

hbd-21 Bill No. CS for CS for SB 2524, 2nd Eng.
Amendment No. ____ (for drafter's use only)

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Representative(s) Merchant offered the following:

Amendment to Amendment (243299) (with title amendment)

On page 104, between lines 11 and 12, of the amendment

insert:

Section 57. Subsection (9) is added to section 14.2015, Florida Statutes, to read:

14.2015 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development; creation; powers and duties.--

(9)(a) Subject to the cooperative recommendations of Enterprise Florida, Inc., and the Florida Commission on Tourism and to the approval of the Governor, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development is authorized to expend appropriated state and federal funds for general economic development grants. The office shall establish criteria for the award of grants, including criteria relating to highest economic return for the state as a whole, or a particular region, county, city, or community, ability to properly administer grant funds, and such other matters deemed necessary and appropriate to further the purposes of this

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1 subsection. The office shall expend all funds in accordance
2 with state law and shall use such appropriations to supplement
3 the financial support of:

4 1. Programs that have a substantial economic
5 significance, giving emphasis to programs that benefit the
6 state as a whole.

7 2. Programs with a high potential for match funding
8 from nonstate sources.

9 3. Economic development programs for which no other
10 state grants are available.

11 4. Rural areas and distressed urban areas.

12 (b) Grants shall be made by contract with any
13 nonprofit corporation or local or state governmental entity.
14 Of the total amount of funds available from all sources for
15 grants, 70 percent of such funds shall be awarded on a
16 50-percent matching basis. Up to 30 percent of such funds
17 available may be awarded on a nonmatching basis.

18 (c) In administering grants, contracts, and funds
19 appropriated for economic development programs, the office may
20 release moneys in advance on a quarterly basis. By the end of
21 the contract period, the grantee or contractee shall furnish
22 to the office a complete and accurate accounting of how all
23 grant funds were expended. Postaudits to be conducted by an
24 independent certified public accountant may be required in
25 accordance with criteria adopted by the office.

26 (d) The office shall not award any new grant which
27 will, in whole or in part, inure to the personal benefit of
28 any board member of Enterprise Florida, Inc., or the Florida
29 Commission on Tourism during that member's term of office, if
30 the board member participated in the vote of the board or
31 panel thereof recommending the award. However, this subsection

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1 does not prohibit the office from awarding a grant to an
2 entity with which a board member is associated.

3 Section 58. Paragraph (e) of subsection (6) of section
4 288.108, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

5 288.108 High-impact business.--

6 (6) SELECTION AND DESIGNATION OF HIGH-IMPACT
7 SECTORS.--

8 (e) The study and its findings and recommendations and
9 the recommendations gathered from the sector-business network
10 must be discussed and considered during at least one of the
11 quarterly meetings required in s. 14.2015(2)(~~f~~)(~~h~~).

12 Section 59. Subsection (7) of section 288.90152,
13 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 288.90152 Pilot matching grant program.--

15 (7) Upon completing all training funded under this
16 pilot program, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
17 Development shall report on the outputs and outcomes for this
18 program as part of the annual report prepared under s.
19 14.2015(2)(~~e~~)(~~g~~). Such report must include a recommendation on
20 whether it would be sound public policy to continue or
21 discontinue funding for the program.

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25 And the title is amended as follows:

26 On page 112, line 23, after the semicolon of the
27 amendment

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29 insert:

30 amending s. 14.2015, F.S.; establishing an
31 economic development grant program under the

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1	Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
2	Development; providing criteria, requirements,
3	and restrictions with respect thereto; amending
4	ss. 288.108 and 288.90152, F.S.; correcting
5	cross references;
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