

SENATE BILL 1888

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 49 and Title 50, relative to creating a joint committee on the study of job creation.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this bill is the creation of ninety thousand (90,000) jobs in Tennessee over the next eight (8) years; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee needs to position itself as a state where industry and government partner in order to create a new paradigm in workforce development and training in order to position itself for both the new and old economy; and

WHEREAS, the cornerstone of this legislation will build upon both the natural and physical attributes of the state and create a major economic strategic plan to tie in the urban areas with rural development within the three (3) grand divisions; and

WHEREAS, this legislation creates a study committee to review all business incentive, taxes, and training programs in order to facilitate the best environment for businesses to choose Tennessee as not only a place to provide jobs, but to move a company's headquarters to the State; and

WHEREAS, the committee would enhance the Governor's Job Cabinet and give expanded tools to the Department of Economic Community Development as well as local governments to expand incentives and workforce development programs to meet the needs of businesses being recruited to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the committee would look at the workforce partnerships within the University of Tennessee System and Tennessee Board of Regents and see how expanding educational opportunities at all levels can stimulate businesses and industry to locate in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the ideas that result from the committee created under this legislation will be unique to each division with a focus on green and sustainable jobs and an emphasis on transportation, auto-industry businesses, manufacturing, healthcare, small business and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee System, Tennessee Board of Regents and private schools of higher education may play a critical role in the creation of education and training programs to support this goal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. There is created a special joint committee that shall be known as the Committee to Study Job Creation in Tennessee, herein referred to as "the committee."

SECTION 2. The committee shall study various ideas to foster job creation in the state, including, but not limited to, Tennessee infrastructure and industries whereby future jobs for Tennesseans can be created, and further study implementing programs whereby this state can utilize the information from the first part of the study to develop an eight (8) year job creation plan.

SECTION 3. The committee shall consist of three (3) members of the house of representatives and three (3) members of the senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers. The commissioners of economic and community development, labor and workforce development and commerce and insurance shall serve as ex officio voting members of the committee.

SECTION 4. All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the committee upon request of the chair.

SECTION 5. All members of the committee shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the general assembly.

SECTION 6. The committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the general assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

SECTION 7. The committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly no later than January 1, 2012, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.