



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 855**

January Session, 2019



**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF MANUFACTURING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) There shall be a  
2 Director of Manufacturing within the Department of Economic and  
3 Community Development. The director shall be appointed by the  
4 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development after  
5 consultation with a state-wide manufacturing collaborative.

6 (b) The director shall have (1) at least ten years of experience in the  
7 manufacturing industry, preferably as an executive of a company with  
8 fewer than five hundred employees, (2) a background in financial  
9 management, and (3) familiarity with state programs concerning  
10 manufacturing assistance.

11 (c) The director shall, in consultation with the state's manufacturing  
12 community, (1) define strategic goals and objectives for advancing  
13 manufacturing growth in the state, (2) ensure state and federal  
14 investments for the advancement of manufacturing are aligned with  
15 such strategic goals and objectives, (3) enhance state-wide  
16 coordination, collaboration and partnership among public, private and  
17 nonprofit entities, and (4) establish systems for regularly measuring  
18 the effectiveness of investments that are achieving objectives and

19 recommend changes as necessary.

20 (d) Not later than October 1, 2020, the director shall submit a report  
21 to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the General  
22 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce on plans  
23 for and progress toward addressing the following priorities:

24 (1) With regard to workforce development, the director shall (A)  
25 develop initiatives for promoting manufacturing careers in public  
26 schools and local communities, (B) increase the capability of traditional  
27 and technical high schools to provide comprehensive technical  
28 education to students, (C) coordinate integration of manufacturing  
29 curriculums in middle schools, high schools, community colleges,  
30 four-year colleges and graduate level manufacturing-related education  
31 programs, and (D) expand the state's capability to address immediate  
32 manufacturing workforce needs through greater regional partnerships  
33 and expansion of strategic workforce pipeline initiatives.

34 (2) With regard to technology, the director shall establish an  
35 Advanced Manufacturing Technology Consortium. The consortium  
36 shall (A) establish a network for communication between technology  
37 resource providers and manufacturers, (B) increase manufacturers'  
38 awareness of the importance of technology innovation to their long-  
39 term success, and (C) increase awareness and accessibility of planning,  
40 testing, financing and other assistance associated with advancing  
41 technology innovation in the manufacturing industry.

42 (3) With regard to state funding of manufacturing programs, the  
43 director shall evaluate state-funded manufacturing programs and  
44 recommend changes to such programs, as warranted, to meet strategic  
45 objectives, consistent with needs of manufacturers.

46 (4) With regard to manufacturing regulations, the director shall  
47 establish a Regulatory Improvement Team to evaluate whether  
48 regulations are clear, narrowly constructed to meet a legitimate need,  
49 consistently applied and meet other measures detailed in the

50 regulatory transparency and efficiency provisions of Executive Order  
51 Number 37 of Governor Dannel P. Malloy.

52 (5) With regard to promotion of manufacturing, the director shall  
53 assist manufacturers, state agencies and other relevant entities with  
54 promoting the products and services of the state's manufacturers.

55 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) There is established an account  
56 to be known as the "director of manufacturing account" which shall be  
57 a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The following  
58 moneys shall be deposited in the account: (1) Any moneys required or  
59 permitted by law to be deposited in the account; (2) all private  
60 contributions, gifts, grants, donations, bequests or devises received by  
61 the account; and (3) to the extent not otherwise prohibited by state or  
62 federal law, any local, state or federal funds received by the account.  
63 Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Director of  
64 Manufacturing for the purposes of subsection (c) of section 1 of this  
65 act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section

**CE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*