanes for each resource, (B) establish a network
41 for consistent and collaborative communication between the
42 technology resources and the manufacturing community they serve,
43 (C) increase awareness among manufacturers of the importance of
44 technology innovation to their long-term success, (D) increase
45 awareness and accessibility of planning, testing, financing and other
46 assistance associated with advancing technology innovation in the
47 manufacturing community, and (E) create performance metrics to

48 measure impacts and to drive continuous improvement.

49 (3) With regard to state funding of manufacturing programs, the
50 secretary shall evaluate and realign, as warranted, state-funded
51 manufacturing programs to meet strategic objectives, consistent with
52 needs of manufacturers.

53 (4) With regard to manufacturing regulations, the secretary shall
54 establish a Regulatory Improvement Team to ensure regulations are
55 clear, narrowly constructed to meet a legitimate need, consistently
56 applied and meet other measures detailed in the regulatory
57 transparency and efficiency provisions of Executive Order Number 37
58 of Governor Dannel P. Malloy.

59 (5) With regard to promotion of manufacturing, the secretary shall
60 assist manufacturers, state agencies and other relevant entities with
61 promoting the products and services of the state's manufacturers.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish the position of Secretary of Manufacturing.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]