

1-1 By: Blanco S.B. No. 2925
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 14, 2025; April 7, 2025, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Economic Development;
 1-4 April 28, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 1; April 28, 2025,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-14 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2925 By: Sparks

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the establishment of the Task Force on Modernizing
 1-18 Manufacturing.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-20 SECTION 1. Chapter 481, Government Code, is amended by
 1-21 adding Subchapter HH to read as follows:

1-22 SUBCHAPTER HH. TASK FORCE ON MODERNIZING MANUFACTURING
 1-23 Sec. 481.701. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "task force"
 1-24 means the Task Force on Modernizing Manufacturing.

1-25 Sec. 481.702. CREATION OF TASK FORCE; COMPOSITION. (a) The
 1-26 Task Force on Modernizing Manufacturing is established to study the
 1-27 modernization of manufacturing in this state.

1-28 (b) The task force is composed of 15 members, consisting of:
 1-29 (1) the executive director of the office or the
 1-30 executive director's designee; and

1-31 (2) the following members appointed by the governor,
 1-32 on the recommendation of the executive director of the office or the
 1-33 executive director's designee:

1-34 (A) two members representing small manufacturers
 1-35 with an established presence in this state;

1-36 (B) two members representing mid-sized
 1-37 manufacturers with an established presence in this state;

1-38 (C) two members representing large manufacturers
 1-39 with an established presence in this state;

1-40 (D) two experts in automation and digital
 1-41 technologies related to manufacturing;

1-42 (E) one member representing the Texas Workforce
 1-43 Commission;

1-44 (F) two members representing organized labor in
 1-45 the manufacturing industry;

1-46 (G) one member representing the Texas Education
 1-47 Agency;

1-48 (H) one member representing the Texas Higher
 1-49 Education Coordinating Board; and

1-50 (I) one additional member representing the
 1-51 office.

1-52 (c) The executive director of the office or the executive
 1-53 director's designee shall serve as the presiding officer of the
 1-54 task force.

1-55 (d) The task force shall meet at the call of the presiding
 1-56 officer.

1-57 Sec. 481.703. DUTIES OF TASK FORCE. (a) The task force
 1-58 shall:

1-59 (1) study the current state of manufacturing in this
 1-60 state, with a focus on the adoption of automation and digital

2-1 technologies;
2-2 (2) identify barriers to the adoption of automation
2-3 and digital technologies in manufacturing;
2-4 (3) develop recommendations for policies and programs
2-5 to support the modernization of manufacturing in this state,
2-6 including incentives for the adoption of automation and digital
2-7 technologies; and
2-8 (4) evaluate the potential economic effect of
2-9 modernizing manufacturing, including job creation and retention,
2-10 increased productivity, and competitiveness.
2-11 (b) The task force may establish subcommittees as necessary
2-12 to carry out its duties under this subchapter.
2-13 Sec. 481.704. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. The office shall
2-14 provide the staff and facilities necessary to assist the task force
2-15 in performing the task force's duties under this subchapter.
2-16 Sec. 481.705. REPORT. Not later than October 1, 2026, the
2-17 task force shall prepare and deliver to the governor, the
2-18 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
2-19 and each standing committee of the legislature with primary
2-20 jurisdiction over economic development matters a report on the task
2-21 force's findings and recommendations for legislative or other
2-22 action.
2-23 Sec. 481.706. EXPIRATION. The task force is abolished and
2-24 this subchapter expires September 1, 2027.
2-25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-28 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-29 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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