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H.B. No. 4196

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 4196:

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C.S.H.B. No. 4196

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of the Task Force on Modernizing Manufacturing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 481, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter HH to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER HH. TASK FORCE ON MODERNIZING MANUFACTURING

Sec. 481.701. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "task force" means the Task Force on Modernizing Manufacturing.

Sec. 481.702. CREATION OF TASK FORCE; COMPOSITION. (a) The Task Force on Modernizing Manufacturing is established to study the modernization of manufacturing in this state.

(b) The task force is composed of 15 members, consisting of:

(1) the executive director of the office or the executive director's designee; and

(2) the following members appointed by the governor, on the recommendation of the executive director of the office or the executive director's designee:

(A) two members representing small manufacturers with an established presence in this state;

(B) two members representing mid-sized manufacturers with an established presence in this state;

(C) two members representing large manufacturers with an established presence in this state;

1 (D) two experts in automation and digital
2 technologies related to manufacturing;

3 (E) one member representing the Texas Workforce
4 Commission;

5 (F) two members representing organized labor in
6 the manufacturing industry;

7 (G) one member representing the Texas Education
8 Agency;

9 (H) one member representing the Texas Higher
10 Education Coordinating Board; and

11 (I) one additional member representing the
12 office.

13 (c) The executive director of the office or the executive
14 director's designee shall serve as the presiding officer of the
15 task force.

16 (d) The task force shall meet at the call of the presiding
17 officer.

18 Sec. 481.703. DUTIES OF TASK FORCE. (a) The task force
19 shall:

20 (1) study the current state of manufacturing in this
21 state, with a focus on the adoption of automation and digital
22 technologies;

23 (2) identify barriers to the adoption of automation
24 and digital technologies in manufacturing;

25 (3) develop recommendations for policies and programs
26 to support the modernization of manufacturing in this state,
27 including incentives for the adoption of automation and digital

1 technologies; and

2 (4) evaluate the potential economic effect of
3 modernizing manufacturing, including job creation and retention,
4 increased productivity, and competitiveness.

5 (b) The task force may establish subcommittees as necessary
6 to carry out its duties under this subchapter.

7 Sec. 481.704. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. The office shall
8 provide the staff and facilities necessary to assist the task force
9 in performing the task force's duties under this subchapter.

10 Sec. 481.705. REPORT. Not later than October 1, 2026, the
11 task force shall prepare and deliver to the governor, the
12 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
13 and each standing committee of the legislature with primary
14 jurisdiction over economic development matters a report on the task
15 force's findings and recommendations for legislative or other
16 action.

17 Sec. 481.706. EXPIRATION. The task force is abolished and
18 this subchapter expires September 1, 2027.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.