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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2110

Page 1, line 5, after the first comma insert "section 54-60-03,"

Page 1, line 9, after the first comma insert "the commissioner of commerce,"

Page 8, after line 12, insert:

"SECTION 10. AMENDMENT. Section 54-60-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-60-03. Commissioner of commerce - Duties. With the advice and counsel of the North Dakota development foundation, the governor shall appoint a commissioner to supervise, control, and administer the department. The commissioner serves at the pleasure of the governor and receives a salary set by the governor within the limits of legislative appropriations. The commissioner:

1. Shall file an oath of office in the usual form before commencing to perform the duties of the commissioner;
2. Shall serve as chairman of the cabinet;
3. ~~Shall prepare the cabinet's list identifying economic development moneys included in budget requests of cabinet agencies;~~
4. Shall appoint personnel as may be determined necessary to carry out the duties of the department;
- 5- ~~4.~~ 4. Shall manage the operations of the department and oversee each of the divisions;
- 6- ~~5.~~ 5. Shall assume central responsibilities to develop, implement, and coordinate a working network of commerce service providers;
- 7- ~~6.~~ 6. Shall coordinate the department's services with commerce-related services of other state agencies;
- 8- ~~7.~~ 7. Shall advise and cooperate with departments and agencies of the federal government and of other states; private businesses, agricultural organizations, and associations; research institutions; and with any individual or other private or public entity;
- 9- ~~8.~~ 8. May enter contracts upon terms and conditions as determined by the commissioner to be reasonable and to effectuate the purposes of this chapter;
- 10- ~~9.~~ 9. Shall report between the first and tenth legislative days of each regular legislative session to a standing committee of each house of the legislative assembly as determined by the legislative council and shall report annually to the foundation:
 - a. On the department's goals and objectives since the last report;

- b. On the department's goals and objectives for the period until the next report;
 - c. On the department's long-term goals and objectives;
 - d. On the department's activities and measurable results occurring since the last report; and
 - e. On commerce benchmarks, including the average annual wage in the state, the gross state product exclusive of agriculture, and the number of primary sector jobs in the state;
41. 10. Shall adopt rules necessary to implement this chapter; and
42. 11. May take any actions necessary and proper to implement this chapter."

Renumber accordingly