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See HB

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to economic development;
3 providing for the establishment of the
4 Florida-Africa Trade Program by the Office of
5 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development within
6 the Executive Office of the Governor; providing
7 purpose of the program; providing
8 responsibilities of the Office of Tourism,
9 Trade, and Economic Development; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Florida-Africa Trade Program.--

15 (1) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
16 Development within the Executive Office of the Governor shall
17 establish the Florida-Africa Trade Program for the purpose of
18 assisting small and medium-sized Florida businesses and
19 manufacturers in exporting their products to African nations
20 and assisting companies from African nations interested in
21 exporting products to or investing in Florida. In conjunction
22 with administering the Florida-Africa Trade Program, the
23 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall
24 pursue incentive programs that encourage African governments
25 to locate trade or commercial offices in Florida.

26 (2) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
27 Development shall coordinate with appropriate organizations
28 and educational institutions, and may contract with
29 individuals or entities considered qualified by the Office of
30 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, relative to the
31 development of a comprehensive plan to expand trade between

1 Florida and Africa. The coordination may encompass market
2 development, market promotion and research, and educational
3 and information services relative to the expansion of trade
4 between Florida and the African nations.

5 (3) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
6 Development may develop and administer other programs it
7 considers advisable and appropriate for the purpose of
8 collecting and disseminating to prospective manufacturers and
9 businesses information regarding export to and from and
10 foreign investment by and in African nations.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
12 law.

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15 HOUSE SUMMARY

16 Provides for the establishment of the Florida-Africa
17 Trade Program by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
18 Economic Development within the Executive Office of the
19 Governor for the purpose of assisting small and
20 medium-sized businesses and manufacturers in exporting
21 their products to African nations, assisting companies
22 from African nations in exporting products to or
23 investing in Florida, and pursuing incentive programs
24 that encourage African governments to locate trade or
25 commercial offices in Florida. Provides responsibilities
26 of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
27 Development.