

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Department of Economic  
 3           Opportunity; requiring the department to create a web  
 4           page accessible through its Internet website that  
 5           provides comprehensive data and information that are  
 6           relevant to the creation of new businesses, or the  
 7           expansion of existing businesses, within the state;  
 8           providing purposes of the web page; requiring the  
 9           department to contact local governmental entities and  
 10          collect specified data and information; requiring  
 11          cities and counties to provide notice of changes in  
 12          data collected by the department; providing an  
 13          effective date.

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 15   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 17          Section 1. (1) The Department of Economic Opportunity  
 18          shall create a web page, accessible through its Internet  
 19          website, dedicated solely to the collection and publication of  
 20          data and information that are relevant and of significance to  
 21          the creation of new businesses within the state or the expansion  
 22          of existing businesses within the state. The purpose of the web  
 23          page is to:

24                  (a) Provide a comprehensive overview of conditions that  
 25                  exist within the various cities and counties of the state that  
 26                  are conducive or advantageous to the creation of new businesses  
 27                  or the expansion of existing businesses.

28                  (b) Enable prospective employers both within and outside

29 | the state to effectively and accurately evaluate the business  
 30 | climate of cities and counties within the state.

31 | (c) Provide prospective business owners and operators and  
 32 | cities and counties within the state with immediate access to  
 33 | specific charges and costs related to the establishment,  
 34 | operation, and maintenance of a business in any city or county  
 35 | within the state.

36 | (2) (a) The department shall contact all relevant heads of  
 37 | local government entities to request specific information with  
 38 | respect to conditions that exist within the city or county that  
 39 | impact the creation of new businesses or the expansion of  
 40 | existing businesses within the boundaries of the city or county.  
 41 | Local government entities must submit such information to the  
 42 | department by October 1, 2013. Information submitted to the  
 43 | department should not include quality of life considerations.  
 44 | Information submitted to the department must include, as  
 45 | applicable, but is not limited to, the following:

- 46 | 1. Current millage rates for all relevant taxing  
 47 | authorities.
- 48 | 2. The rate of any local discretionary sales surtaxes.
- 49 | 3. The rate of any local business taxes.
- 50 | 4. The rate of any local option food and beverage taxes.
- 51 | 5. The rate of any local option fuel taxes.
- 52 | 6. A complete fee schedule that includes impact fees,  
 53 | water and sewer connection fees, occupational license fees,  
 54 | stormwater fees, and any other fees that would impact the  
 55 | establishment or expansion of a business.
- 56 | 7. Existing sign ordinances.

57 8. Existing tree and landscaping ordinances.

58 9. Stormwater permitting requirements that exceed  
59 requirements of the water management districts.

60 10. Current utility surcharges.

61 (b) Local government entities must provide notice to the  
62 department of any factor, such as the elimination of, addition  
63 of, or change in any items specified in paragraph (a), in as  
64 timely a manner as practicable.

65 (c) Local government entities may provide to the  
66 department a summary of 1,500 words or less to be included on  
67 the web page, stating the advantages to business that exist  
68 within the area of the local government. The summary may include  
69 quality of life considerations or other factors that in the  
70 determination of the local government create conditions that are  
71 favorable to business creation or expansion.

72 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.