

HB 537 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **537**

AN ACT establishing a commission to study the feasibility of developing an industrial cooperative program for science, technology, engineering, and manufacturing programs at the university of New Hampshire.

SPONSORS: Rep. Murotake, Hills 32; Rep. J. Kelley, Hills 32; Rep. Abrami, Rock 19

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study the feasibility of developing an industrial cooperative program for science, technology, engineering, and manufacturing programs at the university of New Hampshire.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

AN ACT establishing a commission to study the feasibility of developing an industrial cooperative program for science, technology, engineering, and manufacturing programs at the university of New Hampshire.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Chapter; Commission for Industrial Cooperative Programs in Science, Technology,
2 Engineering, and Manufacturing. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 187-B the following new
3 chapter:

4 CHAPTER 187-C

5 COMMISSION FOR INDUSTRIAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS IN SCIENCE,
6 TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MANUFACTURING

7 187-C:1 Commission Established. There is established a commission to study the feasibility of
8 developing an industrial cooperative program for science, technology, engineering, and
9 manufacturing (STEM) programs at the university of New Hampshire.

10 187-C:2 Membership and Compensation.

11 I. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

12 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be from the
13 education committee and one of whom shall be from the science, technology, and energy committee,
14 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

15 (b) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

16 (c) The commissioner of the department of resources and economic development, or
17 designee.

18 (d) The dean of the college of engineering and physical sciences at the university of
19 New Hampshire, or designee.

20 II. The commission may solicit input from engineering and manufacturing firms, and any
21 other firm doing business in a STEM field, or any other individual or organization with information
22 or expertise relevant to the commission's study.

23 III. The commission shall meet at least once in Manchester, at least once in Nashua, and at
24 least once in Portsmouth.

25 IV. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
26 attending to the duties of the commission.

27 187-C:3 Duties. The commission shall:

28 I. Study the feasibility of developing an industrial cooperative program for science,
29 technology, engineering, and manufacturing programs at the university of New Hampshire.

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1 II. Study and develop an outline of the academic program and requirements for participation
2 in the STEM industry cooperative program.

3 III. Study the funding requirements of developing and supporting an industry cooperative
4 program between students and STEM industry corporations.

5 IV. Identify non-state source funds, such as federal grants and industry-funded grant
6 programs, to assist in the establishment of the industrial cooperative program. The commission
7 shall also research the availability of unexpended federal funds from the federal Troubled Asset
8 Relief Program for this purpose.

9 187-C:4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from
10 among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house
11 member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of
12 this section. Five members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

13 187-C:5 Report. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for
14 proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the
15 house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2013.

16 2 Repeal. RSA 187-C, relative to the commission for industrial cooperative programs in science,
17 technology, engineering, and manufacturing, is repealed.

18 3 Effective Date.

19 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2013.

20 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.