



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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To: House Bill No. 5501

File No. 376

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MANUFACTURING ISSUES  
IN THE STATE."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working  
4 group to study employment opportunities within the state's defense  
5 industry, with an emphasis on assisting individuals in obtaining  
6 employment within such industry.

7 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

8 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
9 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
10 relating to commerce, or their designees;

- 11 (2) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;
- 12 (3) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,  
13 or the commissioner's designee;
- 14 (4) The Chief Workforce Officer, or the officer's designee;
- 15 (5) At least three representatives of the defense industry, who shall  
16 be appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the  
17 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce;  
18 and
- 19 (6) At least one member with expertise or an interest in employment  
20 opportunity issues or the defense industry, who shall be appointed by  
21 the chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General  
22 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce.
- 23 (c) Any member of the working group appointed under subdivision  
24 (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General  
25 Assembly.
- 26 (d) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not  
27 later than August 31, 2024. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing  
28 authority.
- 29 (e) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General  
30 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce shall  
31 select the chairpersons of the working group from among the members  
32 of the working group. Such chairpersons of the working group shall  
33 schedule the first meeting of the working group, which shall be held not  
34 later than September 30, 2024.
- 35 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
36 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce  
37 shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.
- 38 (g) Not later than January 31, 2025, the working group shall submit a  
39 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing

40 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
41 relating to commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
42 of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date  
43 that it submits such report or January 31, 2025, whichever is later."

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