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11	Senators Dawson and Holzendorf moved the following amendment:		
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13	<b>Senate Amendment (with title amendment)</b>		
14	On page 24, between lines 8 and 9,		
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16	insert:		
17	Section 14. Subsections (2) and (9) of section		
18	14.2015, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:		
19	14.2015 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic		
20	Development; creation; powers and duties.--		
21	(2) The purpose of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and		
22	Economic Development is to assist the Governor in working with		
23	the Legislature, state agencies, business leaders, and		
24	economic development professionals to formulate and implement		
25	coherent and consistent policies and strategies designed to		
26	provide economic opportunities for all Floridians. To		
27	accomplish such purposes, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and		
28	Economic Development shall:		
29	(a) Contract, notwithstanding the provisions of part I		
30	of chapter 287, with the direct-support organization created		
31	under s. 288.1229 to guide, stimulate, and promote the sports		

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1 industry in the state, to promote the participation of  
2 Florida's citizens in amateur athletic competition, and to  
3 promote Florida as a host for national and international  
4 amateur athletic competitions.

5 (b) Monitor the activities of public-private  
6 partnerships and state agencies in order to avoid duplication  
7 and promote coordinated and consistent implementation of  
8 programs in areas including, but not limited to, tourism;  
9 international trade and investment; business recruitment,  
10 creation, retention, and expansion; minority and small  
11 business development; and rural community development.

12 (c) Facilitate the direct involvement of the Governor  
13 and the Lieutenant Governor in economic development projects  
14 designed to create, expand, and retain Florida businesses and  
15 to recruit worldwide business, as well as in other  
16 job-creating efforts.

17 (d) Assist the Governor, in cooperation with  
18 Enterprise Florida, Inc., and the Florida Commission on  
19 Tourism, in preparing an annual report to the Legislature on  
20 the state of the business climate in Florida and on the state  
21 of economic development in Florida which will include the  
22 identification of problems and the recommendation of  
23 solutions. This report shall be submitted to the President of  
24 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the  
25 Senate Minority Leader, and the House Minority Leader by  
26 January 1 of each year, and it shall be in addition to the  
27 Governor's message to the Legislature under the State  
28 Constitution and any other economic reports required by law.

29 (e) Plan and conduct at least one meeting per calendar  
30 year of leaders in business, government, and economic  
31 development called by the Governor to address the business

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1 climate in the state, develop a common vision for the economic  
2 future of the state, and identify economic development efforts  
3 to fulfill that vision.

4 (f)1. Administer ~~the Florida Enterprise Zone Act under~~  
5 ~~ss. 290.001-290.016~~, the community contribution tax credit  
6 program under ss. 220.183 and 624.5105, the tax refund program  
7 for qualified target industry businesses under s. 288.106, the  
8 tax-refund program for qualified defense contractors under s.  
9 288.1045, contracts for transportation projects under s.  
10 288.063, ~~the sports franchise facility program under s.~~  
11 ~~288.1162~~, ~~the professional golf hall of fame facility program~~  
12 ~~under s. 288.1168~~, the expedited permitting process under s.  
13 403.973, the Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund  
14 under s. 288.065, ~~the Regional Rural Development Grants~~  
15 ~~Program under s. 288.018~~, the Certified Capital Company Act  
16 under s. 288.99, ~~the Florida State Rural Development Council~~,  
17 the Rural Economic Development Initiative, and other programs  
18 that are specifically assigned to the office by law, by the  
19 appropriations process, or by the Governor. Notwithstanding  
20 any other provisions of law, the office may expend interest  
21 earned from the investment of program funds deposited in the  
22 Economic Development Trust Fund, the Grants and Donations  
23 Trust Fund, the Brownfield Property Ownership Clearance  
24 Assistance Revolving Loan Trust Fund, and the Economic  
25 Development Transportation Trust Fund to contract for the  
26 administration of the programs, or portions of the programs,  
27 enumerated in this paragraph or assigned to the office by law,  
28 by the appropriations process, or by the Governor. Such  
29 expenditures shall be subject to review under chapter 216.

30 2. The office may enter into contracts in connection  
31 with the fulfillment of its duties concerning ~~the Florida~~

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1 ~~First Business Bond Pool under chapter 159, tax incentives~~  
2 under chapters 212 and 220, tax incentives under the Certified  
3 Capital Company Act in chapter 288, ~~foreign offices under~~  
4 ~~chapter 288, the Enterprise Zone program under chapter 290,~~  
5 the Seaport Employment Training program under chapter 311, the  
6 Florida Professional Sports Team License Plates under chapter  
7 320, Spaceport Florida under chapter 331, Expedited Permitting  
8 under chapter 403, and in carrying out other functions that  
9 are specifically assigned to the office by law, by the  
10 appropriations process, or by the Governor.

11 (g) Serve as contract administrator for the state with  
12 respect to contracts with Enterprise Florida, Inc., the  
13 Florida Commission on Tourism, and all direct-support  
14 organizations under this act, excluding those relating to  
15 tourism. To accomplish the provisions of this act and  
16 applicable provisions of chapter 288, and notwithstanding the  
17 provisions of part I of chapter 287, the office shall enter  
18 into specific contracts with Enterprise Florida, Inc., the  
19 Florida Commission on Tourism, and other appropriate  
20 direct-support organizations. Such contracts may be multiyear  
21 and shall include specific performance measures for each year.

22 (h) Provide administrative oversight for the  
23 Governor's Office of the Film and Entertainment Commissioner,  
24 created under s. 288.1251, to develop, promote, and provide  
25 services to the state's entertainment industry and to  
26 administratively house the Florida Film and Entertainment  
27 Advisory Council created under s. 288.1252.

28 (i) Prepare and submit as a separate budget entity a  
29 unified budget request for tourism, trade, and economic  
30 development in accordance with chapter 216 for, and in  
31 conjunction with, Enterprise Florida, Inc., and its boards,

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1 the Florida Commission on Tourism and its direct-support  
2 organization, the Florida Black Business Investment Board, the  
3 Governor's Office of the Film and Entertainment Commissioner,  
4 and the direct-support organization created to promote the  
5 sports industry.

6 (j) Adopt rules, as necessary, to carry out its  
7 functions in connection with the administration of the  
8 Qualified Target Industry program, the Qualified Defense  
9 Contractor program, the Certified Capital Company Act, the  
10 Enterprise Zone program, and the Florida First Business Bond  
11 pool.

12 (k) By January 15 of each year, the Office of Tourism,  
13 Trade, and Economic Development shall submit to the Governor,  
14 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
15 Representatives a complete and detailed report of all  
16 applications received and recommendations made or actions  
17 taken during the previous fiscal year under all programs  
18 funded out of the Economic Development Incentives Account or  
19 the Economic Development Transportation Trust Fund. The Office  
20 of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, with the  
21 cooperation of Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall also include in  
22 the report a detailed analysis of all final decisions issued;  
23 agreements or other contracts executed; and tax refunds paid  
24 or other payments made under all programs funded from the  
25 above named sources, including analysis of benefits and costs,  
26 types of projects supported, and employment and investment  
27 created. The report shall also include a separate analysis of  
28 the impact of such tax refunds and other payments approved for  
29 rural cities or communities as defined in s. 288.106(2)(s) and  
30 state enterprise zones designated pursuant to s. 290.0065.

31 (9)(a) The Office of Urban Opportunity is created

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1 within the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.  
2 The director of the Office of Urban Opportunity shall be  
3 appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

4 (b) The purpose of the Office of Urban Opportunity  
5 shall be to administer the Front Porch Florida initiative, a  
6 comprehensive, community-based urban core redevelopment  
7 program that will empower urban core residents to craft  
8 solutions to the unique challenges of each designated  
9 community. Front Porch Florida shall serve as a "civic  
10 switchboard," connecting each Front Porch Florida community  
11 with federal, state, and private-sector resources necessary to  
12 implement the program.

13 (c) The Office of Urban Opportunity may be assisted in  
14 carrying out its duties by the Department of Community  
15 Affairs.

16 (d) The selection criteria for designating Front Porch  
17 Communities must give priority consideration to communities  
18 where there is an active grant award from the U.S. Department  
19 of Housing and Urban Development under the HOPE VI program and  
20 there is:

21 1. Documented support by the unit of local government  
22 to redevelop the neighborhoods surrounding the HOPE VI  
23 project.

24 2. A joint agreement between the local government and  
25 the public housing authority receiving the HOPE VI grant  
26 regarding the redevelopment of neighborhoods surrounding the  
27 HOPE VI project.

28 3. A plan to promote the redevelopment of the HOPE VI  
29 neighborhoods; to disperse the location of publicly assisted  
30 housing within the neighborhood and to promote mixed-income  
31 neighborhoods; to promote home ownership; and to involve the

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1 residents of the neighborhood in redevelopment.

2 Section 15. Section 163.2523, Florida Statutes, is  
3 amended to read:

4 163.2523 Grant program.--An Urban Infill and  
5 Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program is created for local  
6 governments. A local government may allocate grant money to  
7 special districts, including community redevelopment agencies,  
8 and nonprofit community development organizations to implement  
9 projects consistent with an adopted urban infill and  
10 redevelopment plan or plan employed in lieu thereof. Thirty  
11 percent of the general revenue appropriated for this program  
12 shall be available for planning grants to be used by local  
13 governments for the development of an urban infill and  
14 redevelopment plan, including community participation  
15 processes for the plan. Sixty percent of the general revenue  
16 appropriated for this program shall be available for  
17 fifty/fifty matching grants for implementing urban infill and  
18 redevelopment projects that further the objectives set forth  
19 in the local government's adopted urban infill and  
20 redevelopment plan or plan employed in lieu thereof. The  
21 remaining 10 percent of the revenue must be used for outright  
22 grants for implementing projects requiring an expenditure of  
23 under \$50,000. Projects that provide employment opportunities  
24 to clients of the WAGES program and projects within urban  
25 infill and redevelopment areas that include a community  
26 redevelopment area, Florida Main Street program, Front Porch  
27 Florida Community, sustainable community, enterprise zone,  
28 federal enterprise zone, enterprise community, or neighborhood  
29 improvement district, and projects that include the recipient  
30 of a HOPE VI grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and  
31 Urban Development, must be given an elevated priority in the

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1 scoring of competing grant applications. The Division of  
2 Housing and Community Development of the Department of  
3 Community Affairs shall administer the grant program. The  
4 Department of Community Affairs shall adopt rules establishing  
5 grant review criteria consistent with this section.

6 Section 16. Paragraph (c) of subsection (6) of section  
7 420.5087, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

8 420.5087 State Apartment Incentive Loan  
9 Program.--There is hereby created the State Apartment  
10 Incentive Loan Program for the purpose of providing first,  
11 second, or other subordinated mortgage loans or loan  
12 guarantees to sponsors, including for-profit, nonprofit, and  
13 public entities, to provide housing affordable to  
14 very-low-income persons.

15 (6) On all state apartment incentive loans, except  
16 loans made to housing communities for the elderly to provide  
17 for lifesafety, building preservation, health, sanitation, or  
18 security-related repairs or improvements, the following  
19 provisions shall apply:

20 (c) The corporation shall provide by rule for the  
21 establishment of a review committee composed of the department  
22 and corporation staff and shall establish by rule a scoring  
23 system for evaluation and competitive ranking of applications  
24 submitted in this program, including, but not limited to, the  
25 following criteria:

- 26 1. Tenant income and demographic targeting objectives  
27 of the corporation.
- 28 2. Targeting objectives of the corporation which will  
29 ensure an equitable distribution of loans between rural and  
30 urban areas.
- 31 3. Sponsor's agreement to reserve the units for



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1 persons or families who have incomes below 50 percent of the  
2 state or local median income, whichever is higher, for a time  
3 period to exceed the minimum required by federal law or the  
4 provisions of this part.

5 4. Sponsor's agreement to reserve more than:

6 a. Twenty percent of the units in the project for  
7 persons or families who have incomes that do not exceed 50  
8 percent of the state or local median income, whichever is  
9 higher; or

10 b. Forty percent of the units in the project for  
11 persons or families who have incomes that do not exceed 60  
12 percent of the state or local median income, whichever is  
13 higher, without requiring a greater amount of the loans as  
14 provided in this section.

15 5. Provision for tenant counseling.

16 6. Sponsor's agreement to accept rental assistance  
17 certificates or vouchers as payment for rent; however, when  
18 certificates or vouchers are accepted as payment for rent on  
19 units set aside pursuant to subsection (2), the benefit must  
20 be divided between the corporation and the sponsor, as  
21 provided by corporation rule.

22 7. Projects requiring the least amount of a state  
23 apartment incentive loan compared to overall project cost.

24 8. Local government contributions and local government  
25 comprehensive planning and activities that promote affordable  
26 housing.

27 9. Project feasibility.

28 10. Economic viability of the project.

29 11. Commitment of first mortgage financing.

30 12. Sponsor's prior experience.

31 13. Sponsor's ability to proceed with construction.

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1           14. Projects that directly implement or assist  
2 welfare-to-work transitioning.

3           15. Projects receiving HOPE VI grants from the U.S.  
4 Department of Housing and Urban Development.

5           Section 17. Subsection (6) of section 420.5089,  
6 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7           420.5089 HOME Investment Partnership Program; HOME  
8 fund.--

9           (6) Applications for loans under any competitive  
10 scoring process established by program rule must be approved  
11 by a review committee established by corporation rule which  
12 shall analyze factors, including, but not limited to, the  
13 following:

14           (a) Demographic targeting objectives of the  
15 corporation.

16           (b) Corporation portfolio diversification.

17           (c) Developer's agreement to make units for the  
18 targeted group available for more than the minimum period  
19 required by rule.

20           (d) Leveraging of HOME funds.

21           (e) Local matching funds.

22           (f) The project's feasibility and long-term economic  
23 viability.

24           (g) Demonstrated capacity of the proposed project's  
25 development team.

26           (h) Conformance with the consolidated plan for the  
27 state and area in which the proposed project will be located.

28           (i) Projects receiving HOPE VI grants from the U.S.  
29 Department of Housing and Urban Development.

30           ~~(j)(i)~~ Other factors determined and approved by the  
31 corporation's board of directors.

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1           Section 18. Subsection (3) of section 420.5093,  
2 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3           420.5093 State Housing Tax Credit Program.--

4           (3) The corporation shall adopt allocation procedures  
5 that will ensure the maximum use of available tax credits in  
6 order to encourage development of low-income housing and  
7 associated mixed-use projects in urban areas, taking into  
8 consideration the timeliness of the application, the location  
9 of the proposed project, the relative need in the area of  
10 revitalization and low-income housing and the availability of  
11 such housing, the economic feasibility of the project, and the  
12 ability of the applicant to proceed to completion of the  
13 project in the calendar year for which the credit is sought.  
14 The allocation procedure must give priority to projects  
15 receiving HOPE VI grants from the U.S. Department of Housing  
16 and Urban Development.

17           Section 19. Subsection (2) of section 420.5099,  
18 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

19           420.5099 Allocation of the low-income housing tax  
20 credit.--

21           (2) The corporation shall adopt allocation procedures  
22 that will ensure the maximum use of available tax credits in  
23 order to encourage development of low-income housing in the  
24 state, taking into consideration the timeliness of the  
25 application, the location of the proposed housing project, the  
26 relative need in the area for low-income housing and the  
27 availability of such housing, the economic feasibility of the  
28 project, and the ability of the applicant to proceed to  
29 completion of the project in the calendar year for which the  
30 credit is sought. The allocation procedure must give priority  
31 to projects receiving HOPE VI grants from the U.S. Department

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1 of Housing and Urban Development.

2 Section 20. Subsection (10) of section 159.705,  
3 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

4 159.705 Powers of the authority.--The authority is  
5 authorized and empowered:

6 (10) Other provisions of law to the contrary  
7 notwithstanding, to acquire by lease, without consideration,  
8 purchase, or option any lands owned, administered, managed,  
9 controlled, supervised, or otherwise protected by the state or  
10 any of its agencies, departments, boards, or commissions for  
11 the purpose of establishing a research and development park,  
12 subject to being first designated a research and development  
13 authority under the provisions of ss. 159.701-159.7095. The  
14 authority may cooperate with state and local political  
15 subdivisions and with private profit and nonprofit entities to  
16 implement the public purposes set out in s. 159.701. Such  
17 cooperation may include agreements for the use of the  
18 resources of state and local political subdivisions, agencies,  
19 or entities on a fee-for-service basis or on a cost-recovery  
20 basis. A project that is located in a research and development  
21 park and is financed pursuant to the provisions of the Florida  
22 Industrial Development Financing Act may be operated by a  
23 research and development authority, a state university, a  
24 Florida community college, or a governmental agency, provided  
25 that the purpose and operation of such project is consistent  
26 with the purposes and policies enumerated in ss.  
27 159.701-159.7095.

28 Section 21. Section 159.8083, Florida Statutes, is  
29 amended to read:

30 159.8083 Florida First Business allocation pool.--The  
31 Florida First Business allocation pool is hereby established.

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1 The Florida First Business allocation pool shall be available  
2 solely to provide written confirmation for private activity  
3 bonds to finance Florida First Business projects recommended  
4 by Enterprise Florida, Inc., and certified by the Office of  
5 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development as eligible to  
6 receive a written confirmation. Allocations from such pool  
7 shall be awarded statewide pursuant to procedures specified in  
8 s. 159.805, except that the provisions of s. 159.805(2), (3),  
9 and (6) do not apply. Florida First Business projects that are  
10 eligible for a carryforward shall not lose their allocation on  
11 November 16 if they have applied and have been granted a  
12 carryforward. In issuing written confirmations of allocations  
13 for Florida First Business projects, the division shall use  
14 the Florida First Business allocation pool. If allocation is  
15 not available from the Florida First Business allocation pool,  
16 the division shall issue written confirmations of allocations  
17 for Florida First Business projects pursuant to s. 159.806 or  
18 s. 159.807, in such order. For the purpose of determining  
19 priority within a regional allocation pool or the state  
20 allocation pool, notices of intent to issue bonds for Florida  
21 First Business projects to be issued from a regional  
22 allocation pool or the state allocation pool shall be  
23 considered to have been received by the division at the time  
24 it is determined by the division that the Florida First  
25 Business allocation pool is unavailable to issue confirmation  
26 for such Florida First Business project. If the total amount  
27 requested in notices of intent to issue private activity bonds  
28 for Florida First Business projects exceeds the total amount  
29 of the Florida First Business allocation pool, the director  
30 shall forward all timely notices of intent to issue, which are  
31 received by the division for such projects, to the Office of

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1 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development which shall render a  
2 decision as to which notices of intent to issue are to receive  
3 written confirmations. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
4 Economic Development, in consultation with the division and  
5 Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall develop rules to ensure that  
6 the allocation provided in such pool is available solely to  
7 provide written confirmations for private activity bonds to  
8 finance Florida First Business projects and that such projects  
9 are feasible and financially solvent.

10 Section 22. Subsection (6) of section 163.3164,  
11 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 163.3164 Definitions.--As used in this act:

13 (6) "Development" has the meaning given it in s.  
14 380.04 and the exemption given it in s. 380.04(3).

15 Section 23. Paragraph (j) of subsection (5) and  
16 paragraph (eee) of subsection (7) of section 212.08, Florida  
17 Statutes, are amended to read:

18 212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution,  
19 and storage tax; specified exemptions.--The sale at retail,  
20 the rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and  
21 the storage to be used or consumed in this state of the  
22 following are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed  
23 by this chapter.

24 (5) EXEMPTIONS; ACCOUNT OF USE.--

25 (j) Machinery and equipment used in semiconductor  
26 ~~silicon~~ technology production and research and development.--

27 1. Industrial machinery and equipment purchased for  
28 use in semiconductor ~~silicon~~ technology facilities certified  
29 under subparagraph 6.5 to manufacture, process, compound, or  
30 produce semiconductor ~~silicon~~ technology products for sale or  
31 for use by these facilities are exempt from the tax imposed by

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1 this chapter.

2           2. Machinery and equipment are exempt from the tax  
3 imposed by this chapter if purchased for use predominately in  
4 semiconductor silicon wafer research and development  
5 activities in a semiconductor silicon technology research and  
6 development facility certified under subparagraph 6.5-

7           3. Building materials purchased for use in  
8 manufacturing or expanding clean rooms in  
9 semiconductor-manufacturing facilities are exempt from the tax  
10 imposed by this chapter.

11           ~~4.3-~~ In addition to meeting the criteria mandated by  
12 subparagraph 1., ~~or~~ subparagraph 2., or subparagraph 3., a  
13 business must be certified by the Office of Tourism, Trade,  
14 and Economic Development as authorized in this paragraph in  
15 order to qualify for exemption under this paragraph.

16           ~~5.4-~~ For items purchased tax exempt pursuant to this  
17 paragraph, possession of a written certification from the  
18 purchaser, certifying the purchaser's entitlement to exemption  
19 pursuant to this paragraph, relieves the seller of the  
20 responsibility of collecting the tax on the sale of such  
21 items, and the department shall look solely to the purchaser  
22 for recovery of tax if it determines that the purchaser was  
23 not entitled to the exemption.

24           ~~6.5-a.~~ To be eligible to receive the exemption  
25 provided by subparagraph 1., ~~or~~ subparagraph 2., or  
26 subparagraph 3., a qualifying business entity shall apply to  
27 Enterprise Florida, Inc. The application shall be developed by  
28 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development in  
29 consultation with Enterprise Florida, Inc.

30           b. Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall review each  
31 submitted application and information and determine whether or

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1 not the application is complete within 5 working days. Once an  
2 application is complete, Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall,  
3 within 10 working days, evaluate the application and recommend  
4 approval or disapproval of the application to the Office of  
5 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.

6 c. Upon receipt of the application and recommendation  
7 from Enterprise Florida, Inc., the Office of Tourism, Trade,  
8 and Economic Development shall certify within 5 working days  
9 those applicants who are found to meet the requirements of  
10 this section and notify the applicant, Enterprise Florida,  
11 Inc., and the department of the certification. If the Office  
12 of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development finds that the  
13 applicant does not meet the requirements of this section, it  
14 shall notify the applicant and Enterprise Florida, Inc.,  
15 within 10 working days that the application for certification  
16 has been denied and the reasons for denial. The Office of  
17 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development has final approval  
18 authority for certification under this section.

19 ~~7.6.a. A business certified to receive this exemption~~  
20 ~~may apply once each year for the exemption.~~

21 ~~b. The first claim submitted by a business may include~~  
22 ~~all eligible expenditures made after the date the business was~~  
23 ~~certified.~~

24 ~~b.c. To apply for the annual exemption, the business~~  
25 ~~shall submit a claim to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and~~  
26 ~~Economic Development, which claim indicates and documents the~~  
27 ~~sales and use taxes otherwise payable on eligible machinery~~  
28 ~~and equipment. The application claim must also indicate, for~~  
29 ~~program evaluation purposes only, the average number of~~  
30 ~~full-time equivalent employees at the facility over the~~  
31 ~~preceding calendar year, the average wage and benefits paid to~~



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1 those employees over the preceding calendar year, ~~and the~~  
2 total investment made in real and tangible personal property  
3 over the preceding calendar year, and the total value of  
4 tax-exempt purchases and taxes exempted during the previous  
5 year or, for the first claim submitted, since the date of  
6 certification. The department shall assist the Office of  
7 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development in evaluating and  
8 verifying information provided in the application for  
9 exemption.

10 ~~c.d.~~ The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
11 Development may use the information reported on the  
12 application ~~claims~~ for evaluation purposes only and shall  
13 prepare an annual report on the exemption program and its cost  
14 and impact. The annual report for the preceding fiscal year  
15 shall be submitted to the Governor, the President of the  
16 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
17 September 30 of each fiscal year. This report may be submitted  
18 in conjunction with the annual report required in s.  
19 288.095(3)(c).

20 ~~8.7.~~ A business certified to receive this exemption  
21 may elect to designate one or more state universities or  
22 community colleges as recipients of up to 100 percent of the  
23 amount of the exemption for which they may qualify. To receive  
24 these funds, the institution must agree to match the funds so  
25 earned with equivalent cash, programs, services, or other  
26 in-kind support on a one-to-one basis in the pursuit of  
27 research and development projects as requested by the  
28 certified business. The rights to any patents, royalties, or  
29 real or intellectual property must be vested in the business  
30 unless otherwise agreed to by the business and the university  
31 or community college.

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1           ~~9.8.~~ As used in this paragraph, the term:

2           a. "Predominately" means at least 50 percent of the  
3 time in qualifying research and development.

4           b. "Research and development" means basic and applied  
5 research in the science or engineering, as well as the design,  
6 development, and testing of prototypes or processes of new or  
7 improved products. Research and development does not include  
8 market research, routine consumer product testing, sales  
9 research, research in the social sciences or psychology,  
10 nontechnological activities, or technical services.

11           c. "Semiconductor ~~Silicon~~ technology products" means  
12 raw semiconductor ~~silicon~~ wafers or semiconductor thin films  
13 that are transformed into semiconductor memory or logic  
14 wafers, including wafers containing mixed memory and logic  
15 circuits; related assembly and test operations; active-matrix  
16 flat panel displays; semiconductor chips; semiconductor  
17 lasers; optoelectronic elements; and related semiconductor  
18 ~~silicon~~ technology products as determined by the Office of  
19 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.

20           d. "Clean rooms" means manufacturing facilities  
21 enclosed in a manner that meets the clean manufacturing  
22 requirements necessary for high-technology  
23 semiconductor-manufacturing environments.

24           (7) MISCELLANEOUS EXEMPTIONS.--

25           (eee) Certain repair and labor charges.--

26           1. Subject to the provisions of subparagraphs 2. and  
27 3., there is exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter all  
28 labor charges for the repair of, and parts and materials used  
29 in the repair of and incorporated into, industrial machinery  
30 and equipment that ~~which~~ is used for the manufacture,  
31 processing, compounding, or production, or production and

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1 shipping of items of tangible personal property at a fixed  
2 location within this state.

3           2. This exemption applies only to industries  
4 classified under SIC Industry Major Group Numbers 10, 12, 13,  
5 14, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34,  
6 35,36, 37, 38, and 39 and Industry Group Number 212. As used  
7 in this subparagraph, "SIC" means those classifications  
8 contained in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual,  
9 1987, as published by the Office of Management and Budget,  
10 Executive Office of the President.

11           3. This exemption shall be applied as follows:

12           a. Beginning July 1, 1999, 25 percent of such charges  
13 for repair parts and labor shall be exempt.

14           b. Beginning July 1, 2000, 50 percent of such charges  
15 for repair parts and labor shall be exempt.

16           c. Beginning July 1, 2001, 75 percent of such charges  
17 for repair parts and labor shall be exempt.

18           d. Beginning July 1, 2002, 100 percent of such charges  
19 for repair parts and labor shall be exempt.

20

21 Exemptions provided to any entity by this subsection shall not  
22 inure to any transaction otherwise taxable under this chapter  
23 when payment is made by a representative or employee of such  
24 entity by any means, including, but not limited to, cash,  
25 check, or credit card even when that representative or  
26 employee is subsequently reimbursed by such entity.

27           Section 24. The amendment to section 212.08(7)(eee)2.,  
28 Florida Statutes, made by this act is remedial in nature and  
29 shall have the force and effect as if SIC Code 35 had been  
30 included from July 1, 1999.

31           Section 25. Subsection (2) of section 212.097, Florida

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1 Statutes, is amended to read:

2           212.097 Urban High-Crime Area Job Tax Credit  
3 Program.--

4           (2) As used in this section, the term:

5           (a) "Eligible business" means any sole proprietorship,  
6 firm, partnership, or corporation that is located in a  
7 qualified county and is predominantly engaged in, or is  
8 headquarters for a business predominantly engaged in,  
9 activities usually provided for consideration by firms  
10 classified within the following standard industrial  
11 classifications: SIC 01 through SIC 09 (agriculture,  
12 forestry, and fishing); SIC 20 through SIC 39 (manufacturing);  
13 SIC 52 through SIC 57 and SIC 59 (retail); SIC 422 (public  
14 warehousing and storage); SIC 70 (hotels and other lodging  
15 places); SIC 7391 (research and development); SIC 781 (motion  
16 picture production and allied services); SIC 7992 (public golf  
17 courses); and SIC 7996 (amusement parks). A call center or  
18 similar customer service operation that services a multistate  
19 market or international market is also an eligible business.  
20 In addition, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
21 Development may, as part of its final budget request submitted  
22 pursuant to s. 216.023, recommend additions to or deletions  
23 from the list of standard industrial classifications used to  
24 determine an eligible business, and the Legislature may  
25 implement such recommendations. Excluded from eligible  
26 receipts are receipts from retail sales, except such receipts  
27 for SIC 52 through SIC 57 and SIC 59 (retail) hotels and other  
28 lodging places classified in SIC 70, public golf courses in  
29 SIC 7992, and amusement parks in SIC 7996. For purposes of  
30 this paragraph, the term "predominantly" means that more than  
31 50 percent of the business's gross receipts from all sources

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1 is generated by those activities usually provided for  
2 consideration by firms in the specified standard industrial  
3 classification. The determination of whether the business is  
4 located in a qualified high-crime area and the tier ranking of  
5 that area must be based on the date of application for the  
6 credit under this section. Commonly owned and controlled  
7 entities are to be considered a single business entity.

8 (b) "Qualified employee" means any employee of an  
9 eligible business who performs duties in connection with the  
10 operations of the business on a regular, full-time basis for  
11 an average of at least 36 hours per week for at least 3 months  
12 within the qualified high-crime area in which the eligible  
13 business is located. An owner or partner of the eligible  
14 business is not a qualified employee. The term also includes  
15 an employee leased from an employee leasing company licensed  
16 under chapter 468, if such employee has been continuously  
17 leased to the employer for an average of at least 36 hours per  
18 week for more than 6 months.

19 (c) "New business" means any eligible business first  
20 beginning operation on a site in a qualified high-crime area  
21 and clearly separate from any other commercial or business  
22 operation of the business entity within a qualified high-crime  
23 area. A business entity that operated an eligible business  
24 within a qualified high-crime area within the 48 months before  
25 the period provided for application by subsection (3) is not  
26 considered a new business.

27 (d) "Existing business" means any eligible business  
28 that does not meet the criteria for a new business.

29 (e) "Qualified high-crime area" means an area selected  
30 by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development in  
31 the following manner: every third year, the office shall rank

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1 and tier those areas nominated under subsection (8), according  
2 to the following prioritized criteria:

3 1. Highest arrest rates within the geographic area for  
4 violent crime and for such other crimes as drug sale, drug  
5 possession, prostitution, vandalism, and civil disturbances;

6 2. Highest reported crime volume and rate of specific  
7 property crimes such as business and residential burglary,  
8 motor vehicle theft, and vandalism;

9 3. Highest percentage of reported index crimes that  
10 are violent in nature;

11 4. Highest overall index crime volume for the area;  
12 and

13 5. Highest overall index crime rate for the geographic  
14 area.

15  
16 Tier-one areas are ranked 1 through 5 and represent the  
17 highest crime areas according to this ranking. Tier-two areas  
18 are ranked 6 through 10 according to this ranking. Tier-three  
19 areas are ranked 11 through 15. Notwithstanding this  
20 definition, "qualified high-crime area" also means an area  
21 that has been designated as a federal Empowerment Zone  
22 pursuant to the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997. Such a designated  
23 area is ranked in tier three until the areas are reevaluated  
24 by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.

25 Section 26. Subsection (2) of section 212.098, Florida  
26 Statutes, is amended to read:

27 212.098 Rural Job Tax Credit Program.--

28 (2) As used in this section, the term:

29 (a) "Eligible business" means any sole proprietorship,  
30 firm, partnership, or corporation that is located in a  
31 qualified county and is predominantly engaged in, or is

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1 headquarters for a business predominantly engaged in,  
2 activities usually provided for consideration by firms  
3 classified within the following standard industrial  
4 classifications: SIC 01 through SIC 09 (agriculture,  
5 forestry, and fishing); SIC 20 through SIC 39 (manufacturing);  
6 SIC 422 (public warehousing and storage); SIC 70 (hotels and  
7 other lodging places); SIC 7391 (research and development);  
8 SIC 781 (motion picture production and allied services); SIC  
9 7992 (public golf courses); and SIC 7996 (amusement parks). A  
10 call center or similar customer service operation that  
11 services a multistate market or an international market is  
12 also an eligible business. In addition, the Office of Tourism,  
13 Trade, and Economic Development may, as part of its final  
14 budget request submitted pursuant to s. 216.023, recommend  
15 additions to or deletions from the list of standard industrial  
16 classifications used to determine an eligible business, and  
17 the Legislature may implement such recommendations. Excluded  
18 from eligible receipts are receipts from retail sales, except  
19 such receipts for hotels and other lodging places classified  
20 in SIC 70, public golf courses in SIC 7992, and amusement  
21 parks in SIC 7996. For purposes of this paragraph, the term  
22 "predominantly" means that more than 50 percent of the  
23 business's gross receipts from all sources is generated by  
24 those activities usually provided for consideration by firms  
25 in the specified standard industrial classification. The  
26 determination of whether the business is located in a  
27 qualified county and the tier ranking of that county must be  
28 based on the date of application for the credit under this  
29 section. Commonly owned and controlled entities are to be  
30 considered a single business entity.

31 (b) "Qualified employee" means any employee of an

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1 eligible business who performs duties in connection with the  
2 operations of the business on a regular, full-time basis for  
3 an average of at least 36 hours per week for at least 3 months  
4 within the qualified county in which the eligible business is  
5 located. An owner or partner of the eligible business is not a  
6 qualified employee.

7 (c) "Qualified county" means a county that has a  
8 population of fewer than 75,000 persons, or any county that  
9 has a population of 100,000 or less and is contiguous to a  
10 county that has a population of less than 75,000, selected in  
11 the following manner: every third year, the Office of  
12 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall rank and tier  
13 the state's counties according to the following four factors:

14 1. Highest unemployment rate for the most recent  
15 36-month period.

16 2. Lowest per capita income for the most recent  
17 36-month period.

18 3. Highest percentage of residents whose incomes are  
19 below the poverty level, based upon the most recent data  
20 available.

21 4. Average weekly manufacturing wage, based upon the  
22 most recent data available.

23  
24 Tier-one qualified counties are those ranked 1 through 5 and  
25 represent the state's least-developed counties according to  
26 this ranking. Tier-two qualified counties are those ranked 6  
27 through 10, and tier-three counties are those ranked 11  
28 through 17. Notwithstanding this definition, "qualified  
29 county" also means a county that contains an area that has  
30 been designated as a federal Enterprise Community pursuant to  
31 the 1999 Agricultural Appropriations Act. Such a designated



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1 area shall be ranked in tier three until the areas are  
2 reevaluated by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
3 Development.

4 (d) "New business" means any eligible business first  
5 beginning operation on a site in a qualified county and  
6 clearly separate from any other commercial or business  
7 operation of the business entity within a qualified county. A  
8 business entity that operated an eligible business within a  
9 qualified county within the 48 months before the period  
10 provided for application by subsection (3) is not considered a  
11 new business.

12 (e) "Existing business" means any eligible business  
13 that does not meet the criteria for a new business.

14 Section 27. Section 218.075, Florida Statutes, is  
15 amended to read:

16 218.075 Reduction or waiver of permit processing  
17 fees.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
18 Department of Environmental Protection and the water  
19 management districts shall reduce or waive permit processing  
20 fees for a county ~~counties~~ with a population of 75,000 ~~50,000~~  
21 or less, or a county with a population of 100,000 or less  
22 which is contiguous to a county with a population of 75,000 or  
23 less, based upon the most current census data, ~~on April 1,~~  
24 ~~1994, until such counties exceed a population of 75,000 and a~~ a  
25 municipality ~~municipalities~~ with a population of 25,000 or  
26 less, or any county or municipality not included within a  
27 metropolitan statistical area. Fee reductions or waivers shall  
28 be approved on the basis of fiscal hardship or environmental  
29 need for a particular project or activity. The governing body  
30 must certify that the cost of the permit processing fee is a  
31 fiscal hardship due to one of the following factors:

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- 1           (1) Per capita taxable value is less than the  
2 statewide average for the current fiscal year;  
3           (2) Percentage of assessed property value that is  
4 exempt from ad valorem taxation is higher than the statewide  
5 average for the current fiscal year;  
6           (3) Any condition specified in s. 218.503, that  
7 determines a state of financial emergency;  
8           (4) Ad valorem operating millage rate for the current  
9 fiscal year is greater than 8 mills; or  
10           (5) A financial condition that is documented in annual  
11 financial statements at the end of the current fiscal year and  
12 indicates an inability to pay the permit processing fee during  
13 that fiscal year.

14  
15 The permit applicant must be the governing body of a county or  
16 municipality or a third party under contract with a county or  
17 municipality and the project for which the fee reduction or  
18 waiver is sought must serve a public purpose. If a permit  
19 processing fee is reduced, the total fee shall not exceed  
20 \$100.

21           Section 28. Section 288.012, Florida Statutes, is  
22 amended to read:

23           288.012 State of Florida foreign offices.--The  
24 Legislature finds that the expansion of international trade  
25 and tourism is vital to the overall health and growth of the  
26 economy of this state. This expansion is hampered by the lack  
27 of technical and business assistance, financial assistance,  
28 and information services for businesses in this state. The  
29 Legislature finds that these businesses could be assisted by  
30 providing these services at State of Florida foreign offices.  
31 The Legislature further finds that the accessibility and

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1 provision of services at these offices can be enhanced through  
2 cooperative agreements or strategic alliances between state  
3 entities, local entities, foreign entities, and private  
4 businesses.

5 (1)(a) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
6 Development is authorized to:  
7 ~~(a)~~ approve the establishment and operation by  
8 Enterprise Florida, Inc., and the Florida Commission on  
9 Tourism of ~~Establish and operate~~ offices in foreign countries  
10 for the purpose of promoting the trade and economic  
11 development of the state, and promoting the gathering of trade  
12 data information and research on trade opportunities in  
13 specific countries.

14 (b) Enterprise Florida, Inc., and the Florida  
15 Commission on Tourism, as agents for the Office of Tourism,  
16 Trade, and Economic Development, may enter into agreements  
17 with governmental and private sector entities to establish and  
18 operate offices in foreign countries containing provisions  
19 which may be in conflict with general laws of the state  
20 pertaining to the purchase of office space, employment of  
21 personnel, and contracts for services. When agreements  
22 pursuant to this section are made which set compensation in  
23 foreign currency, such agreements shall be subject to the  
24 requirements of s. 215.425, ~~but the purchase of foreign~~  
25 ~~currency by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic~~  
26 ~~Development to meet such obligations shall be subject only to~~  
27 ~~s. 216.311.~~

28 (c) By September 1, 1997, the Office of Tourism,  
29 Trade, and Economic Development shall develop a plan for the  
30 disposition of the current foreign offices and the development  
31 and location of additional foreign offices. The plan shall

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1 include, but is not limited to, a determination of the level  
2 of funding needed to operate the current offices and any  
3 additional offices and whether any of the current offices need  
4 to be closed or relocated. Enterprise Florida, Inc., the  
5 Florida Tourism Commission, the Florida Ports Council, the  
6 Department of State, the Department of Citrus, and the  
7 Department of Agriculture shall assist the Office of Tourism,  
8 Trade, and Economic Development in the preparation of the  
9 plan. All parties shall cooperate on the disposition or  
10 establishment of the offices and ensure that needed space,  
11 technical assistance, and support services are provided to  
12 such entities at such foreign offices.

13 (2) By June 30, 1998, each foreign office shall have  
14 in place an operational plan approved by the participating  
15 boards or other governing authority, a copy of which shall be  
16 provided to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
17 Development. These operating plans shall be reviewed and  
18 updated each fiscal year and submitted annually thereafter to  
19 Enterprise Florida, Inc., or the Florida Commission on Tourism  
20 for review and approval. The plans shall include, at a  
21 minimum, the following:

22 (a) Specific policies and procedures encompassing the  
23 entire scope of the operation and management of each office.

24 (b) A comprehensive, commercial strategic plan  
25 identifying marketing opportunities and industry sector  
26 priorities for the foreign country or area in which a foreign  
27 office is located.

28 (c) Provisions for access to information for Florida  
29 businesses through the Florida Trade Data Center. Each  
30 foreign office shall obtain and forward trade leads and  
31 inquiries to the center on a regular basis as called for in

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1 the plan pursuant to paragraph (1)(c).

2 (d) Identification of new and emerging market  
3 opportunities for Florida businesses. Each foreign office  
4 shall provide the Florida Trade Data Center with a compilation  
5 of foreign buyers and importers in industry sector priority  
6 areas annually ~~on an annual basis~~. In return, the Florida  
7 Trade Data Center shall make available to each foreign office,  
8 and to the entities identified in paragraph (1)(c), trade  
9 industry, commodity, and opportunity information as specified  
10 in the plan required in that paragraph. This information  
11 shall be provided to the offices and the entities identified  
12 in paragraph (1)(c) either free of charge or on a fee basis  
13 with fees set only to recover the costs of providing the  
14 information.

15 (e) Provision of access for Florida businesses to the  
16 services of the Florida Trade Data Center, international trade  
17 assistance services provided by state and local entities,  
18 seaport and airport information, and other services identified  
19 in the plan pursuant to paragraph (1)(c).

20 (f) Qualitative and quantitative performance measures  
21 for each office including, but not limited to, the number of  
22 businesses assisted, the number of trade leads and inquiries  
23 generated, the number of foreign buyers and importers  
24 contacted, and the amount and type of marketing conducted.

25 (3) By October 1 of each year, each foreign office  
26 shall submit to Enterprise Florida, Inc., or the Florida  
27 Commission on Tourism ~~the Office of Tourism, Trade, and~~  
28 ~~Economic Development~~ a complete and detailed report on its  
29 activities and accomplishments during the preceding fiscal  
30 year. In a format provided by Enterprise Florida, Inc., the  
31 report must set forth information on:

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- 1 (a) The number of Florida companies assisted.  
2 (b) The number of inquiries received about investment  
3 opportunities in this state.  
4 (c) The number of trade leads generated.  
5 (d) The number of investment projects announced.  
6 (e) The estimated U.S. dollar value of sales  
7 confirmations.  
8 (f) The number of representation agreements.  
9 (g) The number of company consultations.  
10 (h) Barriers or other issues affecting the effective  
11 operation of the office.  
12 (i) Changes in office operations which are planned for  
13 the current fiscal year.  
14 (j) Marketing activities conducted.  
15 (k) Strategic alliances formed with organizations in  
16 the country in which the office is located.  
17 (l) Activities conducted with other Florida foreign  
18 offices.  
19 (m) Any other information that the office believes  
20 would contribute to an understanding of its activities.  
21 (4) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
22 Development, in connection with the establishment, operation,  
23 and management of any of the ~~its~~ offices located in a foreign  
24 country, is exempt from the provisions of ss. 255.21, 255.25,  
25 and 255.254 relating to leasing of buildings; ss. 283.33 and  
26 283.35 relating to bids for printing; ss. 287.001-287.20  
27 relating to purchasing and motor vehicles; and ss.  
28 282.003-282.111 relating to communications, and from all  
29 statutory provisions relating to state employment.  
30 (a) Such exemptions ~~The Office of Tourism, Trade, and~~  
31 ~~Economic Development may be exercised~~ exercise such exemptions

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1 only upon prior approval of the Governor.

2 (b) If approval for an exemption under this section is  
3 granted as an integral part of a plan of operation for a  
4 specified foreign office, such action shall constitute  
5 continuing authority for the ~~Office of Tourism, Trade, and~~  
6 ~~Economic Development~~ to exercise of the exemption, but only in  
7 the context and upon the terms originally granted. Any  
8 modification of the approved plan of operation with respect to  
9 an exemption contained therein must be resubmitted to the  
10 Governor for his or her approval. An approval granted to  
11 exercise an exemption in any other context shall be restricted  
12 to the specific instance for which the exemption is to be  
13 exercised.

14 (c) As used in this subsection, the term "plan of  
15 operation" means the plan developed pursuant to subsection  
16 (2).

17 (d) Upon final action by the Governor with respect to  
18 a request to exercise the exemption authorized in this  
19 subsection, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
20 Development shall report such action, along with the original  
21 request and any modifications thereto, to the President of the  
22 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives within  
23 30 days.

24 (5) Where feasible and appropriate, and subject to s.  
25 288.1224(10), foreign offices established and operated under  
26 this section may provide one-stop access to the economic  
27 development, trade, and tourism information, services, and  
28 programs of the state. Where feasible and appropriate, and  
29 subject to s. 288.1224(10), such offices may also be  
30 collocated with other foreign offices of the state.

31 (6) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic

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1 Development is authorized to make and to enter into contracts  
2 with Enterprise Florida, Inc., and the Florida Commission on  
3 Tourism to carry out the provisions of this section. The  
4 authority, duties, and exemptions provided in this section  
5 apply to Enterprise Florida, Inc., and the Florida Commission  
6 on Tourism ~~to the same degree and subject to the same~~  
7 ~~conditions as applied to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and~~  
8 ~~Economic Development~~. To the greatest extent possible, such  
9 contracts shall include provisions for cooperative agreements  
10 or strategic alliances between state entities, foreign  
11 entities, local entities, and private businesses to operate  
12 foreign offices.

13 Section 29. Section 288.018, Florida Statutes, is  
14 amended to read:

15 288.018 Regional Rural Development Grants Program.--

16 (1) Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall administer ~~The~~  
17 ~~Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall~~  
18 ~~establish~~ a matching grant program to provide funding to  
19 regionally based economic development organizations  
20 representing rural counties and communities for the purpose of  
21 building the professional capacity of their organizations.  
22 Upon recommendation by Enterprise Florida, Inc., the Office of  
23 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development is authorized to  
24 approve, on an annual basis, grants to such regionally based  
25 economic development organizations. The maximum amount an  
26 organization may receive in any year will be \$35,000, or  
27 \$100,000 in a rural area of critical economic concern  
28 recommended by the Rural Economic Development Initiative and  
29 designated by the Governor, and must be matched each year by  
30 an equivalent amount of nonstate resources.

31 (2) In recommending the awards for funding, Enterprise



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1 Florida, Inc.,~~approving the participants, the Office of~~  
2 ~~Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development~~ shall consider the  
3 demonstrated need of the applicant for assistance and require  
4 the following:

5 (a) Documentation of official commitments of support  
6 from each of the units of local government represented by the  
7 regional organization.

8 (b) Demonstration that each unit of local government  
9 has made a financial or in-kind commitment to the regional  
10 organization.

11 (c) Demonstration that the private sector has made  
12 financial or in-kind commitments to the regional organization.

13 (d) Demonstration that the organization is in  
14 existence and actively involved in economic development  
15 activities serving the region.

16 (e) Demonstration of the manner in which the  
17 organization is or will coordinate its efforts with those of  
18 other local and state organizations.

19 (3) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
20 Development may approve awards ~~expend~~ up to a total of  
21 \$600,000 each fiscal year from funds appropriated to the Rural  
22 Community Development Revolving Loan Fund for the purposes  
23 outlined in this section.

24 Section 30. Section 288.064, Florida Statutes, is  
25 created to read:

26 288.064 Legislative intent on rural economic  
27 development.--

28 (1) The Legislature finds and declares that, because  
29 of climate, tourism, industrialization, technological  
30 advances, federal and state government policies,  
31 transportation, and migration, Florida's urban communities

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1 have grown rapidly over the past 40 years. This growth and  
2 prosperity, however, have not been shared by Florida's rural  
3 communities, although these communities are the stewards of  
4 the vast majority of the land and natural resources. Without  
5 this land and these resources, the state's growth and  
6 prosperity cannot continue. In short, successful rural  
7 communities are essential to the overall success of the  
8 state's economy.

9       (2) The Legislature further finds and declares that  
10 many rural areas of the state are experiencing not only a lack  
11 of growth but severe and sustained economic distress. Median  
12 household incomes are significantly less than the state's  
13 median household income level. Job creation rates trail those  
14 in more urbanized areas. In many cases, rural counties have  
15 lost jobs, which handicaps local economies and drains wealth  
16 from these communities. These and other factors, including  
17 government policies, amplify and compound social, health, and  
18 community problems, making job creation and economic  
19 development even more difficult. Moreover, the Legislature  
20 finds that traditional program and service delivery is often  
21 hampered by the necessarily rigid structure of the programs  
22 themselves and the lack of local resources.

23       (3) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide for  
24 the most efficient and effective delivery of programs of  
25 assistance and support to rural communities, including the  
26 use, where appropriate, of regulatory flexibility through  
27 multiagency coordination and adequate funding. The Legislature  
28 determines and declares that the provision of such assistance  
29 and support in this manner fulfills an important state  
30 interest.

31       Section 31. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) and

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1 subsection (4) of section 288.0655, Florida Statutes, are  
2 amended to read:

3 288.0655 Rural Infrastructure Fund.--

4 (2)

5 (d) By September 1, 2000 ~~1999~~, the office shall pursue  
6 execution of a memorandum of agreement with the United States  
7 Department of Agriculture under which state funds available  
8 through the Rural Infrastructure Fund may be advanced, in  
9 excess of the prescribed state share, for a project that has  
10 received from the department a preliminary determination of  
11 eligibility for federal financial support. State funds in  
12 excess of the prescribed state share which are advanced  
13 pursuant to this paragraph and the memorandum of agreement  
14 shall be reimbursed when funds are awarded under an  
15 application for federal funding.

16 (4) By September 1, 2000 ~~1999~~, the office shall, in  
17 consultation with the organizations listed in subsection (3),  
18 and other organizations, develop guidelines and criteria  
19 governing submission of applications for funding, review and  
20 evaluation of such applications, and approval of funding under  
21 this section. The office shall consider factors including, but  
22 not limited to, the project's potential for enhanced job  
23 creation or increased capital investment, the demonstration of  
24 local public and private commitment, the location of the  
25 project in an enterprise zone, the location of the project in  
26 a community development corporation service area ~~as defined in~~  
27 ~~s. 290.035(2)~~, the location of the project in a county  
28 designated under s. 212.097, the unemployment rate of the  
29 surrounding area, and the poverty rate of the community.

30 Section 32. Subsection (2) of section 288.0656,  
31 Florida Statutes, is amended and subsection (9) is added to

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1 that section to read:

2 288.0656 Rural Economic Development Initiative.--

3 (2) As used in this section, the term:

4 (a) "Economic distress" means conditions affecting the  
5 fiscal and economic viability of a rural community, including  
6 such factors as low per capita income, low per capita taxable  
7 values, high unemployment, high underemployment, low weekly  
8 earned wages compared to the state average, low housing values  
9 compared to the state average, high percentages of the  
10 population receiving public assistance, high poverty levels  
11 compared to the state average, and a lack of year-round stable  
12 employment opportunities.

13 (b) "Rural community" means:

14 1. A county with a population of 75,000 or less.

15 2. A county with a population of 100,000 or less that  
16 is contiguous to a county with a population of 75,000 or less.

17 3. A municipality within a county described in  
18 subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2.

19 4. An unincorporated federal enterprise community or  
20 an incorporated rural city with a population of 25,000 or less  
21 and an employment base focused on traditional agricultural or  
22 resource-based industries, located in a county not described  
23 in subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. which meets the criteria  
24 established in subsection (9).~~defined as rural, which has at~~  
25 ~~least three or more of the economic distress factors~~  
26 ~~identified in paragraph (a) and verified by the Office of~~  
27 ~~Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.~~

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29 For purposes of this paragraph, population shall be determined  
30 in accordance with the most recent official estimate pursuant  
31 to s. 186.901.

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1           (9)(a) An unincorporated federal enterprise community  
 2 or an incorporated rural city as described in subparagraph  
 3 (2)(b)4. must apply to REDI for designation as rural by  
 4 resolution of the municipal governing body and demonstrate  
 5 that three or more of the factors of economic distress as  
 6 provided in paragraph (2)(a) exist within the community. REDI  
 7 shall verify such factors prior to approving the designation.

8           (b) Upon receiving such designation, an unincorporated  
 9 federal enterprise community or an incorporated rural city in  
 10 a nonrural county shall be eligible to apply for any program  
 11 specifically identified in statute as a rural program,  
 12 provided that it demonstrates that the county of jurisdiction  
 13 for such unincorporated federal enterprise community or rural  
 14 city is also providing support for each program application.  
 15 REDI may recommend criteria for the evaluation of such county  
 16 support to the administrative agency of each program. Such  
 17 communities shall also be eligible for any preferential  
 18 criteria or waivers of any program requirements specifically  
 19 identified in statute as available for rural counties, cities,  
 20 or communities when necessary to encourage and facilitate  
 21 long-term private capital investment and job creation.

22           Section 33. Section 288.1088, Florida Statutes, is  
 23 amended to read:

24           288.1088 Quick Action Closing Fund.--

25           (1)(a) The Legislature finds that attracting,  
 26 retaining, and providing favorable conditions for the growth  
 27 of certain target industries provides high-quality employment  
 28 opportunities for residents of this state and enhances the  
 29 economic foundations of the state ~~high-impact business~~  
 30 ~~facilities provides widespread economic benefits to the public~~  
 31 ~~through high-quality employment opportunities in such~~

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1 ~~facilities and in related facilities attracted to the state,~~  
2 ~~through the increased tax base provided by the high-impact~~  
3 ~~facility and businesses in related sectors, through an~~  
4 ~~enhanced entrepreneurial climate in the state and the~~  
5 ~~resulting business and employment opportunities, and through~~  
6 ~~the stimulation and enhancement of the state's universities~~  
7 ~~and community colleges. In the global economy, there exists~~  
8 ~~serious and fierce international competition for these~~  
9 ~~facilities, and in most instances, when all available~~  
10 ~~resources for economic development have been used, the state~~  
11 ~~continues to encounter severe competitive disadvantages in~~  
12 ~~vying for these high-impact business facilities.~~

13 (b) The Legislature therefore declares that sufficient  
14 resources shall be available to respond to extraordinary  
15 economic opportunities, and to compete effectively for these  
16 high-value-added employment opportunities, and to enhance the  
17 state's economic base by providing incentives to qualifying  
18 businesses that require inducement beyond that available  
19 through other sources to invest, grow, and create new  
20 high-wage employment opportunities in this state and its  
21 communities ~~high-impact business facilities.~~

22 (2) There is created within the Office of Tourism,  
23 Trade, and Economic Development the Quick Action Closing Fund,  
24 also known as the 21st Century Fund.

25 (3)(a) Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall evaluate  
26 individual proposals for target-industry businesses  
27 ~~high-impact business facilities~~ and forward recommendations  
28 regarding the use of moneys in the fund for such projects  
29 ~~facilities~~ to the director of the Office of Tourism, Trade,  
30 and Economic Development. Such evaluation and recommendation  
31 must include, but need not be limited to:

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1           1. A description of the type of facility, its business  
2 operation, and the product or service associated with the  
3 project facility.

4           2. The number of full-time-equivalent jobs that will  
5 be created by the project facility and the total estimated  
6 average annual wages of those jobs.

7           3. The cumulative amount of investment to be dedicated  
8 to the project facility within a specified period.

9           4. A statement of any special impacts the project  
10 facility is expected to stimulate in a particular business  
11 sector in the state or regional economy, or in the state's  
12 universities and community colleges, or in a distressed  
13 Florida community.

14           5. A statement of the role the incentive is expected  
15 to play in the decision of the applicant business to locate or  
16 expand in this state, an analysis of all other state and local  
17 incentives that have been offered in this state, and an  
18 analysis of the conditions and incentives offered by other  
19 states and their communities.

20           (b) Upon receipt of the evaluation and recommendation  
21 from Enterprise Florida, Inc., the director shall recommend  
22 approval or disapproval of a project for receipt of funds from  
23 the Quick Action Closing Fund to the Governor. In recommending  
24 a target-industry business for this incentive ~~high-impact~~  
25 ~~business facility~~, the director shall include proposed  
26 performance conditions that the business facility must meet to  
27 obtain incentive funds. The Governor shall consult with the  
28 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
29 Representatives before giving final approval for a project.  
30 The Executive Office of the Governor shall recommend approval  
31 of a project and release of funds pursuant to the legislative

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1 consultation and review requirements set forth in s. 216.177.  
2 The recommendation must include proposed performance  
3 conditions the project must meet to obtain funds.

4 (c) If a project is approved for the receipt of funds  
5 ~~Upon the approval of the Governor~~, the director of the Office  
6 of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development and the  
7 ~~high-impact~~ business shall enter into a contract that sets  
8 forth the conditions for payment of moneys from the fund. The  
9 contract must include the total amount of funds awarded; the  
10 performance conditions that must be met to obtain the award,  
11 including, but not limited to, net new employment in the  
12 state, average salary, and total capital investment; the  
13 methodology for validating performance; the schedule of  
14 payments from the fund; and sanctions for failure to meet  
15 performance conditions.

16 (d) Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall validate  
17 contractor performance. Such validation shall be reported  
18 within 6 months after completion of the contract to the  
19 Governor, President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
20 House of Representatives.

21 Section 34. Subsections (1), (2), (4), (6), (8), and  
22 (10) of section 288.1162, Florida Statutes, are amended to  
23 read:

24 288.1162 Professional sports franchises; spring  
25 training franchises; duties.--

26 (1) The direct-support organization authorized under  
27 s. 288.1229 ~~Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development~~  
28 shall serve as the ~~state~~ agency for screening applicants and  
29 shall make recommendations to the Office of Tourism, Trade,  
30 and Economic Development for state funding pursuant to s.  
31 212.20 and for certifying an applicant as a "facility for a



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1 new professional sports franchise," a "facility for a retained  
2 professional sports franchise," or a "new spring training  
3 franchise facility." The Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
4 Economic Development shall have the final approval for any  
5 decision under this section.

6 (2) The direct-support organization authorized under  
7 s. 288.1229 ~~Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development~~  
8 shall develop guidelines ~~rules~~ for the receipt and processing  
9 of applications for funding pursuant to s. 212.20.

10 (4) Prior to certifying an applicant as a "facility  
11 for a new professional sports franchise" or a "facility for a  
12 retained professional sports franchise," the direct-support  
13 organization authorized under s. 288.1229 ~~Office of Tourism,~~  
14 ~~Trade, and Economic Development~~ must determine that:

15 (a) A "unit of local government" as defined in s.  
16 218.369 is responsible for the construction, management, or  
17 operation of the professional sports franchise facility or  
18 holds title to the property on which the professional sports  
19 franchise facility is located.

20 (b) The applicant has a verified copy of a signed  
21 agreement with a new professional sports franchise for the use  
22 of the facility for a term of at least 10 years, or in the  
23 case of a retained professional sports franchise, an agreement  
24 for use of the facility for a term of at least 20 years.

25 (c) The applicant has a verified copy of the approval  
26 from the governing authority of the league in which the new  
27 professional sports franchise exists authorizing the location  
28 of the professional sports franchise in this state after April  
29 1, 1987, or in the case of a retained professional sports  
30 franchise, verified evidence that it has had a  
31 league-authorized location in this state on or before December

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1 31, 1976. The term "league" means the National League or the  
2 American League of Major League Baseball, the National  
3 Basketball Association, the National Football League, or the  
4 National Hockey League.

5 (d) The applicant has projections, verified by the  
6 direct-support organization ~~Office of Tourism, Trade, and~~  
7 ~~Economic Development~~, which demonstrate that the new or  
8 retained professional sports franchise will attract a paid  
9 attendance of more than 300,000 annually.

10 (e) The applicant has an independent analysis or  
11 study, verified by the direct-support organization ~~Office of~~  
12 ~~Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development~~, which demonstrates  
13 that the amount of the revenues generated by the taxes imposed  
14 under chapter 212 with respect to the use and operation of the  
15 professional sports franchise facility will equal or exceed \$2  
16 million annually.

17 (f) The municipality in which the facility for a new  
18 or retained professional sports franchise is located, or the  
19 county if the facility for a new or retained professional  
20 sports franchise is located in an unincorporated area, has  
21 certified by resolution after a public hearing that the  
22 application serves a public purpose.

23 (g) The applicant has demonstrated that it has  
24 provided, is capable of providing, or has financial or other  
25 commitments to provide more than one-half of the costs  
26 incurred or related to the improvement and development of the  
27 facility.

28 (h) No applicant previously certified under any  
29 provision of this section who has received funding under such  
30 certification shall be eligible for an additional  
31 certification.

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1           (6) Prior to certifying an applicant as a "new spring  
2 training franchise facility," the direct-support organization  
3 authorized under s. 288.1229 ~~Office of Tourism, Trade, and~~  
4 ~~Economic Development~~ must determine that:

5           (a) A "unit of local government" as defined in s.  
6 218.369 is responsible for the construction, management, or  
7 operation of the new spring training franchise facility or  
8 holds title to the property on which the new spring training  
9 franchise facility is located.

10           (b) The applicant has a verified copy of a signed  
11 agreement with a new spring training franchise for the use of  
12 the facility for a term of at least 15 years.

13           (c) The applicant has a financial commitment to  
14 provide 50 percent or more of the funds required by an  
15 agreement for the use of the facility by the new spring  
16 training franchise.

17           (d) The proposed facility for the new spring training  
18 franchise is located within 20 miles of an interstate or other  
19 limited-access highway system.

20           (e) The applicant has projections, verified by the  
21 direct-support organization ~~Office of Tourism, Trade, and~~  
22 ~~Economic Development~~, which demonstrate that the new spring  
23 training franchise facility will attract a paid attendance of  
24 at least 50,000 annually.

25           (f) The new spring training franchise facility is  
26 located in a county that is levying a tourist development tax  
27 pursuant to s. 125.0104(3)(b), (c), (d), and (l), at the rate  
28 of 4 percent by March 1, 1992, and, 87.5 percent of the  
29 proceeds from such tax are dedicated for the construction of a  
30 spring training complex.

31           (8) The direct-support organization authorized under

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1 s. 288.1229 ~~Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development~~  
2 shall notify the Department of Revenue of any facility  
3 certified as a facility for a new professional sports  
4 franchise or a facility for a retained professional sports  
5 franchise or as a new spring training franchise facility. The  
6 direct-support organization ~~Office of Tourism, Trade, and~~  
7 ~~Economic Development~~ may certify no more than eight facilities  
8 as facilities for a new professional sports franchise, as  
9 facilities for a retained professional sports franchise, or as  
10 new spring training franchise facilities, including in such  
11 total any facilities certified by the Department of Commerce  
12 before July 1, 1996, and by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
13 Economic Development before July 1, 2000. ~~The office may make~~  
14 No more than one certification may be made for any facility.

15 (10) An applicant shall not be qualified for  
16 certification under this section if the franchise formed the  
17 basis for a previous certification, unless the previous  
18 certification was withdrawn by the facility or invalidated by  
19 the direct-support organization authorized under s. 288.1229,  
20 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, or the  
21 Department of Commerce before any funds were distributed  
22 pursuant to s. 212.20. This subsection does not disqualify an  
23 applicant if the previous certification occurred between May  
24 23, 1993, and May 25, 1993; however, any funds to be  
25 distributed pursuant to s. 212.20 for the second certification  
26 shall be offset by the amount distributed to the previous  
27 certified facility. Distribution of funds for the second  
28 certification shall not be made until all amounts payable for  
29 the first certification have been distributed.

30 Section 35. Section 288.1168, Florida Statutes, is  
31 amended to read:

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1           288.1168 Professional golf hall of fame facility;  
2 duties.--

3           ~~(1) The Department of Commerce shall serve as the~~  
4 ~~state agency for screening applicants for state funding~~  
5 ~~pursuant to s. 212.20 and for certifying one applicant as the~~  
6 ~~professional golf hall of fame facility in the state.~~

7           ~~(2) Prior to certifying the professional golf hall of~~  
8 ~~fame facility, the Department of Commerce must determine that:~~

9           ~~(a) The professional golf hall of fame facility is the~~  
10 ~~only professional golf hall of fame in the United States~~  
11 ~~recognized by the PGA Tour, Inc.~~

12           ~~(b) The applicant is a unit of local government as~~  
13 ~~defined in s. 218.369 or a private sector group that has~~  
14 ~~contracted to construct or operate the professional golf hall~~  
15 ~~of fame facility on land owned by a unit of local government.~~

16           ~~(c) The municipality in which the professional golf~~  
17 ~~hall of fame facility is located, or the county if the~~  
18 ~~facility is located in an unincorporated area, has certified~~  
19 ~~by resolution after a public hearing that the application~~  
20 ~~serves a public purpose.~~

21           ~~(d) There are existing projections that the~~  
22 ~~professional golf hall of fame facility will attract a paid~~  
23 ~~attendance of more than 300,000 annually.~~

24           ~~(e) There is an independent analysis or study, using~~  
25 ~~methodology approved by the department, which demonstrates~~  
26 ~~that the amount of the revenues generated by the taxes imposed~~  
27 ~~under chapter 212 with respect to the use and operation of the~~  
28 ~~professional golf hall of fame facility will equal or exceed~~  
29 ~~\$2 million annually.~~

30           (1)(f) Prior to certification, the applicant for the  
31 certified professional golf hall of fame facility must submit

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1 ~~The applicant has submitted~~ an agreement to provide \$2 million  
2 annually in national and international media promotion of the  
3 professional golf hall of fame facility, Florida, and Florida  
4 tourism, through the PGA Tour, Inc., or its affiliates, at the  
5 then-current commercial rate, during the period of time that  
6 the facility receives funds pursuant to s. 212.20. The  
7 direct-support organization authorized under s. 288.1229  
8 ~~Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development~~ and the PGA  
9 Tour, Inc., or its affiliates, must agree annually on a  
10 reasonable percentage of advertising specifically allocated  
11 for generic Florida advertising. The direct-support  
12 organization authorized under s. 288.1229 ~~Office of Tourism,~~  
13 ~~Trade, and Economic Development~~ shall have final approval of  
14 all generic advertising. Failure on the part of the PGA Tour,  
15 Inc., or its affiliates to annually provide the advertising as  
16 provided in this subsection ~~paragraph~~ or subsection ~~(4)(6)~~  
17 shall result in the termination of funding as provided in s.  
18 212.20.

19 ~~(g) Documentation exists that demonstrates that the~~  
20 ~~applicant has provided, is capable of providing, or has~~  
21 ~~financial or other commitments to provide more than one-half~~  
22 ~~of the costs incurred or related to the improvement and~~  
23 ~~development of the facility.~~

24 ~~(h) The application is signed by an official senior~~  
25 ~~executive of the applicant and is notarized according to~~  
26 ~~Florida law providing for penalties for falsification.~~

27 ~~(2)(3)~~ The certified professional golf hall of fame  
28 facility applicant may use funds provided pursuant to s.  
29 212.20 for the public purpose of paying for the construction,  
30 reconstruction, renovation, or operation of the ~~professional~~  
31 ~~golf hall of fame~~ facility, or to pay or pledge for payment of

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1 debt service on, or to fund debt service reserve funds,  
2 arbitrage rebate obligations, or other amounts payable with  
3 respect to, bonds issued for the construction, reconstruction,  
4 or renovation of the facility or for the reimbursement of such  
5 costs or the refinancing of bonds issued for such purpose.

6 ~~(4) Upon determining that an applicant is or is not~~  
7 ~~certifiable, the Secretary of Commerce shall notify the~~  
8 ~~applicant of his or her status by means of an official letter.~~  
9 ~~If certifiable, the secretary shall notify the executive~~  
10 ~~director of the Department of Revenue and the applicant of~~  
11 ~~such certification by means of an official letter granting~~  
12 ~~certification. From the date of such certification, the~~  
13 ~~applicant shall have 5 years to open the professional golf~~  
14 ~~hall of fame facility to the public and notify the Office of~~  
15 ~~Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development of such opening. The~~  
16 ~~Department of Revenue shall not begin distributing funds until~~  
17 ~~30 days following notice by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and~~  
18 ~~Economic Development that the professional golf hall of fame~~  
19 ~~facility is open to the public.~~

20 (3)(5) The Department of Revenue may audit as provided  
21 in s. 213.34 to verify that the distributions under this  
22 section have been expended as required by this section.

23 (4)(6) The direct-support organization authorized  
24 under s. 288.1229 ~~Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic~~  
25 ~~Development~~ must recertify every 10 years that the facility is  
26 open, continues to be the only professional golf hall of fame  
27 in the United States recognized by the PGA Tour, Inc., and is  
28 meeting the minimum projections for attendance or sales tax  
29 revenue as required at the time of original certification. If  
30 the facility is not certified as meeting the minimum  
31 projections, the PGA Tour, Inc., shall increase its required

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1 advertising contribution of \$2 million annually to \$2.5  
2 million annually in lieu of reduction of any funds as provided  
3 by s. 212.20. The additional \$500,000 must be allocated in its  
4 entirety for the use and promotion of generic Florida  
5 advertising as determined by the direct-support organization  
6 authorized under s. 288.1229 ~~Office of Tourism, Trade, and~~  
7 ~~Economic Development~~. If the facility is not open to the  
8 public or is no longer in use as the only professional golf  
9 hall of fame in the United States recognized by the PGA Tour,  
10 Inc., the entire \$2.5 million for advertising must be used for  
11 generic Florida advertising as determined by the  
12 direct-support organization authorized under s. 288.1229  
13 ~~Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development~~.

14 Section 36. Section 288.1169, Florida Statutes, is  
15 amended to read:

16 288.1169 International Game Fish Association World  
17 Center facility; ~~department~~ duties.--

18 (1) The direct-support organization authorized under  
19 s. 288.1229 ~~Department of Commerce~~ shall serve as the ~~state~~  
20 agency approving applicants for funding pursuant to s. 212.20  
21 and for certifying the applicant as the International Game  
22 Fish Association World Center facility. For purposes of this  
23 section, "facility" means the International Game Fish  
24 Association World Center, and "project" means the  
25 International Game Fish Association World Center and new  
26 colocated improvements by private sector concerns who have  
27 made cash or in-kind contributions to the facility of \$1  
28 million or more.

29 (2) Prior to certifying this facility, the  
30 direct-support organization authorized under s. 288.1229  
31 ~~department~~ must determine that:



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1           (a) The International Game Fish Association World  
2 Center is the only fishing museum, Hall of Fame, and  
3 international administrative headquarters in the United States  
4 recognized by the International Game Fish Association, and  
5 that one or more private sector concerns have committed to  
6 donate to the International Game Fish Association land upon  
7 which the International Game Fish Association World Center  
8 will operate.

9           (b) International Game Fish Association is a  
10 not-for-profit Florida corporation that has contracted to  
11 construct and operate the facility.

12           (c) The municipality in which the facility is located,  
13 or the county if the facility is located in an unincorporated  
14 area, has certified by resolution after a public hearing that  
15 the facility serves a public purpose.

16           (d) There are existing projections that the  
17 International Game Fish Association World Center facility and  
18 the colocated facilities of private sector concerns will  
19 attract an attendance of more than 1.8 million annually.

20           (e) There is an independent analysis or study, using  
21 methodology approved by the direct-support organization  
22 ~~department~~, which demonstrates that the amount of the revenues  
23 generated by the taxes imposed under chapter 212 with respect  
24 to the use and operation of the project will exceed \$1 million  
25 annually.

26           (f) There are existing projections that the project  
27 will attract more than 300,000 persons annually who are not  
28 residents of the state.

29           (g) The applicant has submitted an agreement to  
30 provide \$500,000 annually in national and international media  
31 promotion of the facility, at the then-current commercial

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1 rates, during the period of time that the facility receives  
2 funds pursuant to s. 212.20. Failure on the part of the  
3 applicant to annually provide the advertising as provided in  
4 this paragraph shall result in the termination of the funding  
5 as provided in s. 212.20. The applicant can discharge its  
6 obligation under this paragraph by contracting with other  
7 persons, including private sector concerns who participate in  
8 the project.

9 (h) Documentation exists that demonstrates that the  
10 applicant has provided, and is capable of providing, or has  
11 financial or other commitments to provide, more than one-half  
12 of the cost incurred or related to the improvements and the  
13 development of the facility.

14 (i) The application is signed by senior officials of  
15 the International Game Fish Association and is notarized  
16 according to Florida law providing for penalties for  
17 falsification.

18 (3) The applicant may use funds provided pursuant to  
19 s. 212.20 for the purpose of paying for the construction,  
20 reconstruction, renovation, promotion, or operation of the  
21 facility, or to pay or pledge for payment of debt service on,  
22 or to fund debt service reserve funds, arbitrage rebate  
23 obligations, or other amounts payable with respect to, bonds  
24 issued for the construction, reconstruction, or renovation of  
25 the facility or for the reimbursement of such costs or by  
26 refinancing of bonds issued for such purposes.

27 (4) Upon determining that an applicant is or is not  
28 certifiable, the direct-support organization authorized under  
29 s. 288.1229 ~~Department of Commerce~~ shall notify the applicant  
30 of its status by means of an official letter. If certifiable,  
31 the direct-support organization ~~Department of Commerce~~ shall

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1 notify the executive director of the Department of Revenue and  
2 the applicant of such certification by means of an official  
3 letter granting certification. From the date of such  
4 certification, the applicant shall have 5 years to open the  
5 facility to the public and notify the direct-support  
6 organization ~~Department of Commerce~~ of such opening. The  
7 Department of Revenue shall not begin distributing funds until  
8 30 days following notice by the direct-support organization  
9 ~~Department of Commerce~~ that the facility is open to the  
10 public.

11 (5) The Department of Revenue may audit as provided in  
12 s. 213.34 to verify that the contributions pursuant to this  
13 section have been expended as required by this section.

14 (6) The direct-support organization authorized under  
15 s. 288.1229 ~~Department of Commerce~~ must recertify every 10  
16 years that the facility is open, that the International Game  
17 Fish Association World Center continues to be the only  
18 international administrative headquarters, fishing museum, and  
19 Hall of Fame in the United States recognized by the  
20 International Game Fish Association, and must verify annually  
21 that the project is meeting the minimum projections for  
22 attendance or sales tax revenues as required at the time of  
23 original certification. If the facility is not recertified  
24 during this 10-year review as meeting the minimum projections,  
25 then funding will be abated until certification criteria are  
26 met. If the project fails to generate \$1 million of annual  
27 revenues pursuant to paragraph (2)(e), the distribution of  
28 revenues pursuant to s. 212.20(6)(f)5.c. shall be reduced to  
29 an amount equal to \$83,333 multiplied by a fraction, the  
30 numerator of which is the actual revenues generated and the  
31 denominator of which is \$1 million. Such reduction shall

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1 remain in effect until revenues generated by the project in a  
2 12-month period equal or exceed \$1 million.

3 Section 37. Section 288.1185, Florida Statutes, is  
4 transferred, renumbered as section 403.7155, Florida Statutes,  
5 and amended to read:

6 403.7155 ~~288.1185~~ Recycling Markets Advisory  
7 Committee.--

8 (1) There is created the Recycling Markets Advisory  
9 Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "committee," to be  
10 administratively housed in the Department of Environmental  
11 Protection ~~Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.~~

12 The purpose of the committee shall be to serve as the  
13 mechanism for coordination among state agencies and the  
14 private sector to coordinate policy and overall strategic  
15 planning for developing new markets and expanding and  
16 enhancing existing markets for recovered materials. The  
17 committee may not duplicate or replace agency programs, but  
18 shall enhance, coordinate, and recommend priorities for those  
19 programs.

20 (2)(a) The committee shall consist of 12 members, 10  
21 of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, each of whom is or  
22 has been actively engaged in the recycling industry or a  
23 related business area, including the use of product packaging  
24 materials, or is a local government official with a  
25 demonstrated knowledge of recycling; a member of the House of  
26 Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
27 Representatives, who shall serve without voting rights as an  
28 ex officio member of the committee; and a member of the Senate  
29 to be appointed by the President of the Senate, who shall  
30 serve without voting rights as an ex officio member of the  
31 committee.

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1 (b) Members of the committee shall be appointed within  
2 60 days after this section takes effect.

3 (c) A chairperson shall be appointed by the Governor  
4 from among the members of the committee.

5 (d) The committee shall meet at the call of its  
6 chairperson or at the request of a majority of its membership,  
7 but at least biannually. A majority of the members shall  
8 constitute a quorum, and the affirmative vote of a majority of  
9 a quorum is necessary to take official action.

10 (e) Members of the committee shall serve without  
11 compensation but are entitled to receive reimbursement for per  
12 diem and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061.

13 (f) The committee may appoint ad hoc committees, which  
14 may include persons who are not members of the committee, to  
15 study recycled materials market development problems and  
16 issues and advise the committee on these subjects. Ad hoc  
17 committee members may be reimbursed for per diem and travel  
18 expenses as provided in s. 112.061.

19 (g) The Department of Environmental Protection ~~Office~~  
20 ~~of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development~~ shall coordinate  
21 with agencies listed in paragraph (3)(a) to provide support as  
22 necessary to enable the committee to adequately carry out its  
23 functions.

24 (3)(a) The heads of the Department of Transportation,  
25 the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of  
26 Management Services, the Department of Agriculture and  
27 Consumer Services, the Florida Energy Office, and the Governor  
28 shall each designate a staff member from within the agency to  
29 serve as the recycling market development liaison for the  
30 agency. This person shall have knowledge of recycling and the  
31 issues and problems related to recycling and recycled

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1 materials market development. This person shall be the primary  
2 point of contact for the agency on issues related to recycled  
3 materials market development. These liaisons shall be  
4 available for committee meetings and shall work closely with  
5 the committee and other recycling market development liaisons  
6 to further the goals of the committee, as appropriate.

7 (b) Whenever it is necessary to change the designee,  
8 the head of each agency shall notify the Governor in writing  
9 of the person designated as the recycling market development  
10 liaison for such agency.

11 (4)(a) By October 1, 1993, the committee shall develop  
12 a plan to set goals and provide direction for developing new  
13 markets and expanding and enhancing existing markets for  
14 recovered materials.

15 (b) In developing the plan and any needed legislation,  
16 the committee shall consider:

17 1. Developing new markets and expanding and enhancing  
18 existing markets for recovered materials.

19 2. Pursuing expanded end uses for recycled materials.

20 3. Targeting materials for concentrated market  
21 development efforts.

22 4. Developing proposals for new incentives for market  
23 development, particularly focusing on targeted materials.

24 5. Providing guidance on issues such as permitting,  
25 finance options for recycling market development, site  
26 location, research and development, grant program criteria for  
27 recycled materials markets, recycling markets education and  
28 information, and minimum content.

29 6. Coordinating the efforts of various government  
30 entities with market development responsibilities.

31 7. Evaluating the need for competitively solicited,

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1 cooperative ventures in rural areas for collecting,  
 2 processing, marketing, and procuring collected materials.  
 3 8. Evaluating source-reduced products as they relate  
 4 to state procurement policy. The evaluation shall include,  
 5 but is not limited to, the environmental and economic impact  
 6 of source-reduced product purchases on the state. For the  
 7 purposes of this section, "source-reduced" means any method,  
 8 process, product, or technology which significantly or  
 9 substantially reduces the volume or weight of a product while  
 10 providing, at a minimum, equivalent or generally similar  
 11 performance and service to and for the users of such  
 12 materials.

13 (5) By November 1 of each year, beginning in 1994, the  
 14 committee shall submit to the Governor, the President of the  
 15 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a  
 16 complete and detailed report setting forth in appropriate  
 17 detail the operations and accomplishments of the committee and  
 18 the activities of existing agencies and programs in support of  
 19 the goals established by the committee, including any  
 20 recommendations for statutory changes.

21 (6) In order to support the functions of the  
 22 committee, the Department of Environmental Protection ~~Office~~  
 23 ~~of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development~~ may hire staff or  
 24 contract with other agencies for staff support and enter into  
 25 contracts for support, research, planning, evaluation, and  
 26 communication and promotion services.

27 Section 38. Paragraphs (a) and (g) of subsection (2)  
 28 of section 288.1223, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

29 288.1223 Florida Commission on Tourism; creation;  
 30 purpose; membership.--

31 (2)(a) The commission shall consist of the Governor or

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1 the Governor's designee, who must be from the public sector,  
2 and 17 general tourism-industry-related members appointed by  
3 the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, and 11  
4 additional tourism-industry-related members, appointed by the  
5 Governor no later than July 31, 1996, including 3  
6 representatives from the statewide rental car industry, 3  
7 representatives from tourist-related statewide associations,  
8 including those that represent hotels, campgrounds, and  
9 attractions, 3 representatives from county destination  
10 marketing organizations, 1 representative from the cruise  
11 industry, and 1 representative from the airline industry, who  
12 will each serve for a term of 2 years, ~~the Governor~~, and 2  
13 additional ex officio members, who will serve for a term of 2  
14 years, appointed no later than July 31, 1996, including a  
15 member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate  
16 and a member of the House of Representatives appointed by the  
17 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

18 (g) The Governor or the Governor's designee, who must  
19 be from the public sector, shall serve as chair of the  
20 commission. The commission shall annually elect one of its  
21 tourism-industry-related members as vice chair, who shall  
22 preside in the absence of the chair.

23 Section 39. Paragraph (f) of subsection (5) of section  
24 288.1226, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

25 288.1226 Florida Tourism Industry Marketing  
26 Corporation; use of property; board of directors; duties;  
27 audit.--

28 (5) POWERS AND DUTIES.--The corporation, in the  
29 performance of its duties:

30 (f) Shall appoint the president of the Florida Tourism  
31 Industry Marketing Corporation, who shall serve at the



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1 pleasure of the Governor. The president is the chief executive  
2 officer of the board of directors and of the corporation and  
3 shall direct and supervise the affairs of the corporation. The  
4 corporation shall elect or appoint such other officers and  
5 agents as its affairs shall require and allow them reasonable  
6 compensation. No employee of the Florida Tourism Industry  
7 Marketing Corporation may receive compensation for employment  
8 which exceeds the salary paid to the Governor, unless the  
9 board of directors and the employee have executed a contract  
10 that prescribes specific, measurable performance outcomes for  
11 the employee, the satisfaction of which provides the basis for  
12 the award of incentive payments that increase the employee's  
13 total compensation to a level above the salary paid to the  
14 Governor.

15 Section 40. Subsection (10) is added to section  
16 288.1229, Florida Statutes, to read:

17 288.1229 Promotion and development of sports-related  
18 industries and amateur athletics; direct-support organization;  
19 powers and duties.--

20 (10) The direct-support organization authorized under  
21 this section shall provide an annual report to the Office of  
22 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development on the status of the  
23 professional golf hall of fame facility certified under s.  
24 288.1168 and the level of attendance and sales tax revenue  
25 associated with the facility as compared to the minimum  
26 projections established at the time the facility was  
27 certified. This report is due within 30 days after the annual  
28 agreement required under s. 288.1168(1). The direct-support  
29 organization also shall provide by October 1 of each year a  
30 report to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
31 Development on the status of the International Game Fish

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1 Association World Center facility certified under s. 288.1169.

2 Section 41. Section 288.1251, Florida Statutes, is  
3 amended to read:

4 288.1251 Promotion and development of entertainment  
5 industry; Governor's Office of the Film and Entertainment  
6 ~~Commissioner~~; creation; purpose; powers and duties.--

7 (1) CREATION.--

8 (a) There is hereby created within the Office of  
9 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development the Governor's Office  
10 of ~~the Film and Entertainment Commissioner~~ for the purpose of  
11 developing, marketing, promoting, and providing services to  
12 the state's entertainment industry.

13 (b) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
14 Development shall conduct a national search for a qualified  
15 person to fill the position of ~~Film Commissioner~~ of Film and  
16 Entertainment, and the Executive Director of the Office of  
17 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall hire the ~~Film~~  
18 commissioner. Guidelines for selection of the ~~Film~~  
19 commissioner shall include, but not be limited to, the ~~Film~~  
20 commissioner having the following:

21 1. A working knowledge of the equipment, personnel,  
22 financial, and day-to-day production operations of the  
23 industries to be served by the office;

24 2. Marketing and promotion experience related to the  
25 industries to be served by the office;

26 3. Experience working with a variety of individuals  
27 representing large and small entertainment-related businesses,  
28 industry associations, local community entertainment industry  
29 liaisons, and labor organizations; and

30 4. Experience working with a variety of state and  
31 local governmental agencies.

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1 (2) POWERS AND DUTIES.--

2 (a) The Governor's Office of ~~the~~ Film and  
 3 Entertainment Commissioner, in performance of its duties,  
 4 shall:

5 1. In consultation with the Florida Film and  
 6 Entertainment Advisory Council, develop and implement a 5-year  
 7 strategic plan to guide the activities of the Governor's  
 8 Office of ~~the~~ Film and Entertainment Commissioner in the areas  
 9 of entertainment industry development, marketing, promotion,  
 10 liaison services, field office administration, and  
 11 information. The plan, to be developed by no later than June  
 12 30, 2000, shall:

13 a. Be annual in construction and ongoing in nature.

14 b. Include recommendations relating to the  
 15 organizational structure of the office.

16 c. Include an annual budget projection for the office  
 17 for each year of the plan.

18 d. Include an operational model for the office to use  
 19 in implementing programs for rural and urban areas designed  
 20 to:

21 (I) Develop and promote the state's entertainment  
 22 industry.

23 (II) Have the office serve as a liaison between the  
 24 entertainment industry and other state and local governmental  
 25 agencies, local film commissions, and labor organizations.

26 (III) Gather statistical information related to the  
 27 state's entertainment industry.

28 (IV) Provide information and service to businesses,  
 29 communities, organizations, and individuals engaged in  
 30 entertainment industry activities.

31 (V) Administer field offices outside the state and

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1 coordinate with regional offices maintained by counties and  
2 regions of the state, as described in sub-sub-subparagraph  
3 (II), as necessary.

4 e. Include performance standards and measurable  
5 outcomes for the programs to be implemented by the office.

6 f. Include an assessment of, and make recommendations  
7 on, the feasibility of creating an alternative public-private  
8 partnership for the purpose of contracting with such a  
9 partnership for the administration of the state's  
10 entertainment industry promotion, development, marketing, and  
11 service programs.

12 2. Develop, market, and facilitate a smooth working  
13 relationship between state agencies and local governments in  
14 cooperation with local film commission offices for  
15 out-of-state and indigenous entertainment industry production  
16 entities.

17 3. Implement a structured methodology prescribed for  
18 coordinating activities of local offices with each other and  
19 the commissioner's office.

20 4. Represent the state's indigenous entertainment  
21 industry to key decisionmakers within the national and  
22 international entertainment industry, and to state and local  
23 officials.

24 5. Prepare an inventory and analysis of the state's  
25 entertainment industry, including, but not limited to,  
26 information on crew, related businesses, support services, job  
27 creation, talent, and economic impact and coordinate with  
28 local offices to develop an information tool for common use.

29 6. Represent key decisionmakers within the national  
30 and international entertainment industry to the indigenous  
31 entertainment industry and to state and local officials.

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1           7. Serve as liaison between entertainment industry  
2 producers and labor organizations.

3           8. Identify, solicit, and recruit entertainment  
4 production opportunities for the state.

5           9. Assist rural communities and other small  
6 communities in the state in developing the expertise and  
7 capacity necessary for such communities to develop, market,  
8 promote, and provide services to the state's entertainment  
9 industry.

10           (b) The Governor's Office of ~~the~~ Film and  
11 Entertainment ~~Commissioner~~, in the performance of its duties,  
12 may:

13           1. Conduct or contract for specific promotion and  
14 marketing functions, including, but not limited to, production  
15 of a statewide directory, production and maintenance of an  
16 Internet web site, establishment and maintenance of a  
17 toll-free number, organization of trade show participation,  
18 and appropriate cooperative marketing opportunities.

19           2. Conduct its affairs, carry on its operations,  
20 establish offices, and exercise the powers granted by this act  
21 in any state, territory, district, or possession of the United  
22 States.

23           3. Carry out any program of information, special  
24 events, or publicity designed to attract entertainment  
25 industry to Florida.

26           4. Develop relationships and leverage resources with  
27 other public and private organizations or groups in their  
28 efforts to publicize to the entertainment industry in this  
29 state, other states, and other countries the depth of  
30 Florida's entertainment industry talent, crew, production  
31 companies, production equipment resources, related businesses,

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1 and support services, including the establishment of and  
 2 expenditure for a program of cooperative advertising with  
 3 these public and private organizations and groups in  
 4 accordance with the provisions of chapter 120.

5           5. Provide and arrange for reasonable and necessary  
 6 promotional items and services for such persons as the office  
 7 deems proper in connection with the performance of the  
 8 promotional and other duties of the office.

9           6. Prepare an annual economic impact analysis on  
 10 entertainment industry-related activities in the state.

11           7. Request or accept any grant or gift of funds or  
 12 property made by this state or by the United States, or any  
 13 department or agency thereof, or by any individual, firm,  
 14 corporation, municipality, county, or organization for any or  
 15 all of the purposes of the Governor's Office of Film and  
 16 Entertainment which are consistent with this or any other  
 17 provision of law. The office may expend such funds in  
 18 accordance with the terms and conditions of any such grant or  
 19 gift, in the pursuit of its administration, or in support of  
 20 the programs it administers.

21           Section 42. Section 288.1252, Florida Statutes, is  
 22 amended to read:

23           288.1252 Florida Film and Entertainment Advisory  
 24 Council; creation; purpose; membership; powers and duties.--

25           (1) CREATION.--There is ~~hereby~~ created within the  
 26 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development of the  
 27 Executive Office of the Governor, for administrative purposes  
 28 only, the Florida Film and Entertainment Advisory Council.

29           (2) PURPOSE.--The purpose of the council shall be to  
 30 serve as an advisory body to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
 31 Economic Development and to the Governor's Office of ~~the~~ Film

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1 ~~and Entertainment Commissioner~~ to provide these offices with  
2 industry insight and expertise related to developing,  
3 marketing, promoting, and providing service to the state's  
4 entertainment industry.

5 (3) MEMBERSHIP.--

6 (a) The council shall consist of 17 members, seven to  
7 be appointed by the Governor, five to be appointed by the  
8 President of the Senate, and five to be appointed by the  
9 Speaker of the House of Representatives, with the initial  
10 appointments being made no later than August 1, 1999.

11 (b) When making appointments to the council, the  
12 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
13 House of Representatives shall appoint persons who are  
14 residents of the state and who are highly knowledgeable of,  
15 active in, and recognized leaders in Florida's motion picture,  
16 television, video, sound recording, or other entertainment  
17 industries. These persons shall include, but not be limited  
18 to, representatives of local film commissions, representatives  
19 of entertainment associations, a representative of the  
20 broadcast industry, representatives of labor organizations in  
21 the entertainment industry, and board chairs, presidents,  
22 chief executive officers, chief operating officers, or persons  
23 of comparable executive position or stature of leading or  
24 otherwise important entertainment industry businesses and  
25 offices. Council members shall be appointed in such a manner  
26 as to equitably represent the broadest spectrum of the  
27 entertainment industry and geographic areas of the state.

28 (c) Council members shall serve for 4-year terms,  
29 except that the initial terms shall be staggered:

30 1. The Governor shall appoint one member for a 1-year  
31 term, two members for 2-year terms, two members for 3-year

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1 terms, and two members for 4-year terms.

2 2. The President of the Senate shall appoint one  
3 member for a 1-year term, one member for a 2-year term, two  
4 members for 3-year terms, and one member for a 4-year term.

5 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
6 appoint one member for a 1-year term, one member for a 2-year  
7 term, two members for 3-year terms, and one member for a  
8 4-year term.

9 (d) Subsequent appointments shall be made by the  
10 official who appointed the council member whose expired term  
11 is to be filled.

12 (e) The ~~Film~~ Film Commissioner of Film and Entertainment, a  
13 representative of Enterprise Florida, Inc., and a  
14 representative of the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing  
15 Corporation shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of  
16 the council, and shall be in addition to the 17 appointed  
17 members of the council.

18 (f) Absence from three consecutive meetings shall  
19 result in automatic removal from the council.

20 (g) A vacancy on the council shall be filled for the  
21 remainder of the unexpired term by the official who appointed  
22 the vacating member.

23 (h) No more than one member of the council may be an  
24 employee of any one company, organization, or association.

25 (i) Any member shall be eligible for reappointment but  
26 may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

27 (4) MEETINGS; ORGANIZATION.--

28 (a) The council shall meet no less frequently than  
29 once each quarter of the calendar year, but may meet more  
30 often as set by the council.

31 (b) The council shall annually elect one member to



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1 serve as chair of the council and one member to serve as vice  
2 chair. The Governor's Office of the Film and Entertainment  
3 ~~Commissioner~~ shall provide staff assistance to the council,  
4 which shall include, but not be limited to, keeping records of  
5 the proceedings of the council, and serving as custodian of  
6 all books, documents, and papers filed with the council.

7 (c) A majority of the members of the council shall  
8 constitute a quorum.

9 (d) Members of the council shall serve without  
10 compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for per  
11 diem and travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061 while  
12 in performance of their duties.

13 (5) POWERS AND DUTIES.--The Florida Film and  
14 Entertainment Advisory Council shall have all the powers  
15 necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the  
16 purposes and provisions of this act, including, but not  
17 limited to, the power to:

18 (a) Adopt bylaws for the governance of its affairs and  
19 the conduct of its business.

20 (b) Advise and consult with the Governor's Office of  
21 ~~the Film and Entertainment Commissioner~~ on the content,  
22 development, and implementation of the 5-year strategic plan  
23 to guide the activities of the office.

24 (c) Review the ~~Film Commissioner's~~ administration by  
25 the Commissioner of Film and Entertainment of the programs  
26 related to the strategic plan, and advise the commissioner on  
27 the programs and any changes that might be made to better meet  
28 the strategic plan.

29 (d) Consider and study the needs of the entertainment  
30 industry for the purpose of advising the commissioner and the  
31 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.

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1           (e) Identify and make recommendations on state agency  
2 and local government actions that may have an impact on the  
3 entertainment industry or that may appear to industry  
4 representatives as an official state or local action affecting  
5 production in the state.

6           (f) Consider all matters submitted to it by the  
7 commissioner and the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
8 Development.

9           (g) Advise and consult with the commissioner and the  
10 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, at their  
11 request or upon its own initiative, regarding the  
12 promulgation, administration, and enforcement of all laws and  
13 rules relating to the entertainment industry.

14           (h) Suggest policies and practices for the conduct of  
15 business by the Governor's Office of ~~the~~ Film and  
16 Entertainment Commissioner or by the Office of Tourism, Trade,  
17 and Economic Development that will improve internal operations  
18 affecting the entertainment industry and will enhance the  
19 economic development initiatives of the state for the  
20 industry.

21           (i) Appear on its own behalf before boards,  
22 commissions, departments, or other agencies of municipal,  
23 county, or state government, or the Federal Government.

24           Section 43. Section 288.1253, Florida Statutes, is  
25 amended to read:

26           288.1253 Travel and entertainment expenses.--

27           (1) As used in this section:

28           (a) "Business client" means any person, other than a  
29 state official or state employee, who receives the services of  
30 representatives of the Governor's Office of ~~the~~ Film and  
31 Entertainment Commissioner in connection with the performance

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1 of its statutory duties, including persons or representatives  
2 of entertainment industry companies considering location,  
3 relocation, or expansion of an entertainment industry business  
4 within the state.

5 (b) "Entertainment expenses" means the actual,  
6 necessary, and reasonable costs of providing hospitality for  
7 business clients or guests, which costs are defined and  
8 prescribed by rules adopted by the Office of Tourism, Trade,  
9 and Economic Development, subject to approval by the  
10 Comptroller.

11 (c) "Guest" means a person, other than a state  
12 official or state employee, authorized by the Office of  
13 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to receive the  
14 hospitality of the Governor's Office of the Film and  
15 Entertainment Commissioner in connection with the performance  
16 of its statutory duties.

17 (d) "Travel expenses" means the actual, necessary, and  
18 reasonable costs of transportation, meals, lodging, and  
19 incidental expenses normally incurred by a traveler, which  
20 costs are defined and prescribed by rules adopted by the  
21 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, subject to  
22 approval by the Comptroller.

23 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 112.061, the  
24 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall adopt  
25 rules by which it may make expenditures by advancement or  
26 reimbursement, or a combination thereof, to:

27 (a) The Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, security  
28 staff of the Governor or Lieutenant Governor, the ~~Film~~  
29 Commissioner of Film and Entertainment, or staff of the  
30 Governor's Office of the Film and Entertainment Commissioner  
31 for travel expenses or entertainment expenses incurred by such

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1 individuals solely and exclusively in connection with the  
2 performance of the statutory duties of the Governor's Office  
3 of ~~the~~ Film and Entertainment Commissioner.

4 (b) The Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, security  
5 staff of the Governor or Lieutenant Governor, the ~~Film~~  
6 Commissioner of Film and Entertainment, or staff of the  
7 Governor's Office of ~~the~~ Film and Entertainment Commissioner  
8 for travel expenses or entertainment expenses incurred by such  
9 individuals on behalf of guests, business clients, or  
10 authorized persons as defined in s. 112.061(2)(e) solely and  
11 exclusively in connection with the performance of the  
12 statutory duties of the Governor's Office of ~~the~~ Film and  
13 Entertainment Commissioner.

14 (c) Third-party vendors for the travel or  
15 entertainment expenses of guests, business clients, or  
16 authorized persons as defined in s. 112.061(2)(e) incurred  
17 solely and exclusively while such persons are participating in  
18 activities or events carried out by the Governor's Office of  
19 ~~the~~ Film and Entertainment Commissioner in connection with  
20 that office's statutory duties.

21  
22 The rules shall be subject to approval by the Comptroller  
23 prior to promulgation. The rules shall require the submission  
24 of paid receipts, or other proof of expenditure prescribed by  
25 the Comptroller, with any claim for reimbursement and shall  
26 require, as a condition for any advancement of funds, an  
27 agreement to submit paid receipts or other proof of  
28 expenditure and to refund any unused portion of the  
29 advancement within 15 days after the expense is incurred or,  
30 if the advancement is made in connection with travel, within  
31 10 working days after the traveler's return to headquarters.

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1 However, with respect to an advancement of funds made solely  
2 for travel expenses, the rules may allow paid receipts or  
3 other proof of expenditure to be submitted, and any unused  
4 portion of the advancement to be refunded, within 10 working  
5 days after the traveler's return to headquarters. Operational  
6 or promotional advancements, as defined in s. 288.35(4),  
7 obtained pursuant to this section shall not be commingled with  
8 any other state funds.

9 (3) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
10 Development shall prepare an annual report of the expenditures  
11 of the Governor's Office of ~~the~~ Film and Entertainment  
12 Commissioner and provide such report to the Legislature no  
13 later than December 30 of each year for the expenditures of  
14 the previous fiscal year. The report shall consist of a  
15 summary of all travel, entertainment, and incidental expenses  
16 incurred within the United States and all travel,  
17 entertainment, and incidental expenses incurred outside the  
18 United States, as well as a summary of all successful projects  
19 that developed from such travel.

20 (4) The Governor's Office of ~~the~~ Film and  
21 Entertainment Commissioner and its employees and  
22 representatives, when authorized, may accept and use  
23 complimentary travel, accommodations, meeting space, meals,  
24 equipment, transportation, and any other goods or services  
25 necessary for or beneficial to the performance of the office's  
26 duties and purposes, so long as such acceptance or use is not  
27 in conflict with part III of chapter 112. The Office of  
28 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall, by rule,  
29 develop internal controls to ensure that such goods or  
30 services accepted or used pursuant to this subsection are  
31 limited to those that will assist solely and exclusively in

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1 the furtherance of the office's goals and are in compliance  
2 with part III of chapter 112.

3 (5) Any claim submitted under this section shall not  
4 be required to be sworn to before a notary public or other  
5 officer authorized to administer oaths, but any claim  
6 authorized or required to be made under any provision of this  
7 section shall contain a statement that the expenses were  
8 actually incurred as necessary travel or entertainment  
9 expenses in the performance of official duties of the  
10 Governor's Office of the Film and Entertainment Commissioner  
11 and shall be verified by written declaration that it is true  
12 and correct as to every material matter. Any person who  
13 willfully makes and subscribes to any claim which he or she  
14 does not believe to be true and correct as to every material  
15 matter or who willfully aids or assists in, procures, or  
16 counsels or advises with respect to, the preparation or  
17 presentation of a claim pursuant to this section that is  
18 fraudulent or false as to any material matter, whether or not  
19 such falsity or fraud is with the knowledge or consent of the  
20 person authorized or required to present the claim, commits a  
21 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.  
22 775.082 or s. 775.083. Whoever receives an advancement or  
23 reimbursement by means of a false claim is civilly liable, in  
24 the amount of the overpayment, for the reimbursement of the  
25 public fund from which the claim was paid.

26 Section 44. Section 288.7011, Florida Statutes, is  
27 amended to read:

28 288.7011 Assistance to certified development  
29 corporation.--The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
30 Development is authorized to enter into contracts with a  
31 nonprofit, statewide development corporation certified

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1 pursuant to s. 503 of the Small Business Investment Act of  
2 1958, as amended, to permit such corporation to locate and  
3 contract for administrative and technical staff assistance and  
4 support, including, without limitation, assistance to the  
5 development corporation in the packaging and servicing of  
6 loans for the purpose of stimulating and expanding the  
7 availability of private equity capital and long-term loans to  
8 small businesses. Such assistance and support will cease when  
9 the corporation has received state support in an amount the  
10 equivalent of \$250,000 per year over a 4-year ~~5-year~~ period  
11 beginning July 1, 1997. Any contract between the office and  
12 such corporation shall specify that the records of the  
13 corporation must be available for audit by the office and by  
14 the Auditor General.

15 Section 45. Subsections (2) and (7) of section  
16 288.901, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

17 288.901 Enterprise Florida, Inc.; creation;  
18 membership; organization; meetings; disclosure.--

19 (2) Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall establish one or  
20 more corporate offices, at least one of which shall be located  
21 in Leon County. The Department of Management Services may  
22 establish a lease agreement program under which Enterprise  
23 Florida, Inc., may hire any individual who, as of June 30,  
24 1996, is employed by the Department of Commerce or who, as of  
25 January 1, 1997, is employed by the Executive Office of the  
26 Governor and has responsibilities specifically in support of  
27 the Workforce Development Board established under s. 288.9952  
28 ~~s. 288.9620~~. Under such agreement, the employee shall retain  
29 his or her status as a state employee but shall work under the  
30 direct supervision of Enterprise Florida, Inc. Retention of  
31 state employee status shall include the right to participate

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1 in the Florida Retirement System. The Department of Management  
2 Services shall establish the terms and conditions of such  
3 lease agreements.

4 (7) The Governor or the Governor's designee, who must  
5 be from the public sector, shall serve as chairperson of the  
6 board of directors. The board of directors shall biennially  
7 elect one of its appointive members as vice chairperson. The  
8 president shall keep a record of the proceedings of the board  
9 of directors and is the custodian of all books, documents, and  
10 papers filed with the board of directors, the minutes of the  
11 board of directors, and the official seal of Enterprise  
12 Florida, Inc.

13 Section 46. Subsection (2) of section 288.9015,  
14 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 288.9015 Enterprise Florida, Inc.; purpose; duties.--

16 (2) It shall be the responsibility of Enterprise  
17 Florida, Inc., to aggressively market Florida's rural  
18 communities and distressed urban communities as locations for  
19 potential new investment, to aggressively assist in the  
20 retention and expansion of existing businesses in these  
21 communities, and to aggressively assist these communities in  
22 the identification and development of new economic development  
23 opportunities for job creation. Enterprise Florida, Inc.,  
24 shall use and promote existing state programs to facilitate  
25 the location of new investment, the retention and expansion of  
26 existing businesses, and the identification and development of  
27 new economic development opportunities for job creation. Such  
28 programs include, but are not limited to: the Community  
29 Contribution Tax Credit Program, as provided in ss. 220.183  
30 and 624.5105; the Urban High-Crime Area Job Tax Credit Program  
31 as provided in ss. 212.097 and 220.1895; the Rural Job Tax



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1 Credit Program as provided in ss. 212.098 and 220.1895; and  
2 the state incentives available in enterprise zones as provided  
3 in s. 290.007.

4 Section 47. Section 288.980, Florida Statutes, is  
5 amended to read:

6 288.980 Military base retention; legislative intent;  
7 grants program.--

8 (1)(a) It is the intent of this state to provide the  
9 necessary means to assist communities with military  
10 installations that would be adversely affected by federal base  
11 realignment or closure actions. It is further the intent to  
12 encourage communities to initiate a coordinated program of  
13 response and plan of action in advance of future actions of  
14 the federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission. It is  
15 critical that closure-vulnerable communities develop such a  
16 program to preserve affected military installations. The  
17 Legislature hereby recognizes that the state needs to  
18 coordinate all efforts that can facilitate the retention of  
19 all remaining military installations in the state. The  
20 Legislature, therefore, declares that providing such  
21 assistance to support the defense-related initiatives within  
22 this section is a public purpose for which public money may be  
23 used.

24 (b) The Florida Defense Alliance, an organization  
25 within Enterprise Florida, is designated as the organization  
26 to ensure that Florida, its resident military bases and  
27 missions, and its military host communities are in competitive  
28 positions as the United States continues its defense  
29 realignment and downsizing. The defense alliance shall serve  
30 as an overall advisory body for Enterprise Florida  
31 defense-related activity. The Florida Defense Alliance may

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1 receive funding from appropriations made for that purpose to  
2 ~~administered by~~ the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
3 Development and administered by Enterprise Florida, Inc.

4 (2)(a) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
5 Development is authorized to award grants based upon the  
6 recommendation of Enterprise Florida, Inc., and for  
7 administration by Enterprise Florida, Inc., from funds  
8 specifically appropriated ~~any funds available~~ to it to support  
9 activities related to the retention of military installations  
10 potentially affected by federal base closure or realignment.

11 (b) The term "activities" as used in this section  
12 means studies, presentations, analyses, plans, and modeling.  
13 Staff salaries are not considered an "activity" for which  
14 grant funds may be awarded. Travel costs and costs incidental  
15 thereto incurred by a grant recipient shall be considered an  
16 "activity" for which grant funds may be awarded.

17 (c) Except for grants issued pursuant to the Florida  
18 Military Installation Reuse Planning and Marketing Grant  
19 Program as described in paragraph (3)(c), the amount of any  
20 grant provided to an applicant may not exceed \$250,000. In  
21 making recommendations to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
22 Economic Development, Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall require  
23 that an applicant:

24 1. Represent a local government with a military  
25 installation or military installations that could be adversely  
26 affected by federal base realignment or closure.

27 2. Agree to match at least 30 percent of any grant  
28 awarded.

29 3. Prepare a coordinated program or plan of action  
30 delineating how the eligible project will be administered and  
31 accomplished.

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1           4. Provide documentation describing the potential for  
2 realignment or closure of a military installation located in  
3 the applicant's community and the adverse impacts such  
4 realignment or closure will have on the applicant's community.

5           (d) In making recommendations for grant awards,  
6 Enterprise Florida, Inc.,~~the office~~ shall consider, at a  
7 minimum, the following factors:

8           1. The relative value of the particular military  
9 installation in terms of its importance to the local and state  
10 economy relative to other military installations vulnerable to  
11 closure.

12           2. The potential job displacement within the local  
13 community should the military installation be closed.

14           3. The potential adverse impact on industries and  
15 technologies which service the military installation.

16           (3) The Florida Economic Reinvestment Initiative is  
17 established to respond to the need for this state and  
18 defense-dependent communities in this state to develop  
19 alternative economic diversification strategies to lessen  
20 reliance on national defense dollars in the wake of base  
21 closures and reduced federal defense expenditures and the need  
22 to formulate specific base reuse plans and identify any  
23 specific infrastructure needed to facilitate reuse. The  
24 initiative shall consist of the following three distinct grant  
25 programs to be administered by Enterprise Florida, Inc.~~the~~  
26 ~~Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development:~~

27           (a) The Florida Defense Planning Grant Program,  
28 through which funds shall be used to analyze the extent to  
29 which the state is dependent on defense dollars and defense  
30 infrastructure and prepare alternative economic development  
31 strategies. The state shall work in conjunction with

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1 defense-dependent communities in developing strategies and  
2 approaches that will help communities make the transition from  
3 a defense economy to a nondefense economy. Grant awards may  
4 not exceed \$250,000 per applicant and shall be available on a  
5 competitive basis.

6 (b) The Florida Defense Implementation Grant Program,  
7 through which funds shall be made available to  
8 defense-dependent communities to implement the diversification  
9 strategies developed pursuant to paragraph (a). Eligible  
10 applicants include defense-dependent counties and cities, and  
11 local economic development councils located within such  
12 communities. Grant awards may not exceed \$100,000 per  
13 applicant and shall be available on a competitive basis.  
14 Awards shall be matched on a one-to-one basis.

15 (c) The Florida Military Installation Reuse Planning  
16 and Marketing Grant Program, through which funds shall be used  
17 to help counties, cities, and local economic development  
18 councils develop and implement plans for the reuse of closed  
19 or realigned military installations, including any necessary  
20 infrastructure improvements needed to facilitate reuse and  
21 related marketing activities.

22  
23 Applications for grants under this subsection must include a  
24 coordinated program of work or plan of action delineating how  
25 the eligible project will be administered and accomplished,  
26 which must include a plan for ensuring close cooperation  
27 between civilian and military authorities in the conduct of  
28 the funded activities and a plan for public involvement. The  
29 director of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
30 Development shall make the final decision on all grant awards.

31 (4)(a) The Defense-Related Business Adjustment Program

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1 is hereby created. Enterprise Florida, Inc.,~~The Director of~~  
2 ~~the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development~~ shall  
3 coordinate the development of the Defense-Related Business  
4 Adjustment Program. Funds shall be available to assist  
5 defense-related companies in the creation of increased  
6 commercial technology development through investments in  
7 technology. Such technology must have a direct impact on  
8 critical state needs for the purpose of generating  
9 investment-grade technologies and encouraging the partnership  
10 of the private sector and government defense-related business  
11 adjustment. The following areas shall receive precedence in  
12 consideration for funding commercial technology development:  
13 law enforcement or corrections, environmental protection,  
14 transportation, education, and health care. Travel and costs  
15 incidental thereto, and staff salaries, are not considered an  
16 "activity" for which grant funds may be awarded.

17 (b) In making recommendations to the Office of  
18 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for grant awards,  
19 Enterprise Florida, Inc.,~~The office~~ shall require that an  
20 applicant:

21 1. Be a defense-related business that could be  
22 adversely affected by federal base realignment or closure or  
23 reduced defense expenditures.

24 2. Agree to match at least 50 percent of any funds  
25 awarded by the department in cash or in-kind services. Such  
26 match shall be directly related to activities for which the  
27 funds are being sought.

28 3. Prepare a coordinated program or plan delineating  
29 how the funds will be administered.

30 4. Provide documentation describing how  
31 defense-related realignment or closure will adversely impact

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1 defense-related companies.

2 (5) The Retention of Military Installations Program is  
3 created. The Director of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
4 Economic Development shall coordinate and implement this  
5 program. The sum of \$1.2 million is appropriated from the  
6 General Revenue Fund for fiscal year 1999-2000 to the Office  
7 of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to implement this  
8 program for military installations located in counties with a  
9 population greater than 824,000. The funds shall be used to  
10 assist military installations potentially affected by federal  
11 base closure or realignment in covering current operating  
12 costs in an effort to retain the installation in this state.  
13 An eligible military installation for this program shall  
14 include a provider of simulation solutions for war-fighting  
15 experimentation, testing, and training which employs at least  
16 500 civilian and military employees and has been operating in  
17 the state for a period of more than 10 years.

18 (6) The director of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
19 Economic Development may award nonfederal matching funds  
20 specifically appropriated for construction, maintenance, and  
21 analysis of a Florida defense workforce database. Such funds  
22 will be used to create a registry of worker skills that can be  
23 used to match the worker needs of companies that are  
24 relocating to this state or to assist workers in relocating to  
25 other areas within this state where similar or related  
26 employment is available.

27 (7) Payment of administrative expenses shall be  
28 limited to no more than 10 percent of any grants issued  
29 pursuant to this section.

30 (8) Enterprise Florida, Inc., ~~The Office of Tourism,~~  
31 ~~Trade, and Economic Development~~ shall develop ~~establish~~

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1 guidelines to implement and carry out the purpose and intent  
2 of this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
3 Development must approve the guidelines before their  
4 implementation.

5 Section 48. Subsections (8) and (12), paragraph (h) of  
6 subsection (10), and paragraph (b) of subsection (14) of  
7 section 288.99, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection  
8 (15) is added to that section, to read:

9 288.99 Certified Capital Company Act.--

10 (8) ANNUAL TAX CREDIT; CLAIM PROCESS.--

11 (a) On an annual basis, on or before December 31, each  
12 certified capital company shall file with the department and  
13 the office, in consultation with the office ~~department~~, on a  
14 form prescribed by the office, for each calendar year:

15 1. The total dollar amount the certified capital  
16 company received from certified investors, the identity of the  
17 certified investors, and the amount received from each  
18 certified investor during the calendar year.

19 2. The total dollar amount the certified capital  
20 company invested and the amount invested in qualified  
21 businesses, together with the identity and location of those  
22 businesses and the amount invested in each qualified business.

23 3. For informational purposes only, the total number  
24 of permanent, full-time jobs either created or retained by the  
25 qualified business during the calendar year, the average wage  
26 of the jobs created or retained, the industry sectors in which  
27 the qualified businesses operate, and any additional capital  
28 invested in qualified businesses from sources other than  
29 certified capital companies.

30 (b) The form shall be verified by one or more  
31 principals of the certified capital company submitting the

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1 form. Verification shall be accomplished as provided in s.  
2 92.525(1)(b) and subject to the provisions of s. 92.525(3).

3 (c) The department ~~office~~ shall review the form, and  
4 any supplemental documentation, submitted by each certified  
5 capital company for the purpose of verifying:

6 1. That the businesses in which certified capital has  
7 been invested by the certified capital company are in fact  
8 qualified businesses, and that the amount of certified capital  
9 invested by the certified capital company is as represented in  
10 the form.

11 2. The amount of certified capital invested in the  
12 certified capital company by the certified investors.

13 3. The amount of premium tax credit available to  
14 certified investors.

15 (d) The Department of Revenue is authorized to audit  
16 and examine the accounts, books, or records of certified  
17 capital companies and certified investors for the purpose of  
18 ascertaining the correctness of any report and financial  
19 return which has been filed, and to ascertain a certified  
20 capital company's compliance with the tax-related provisions  
21 of this act.

22 (e) This subsection shall take effect January 1, 1999.

23 (10) DECERTIFICATION.--

24 (h) The department ~~office~~ shall send written notice to  
25 the address of each certified investor whose premium tax  
26 credit has been subject to recapture or forfeiture, using the  
27 address last shown on the last premium tax filing.

28 (12) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.--The office shall report  
29 annually ~~on an annual basis~~ to the Governor, the President of  
30 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on  
31 or before April 1:



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1           (a) The total dollar amount each certified capital  
2 company received from all certified investors and any other  
3 investor, the identity of the certified investors, and the  
4 total amount of premium tax credit used by each certified  
5 investor for the previous calendar year.

6           (b) The total dollar amount invested by each certified  
7 capital company and that portion invested in qualified  
8 businesses, the identity and location of those businesses, the  
9 amount invested in each qualified business, and the total  
10 number of permanent, full-time jobs created or retained by  
11 each qualified business.

12           (c) The return for the state as a result of the  
13 certified capital company investments, including the extent to  
14 which:

15           1. Certified capital company investments have  
16 contributed to employment growth.

17           2. The wage level of businesses in which certified  
18 capital companies have invested exceed the average wage for  
19 the county in which the jobs are located.

20           3. The investments of the certified capital companies  
21 in qualified businesses have contributed to expanding or  
22 diversifying the economic base of the state.

23           (14) RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.--

24           (b) The department and the office may adopt any rules  
25 necessary to carry out its duties, obligations, and powers  
26 related to the administration, review, and reporting  
27 provisions of this section and may perform any other acts  
28 necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of  
29 such duties, obligations, and powers.

30           (15) ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS.--Notwithstanding the  
31 dates established in paragraphs (4)(b), (c), and (e), an

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1 applicant for certification as a certified capital company may  
 2 file an application of the type specified in paragraph (4)(b)  
 3 to become a "certified capital company" under this section  
 4 between July 1, 2000, and September 1, 2000, in the manner  
 5 prescribed in subsection (4).

6 Section 49. Section 290.004, Florida Statutes, is  
 7 amended to read:

8 290.004 Definitions.--As used in ss. 290.001-290.016:

9 (1) "Community investment corporation" means a black  
 10 business investment corporation, a certified development  
 11 corporation, a small business investment corporation, or other  
 12 similar entity incorporated under Florida law that has limited  
 13 its investment policy to making investments solely in minority  
 14 business enterprises.

15 ~~(2) "Department" means the Department of Commerce.~~

16 (2)~~(3)~~ "Director" means the director of the Office of  
 17 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.

18 (3)~~(4)~~ "Governing body" means the council or other  
 19 legislative body charged with governing the county or  
 20 municipality.

21 (4)~~(5)~~ "Interagency coordinating council" means the  
 22 Enterprise Zone Interagency Coordinating Council created  
 23 pursuant to s. 290.009.

24 (5)~~(6)~~ "Minority business enterprise" has the same  
 25 meaning as in s. 288.703.

26 (6)~~(7)~~ "Office" means the Office of Tourism, Trade,  
 27 and Economic Development.

28 (7) "Rural enterprise zone" means an enterprise zone  
 29 that is nominated by a county having a population of 75,000 or  
 30 fewer, or a county having a population of 100,000 or fewer  
 31 which is contiguous to a county having a population of 75,000

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1 or fewer, or by a municipality in such a county, or by such a  
 2 county and one or more municipalities. An enterprise zone  
 3 designated in accordance with s. 370.28 shall be considered a  
 4 rural enterprise zone.

5 ~~(8) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Commerce.~~

6 ~~(8)(9)~~ "Small business" has the same meaning as in s.  
 7 288.703.

8 Section 50. Subsections (11) and (12) of section  
 9 290.0056, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

10 290.0056 Enterprise zone development agency.--

11 (11) Prior to December 1 of each year, the agency  
 12 shall submit to Enterprise Florida, Inc., ~~the Office of~~  
 13 ~~Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development~~ a complete and  
 14 detailed written report setting forth:

15 (a) Its operations and accomplishments during the  
 16 fiscal year.

17 (b) The accomplishments and progress concerning the  
 18 implementation of the strategic plan.

19 (c) The number and type of businesses assisted by the  
 20 agency during the fiscal year.

21 (d) The number of jobs created within the enterprise  
 22 zone during the fiscal year.

23 (e) The usage and revenue impact of state and local  
 24 incentives granted during the calendar year.

25 (f) Any other information required by Enterprise  
 26 Florida, Inc. ~~the office.~~

27 (12) In the event that the nominated area selected by  
 28 the governing body is not designated a state enterprise zone,  
 29 the governing body may dissolve the agency after receiving  
 30 notification ~~from the department or the office~~ that the area  
 31 was not designated as an enterprise zone.

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1           Section 51. Subsection (5) of section 290.0058,  
2 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3           290.0058 Tests of pervasive poverty, unemployment, and  
4 general distress.--

5           (5) In making the calculations required by this  
6 section, the local government and Enterprise Florida, Inc.,  
7 ~~the department~~ shall round all fractional percentages of  
8 one-half percent or more up to the next highest whole  
9 percentage figure.

10          Section 52. Subsections (1), (4), (5), (6), (7), and  
11 (9) of section 290.0065, Florida Statutes, are amended to  
12 read:

13          290.0065 State designation of enterprise zones.--

14          (1) Upon application to Enterprise Florida, Inc., of  
15 the governing body of a county or municipality or of a county  
16 and one or more municipalities jointly pursuant to s.  
17 290.0055, Enterprise Florida, Inc.~~the department~~, in  
18 consultation with the interagency coordinating council, shall  
19 determine which areas nominated by such governing bodies meet  
20 the criteria outlined in s. 290.0055 and are the most  
21 appropriate for recommendation to the director of the Office  
22 of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation as  
23 state enterprise zones. The office ~~department~~ is authorized to  
24 designate up to 5 areas within each of the categories  
25 established in subparagraphs (3)(a)1., 2., 3., 4., and 5.,  
26 except that the office ~~department~~ may only designate a total  
27 of 20 areas as enterprise zones. The office ~~department~~ shall  
28 not designate more than three enterprise zones in any one  
29 county. All designations, including any provision for  
30 redesignations, of state enterprise zones pursuant to this  
31 section shall be effective July 1, 1995.

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1           (4)(a) Notwithstanding s. 290.0055, any area existing  
2 as a state enterprise zone as of the effective date of this  
3 section and originally approved through a joint application  
4 from a county and municipality, or through an application from  
5 a county as defined in s. 125.011(1), shall be redesignated as  
6 a state enterprise zone upon the creation of an enterprise  
7 zone development agency pursuant to s. 290.0056 and the  
8 completion of a strategic plan pursuant to s. 290.0057. Any  
9 area redesignated pursuant to this subsection, other than an  
10 area located in a county defined in s. 125.011(1), may be  
11 relocated or modified by the appropriate governmental bodies.  
12 Such relocation or modification shall be identified in the  
13 strategic plan and shall meet the requirements for designation  
14 as established by s. 290.005. Any relocation or modification  
15 shall be submitted on or before June 1, 1996.

16           (b) The office ~~department~~ shall place any area  
17 designated as a state enterprise zone pursuant to this  
18 subsection in the appropriate category established in  
19 subsection (3), and include such designations within the  
20 limitations on state enterprise zone designations set out in  
21 subsection (1).

22           (c) Any county or municipality having jurisdiction  
23 over an area designated as a state enterprise zone pursuant to  
24 this subsection, other than a county defined by s. 125.011(1),  
25 may not apply for designation of another area.

26           (5) Notwithstanding s. 290.0055, an area designated as  
27 a federal empowerment zone or enterprise community pursuant to  
28 Title XIII of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993,  
29 the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, or the 1999 Agricultural  
30 Appropriations Act shall be designated a state enterprise zone  
31 as follows:

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1           (a) An area designated as an urban empowerment zone or  
2 urban enterprise community pursuant to Title XIII of the  
3 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 or the Taxpayer  
4 Relief Act of 1997 shall be designated a state enterprise zone  
5 by the office department upon completion of the requirements  
6 set out in paragraph (d), except in the case of a county as  
7 defined in s. 125.011(1) which, notwithstanding s. 290.0055,  
8 may incorporate and include such designated urban empowerment  
9 zone or urban enterprise community areas within the boundaries  
10 of its state enterprise zones without any limitation as to  
11 size.

12           (b) An area designated as a rural empowerment zone or  
13 rural enterprise community pursuant to Title XIII of the  
14 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 or the 1999  
15 Agricultural Appropriations Act shall be designated a state  
16 enterprise zone by the office department upon completion of  
17 the requirements set out in paragraph (d).

18           (c) Any county or municipality having jurisdiction  
19 over an area designated as a state enterprise zone pursuant to  
20 this subsection, other than a county defined in s. 125.011(1),  
21 may not apply for designation of another area.

22           (d) Prior to recommending that the office designate  
23 designating such areas as state enterprise zones, Enterprise  
24 Florida, Inc., the department shall ensure that the governing  
25 body having jurisdiction over the zone submits the strategic  
26 plan required pursuant to 7 C.F.R. part 25 or 24 C.F.R. part  
27 597 to Enterprise Florida, Inc. the department, and creates an  
28 enterprise zone development agency pursuant to s. 290.0056.

29           (e) The office department shall place any area  
30 designated as a state enterprise zone pursuant to this  
31 subsection in the appropriate category established in

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1 subsection (3), and include such designations within the  
 2 limitations on state enterprise zone designations set out in  
 3 subsection (1).

4 (6)(a) The office department, in consultation with  
 5 Enterprise Florida, Inc., and the interagency coordinating  
 6 council, may develop guidelines ~~shall promulgate any rules~~  
 7 necessary for the approval of areas under this section by the  
 8 director ~~secretary~~.

9 (b) Such guidelines may ~~rules shall~~ provide for the  
 10 measurement of pervasive poverty, unemployment, and general  
 11 distress using the criteria outlined by s. 290.0058.

12 (c) Such guidelines may ~~rules shall~~ provide for the  
 13 evaluation of the strategic plan and local fiscal and  
 14 regulatory incentives for effectiveness, including how the  
 15 following key principles will be implemented by the governing  
 16 body or bodies:

17 1. Economic opportunity, including job creation within  
 18 the community and throughout the region, as well as  
 19 entrepreneurial initiatives, small business expansion, and  
 20 training for jobs that offer upward mobility.

21 2. Sustainable community development that advances the  
 22 creation of livable and vibrant communities through  
 23 comprehensive approaches that coordinate economic, physical,  
 24 community, and human development.

25 3. Community-based partnerships involving the  
 26 participation of all segments of the community.

27 4. Strategic vision for change that identifies how the  
 28 community will be revitalized. This vision should include  
 29 methods for building on community assets and coordinate a  
 30 response to community needs in a comprehensive fashion. This  
 31 vision should provide goals and performance benchmarks for

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1 measuring progress and establish a framework for evaluating  
2 and adjusting the strategic plan.

3           5. Local fiscal and regulatory incentives enacted  
4 pursuant to s. 290.0057(1)(e). These incentives should induce  
5 economic revitalization, including job creation and small  
6 business expansion.

7           (d) Such guidelines may ~~rules shall~~ provide methods  
8 for evaluating the prospects for new investment and economic  
9 development in the area, including a review and evaluation of  
10 any previous state enterprise zones located in the area.

11           (7) Upon approval by the director ~~secretary~~ of a  
12 resolution authorizing an area to be an enterprise zone  
13 pursuant to this section, the office ~~department~~ shall assign a  
14 unique identifying number to that resolution. The office  
15 ~~department~~ shall provide the Department of Revenue and  
16 Enterprise Florida, Inc., with a copy of each resolution  
17 approved, together with its identifying number.

18           (9) Upon recommendation by Enterprise Florida, Inc.,  
19 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may  
20 amend the boundaries of any enterprise zone designated by the  
21 state pursuant to this section, consistent with the  
22 categories, criteria, and limitations imposed in this section  
23 upon the establishment of such enterprise zone and only if  
24 consistent with the determinations made in s. 290.0058(2).

25           Section 53. Subsection (1) of section 290.0066,  
26 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

27           290.0066 Revocation of enterprise zone designation.--

28           (1) Upon recommendation by Enterprise Florida, Inc.,  
29 the director may revoke the designation of an enterprise zone  
30 if Enterprise Florida, Inc., ~~the director~~ determines that the  
31 governing body or bodies:



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1 (a) Have failed to make progress in achieving the  
2 benchmarks set forth in the strategic plan; or

3 (b) Have not complied substantially with the strategic  
4 plan.

5 Section 54. Section 290.00675, Florida Statutes, is  
6 amended to read:

7 290.00675 Amendment of certain enterprise zone  
8 boundaries.--Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, upon  
9 recommendation by Enterprise Florida, Inc., the Office of  
10 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may amend the  
11 boundaries of an area designated as an enterprise zone in a  
12 community having a population of 235,000 persons but less than  
13 245,000, so long as the area does not increase the overall  
14 size of the zone by greater than 25 acres and the increased  
15 area is contiguous to the existing enterprise zone. The  
16 amendment must also be consistent with the limitations imposed  
17 by s. 290.0055 upon establishment of the enterprise zone.

18 Section 55. Section 290.00676, Florida Statutes, is  
19 created to read:

20 290.00676 Amendment of rural enterprise zone  
21 boundaries.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon  
22 recommendation by Enterprise Florida, Inc., the Office of  
23 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may amend the  
24 boundaries of a rural enterprise zone. For purposes of  
25 boundary amendments, an enterprise zone designated under s.  
26 370.28 shall be considered a rural enterprise zone and is  
27 eligible for amendment of its boundaries. Boundary amendments  
28 authorized by this section are subject to the following  
29 requirements:

30 (1) The amendment may increase the size of the rural  
31 enterprise zone to 15 square miles.

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1           (2) The amendment may increase the number of  
 2 noncontiguous areas by one, if that noncontiguous area has  
 3 zero population. For purposes of this subsection, the  
 4 pervasive poverty criteria may be set aside for the addition  
 5 of a noncontiguous parcel.

6           (3) The local enterprise zone development agency must  
 7 request the amendment from Enterprise Florida, Inc., prior to  
 8 December 30, 2000. The request must contain maps and  
 9 sufficient information to allow the office to determine the  
 10 number of noncontiguous areas and the total size of the rural  
 11 enterprise zone.

12           Section 56. Section 290.00677, Florida Statutes, is  
 13 created to read:

14           290.00677 Rural enterprise zones; special  
 15 qualifications.--

16           (1) Notwithstanding the enterprise zone residency  
 17 requirements set out in ss. 212.096(1)(c) and 220.03(1)(q),  
 18 businesses located in rural enterprise zones may receive the  
 19 credit provided under s. 212.096 or s. 220.181 for hiring any  
 20 person within the jurisdiction of a rural county, as defined  
 21 by s. 288.106(2)(r). All other provisions of ss. 212.096,  
 22 220.03(1)(q), and 220.181 apply to such businesses.

23           (2) Notwithstanding the requirement specified in ss.  
 24 212.08(5)(g)5., (5)(h)5., and (15)(a), 212.096(2)(b)1.,  
 25 220.181(1)(a)1., and 220.182(1)(b) that no less than 20  
 26 percent of a business's employees, excluding temporary and  
 27 part-time employees, must be residents of an enterprise zone  
 28 for the business to qualify for the maximum exemption or  
 29 credit provided in ss. 212.08(5)(g) and (h) and (15),  
 30 212.096(2)(b)1., 220.181(1)(a)1., and 220.182, a business that  
 31 is located in a rural enterprise zone shall be qualified for

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1 those maximum exemptions or credits if no less than 20 percent  
2 of such employees of the business are residents of a rural  
3 county, as defined by s. 288.106(2)(r). All other provisions  
4 of ss. 212.08(5)(g) and (h) and (15), 212.096, 220.181, and  
5 220.182 apply to such business.

6 (3) Notwithstanding the time limitations contained in  
7 chapters 212 and 220, a business eligible to receive tax  
8 credits under this section from January 1, 2000, to June 1,  
9 2000, must submit an application for the tax credits by  
10 December 1, 2000. All other requirements of the enterprise  
11 zone program apply to such a business.

12 Section 57. Section 290.00689, Florida Statutes, is  
13 amended to read:

14 290.00689 Designation of enterprise zone pilot project  
15 area.--

16 (1) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
17 Development shall designate one pilot project area within one  
18 state enterprise zone. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
19 Economic Development shall select a pilot project area by July  
20 1, 1999, which meets the following qualifications:

21 (a) The area is contained within an enterprise zone  
22 that is composed of one contiguous area and is placed in the  
23 category delineated in s. 290.0065(3)(a)1.

24 (b) The local government having jurisdiction over the  
25 enterprise zone grants economic development ad valorem tax  
26 exemptions in the enterprise zone pursuant to s. 196.1995, and  
27 electrical energy public service tax exemptions pursuant to s.  
28 166.231(8).

29 (c) The local government having jurisdiction over the  
30 enterprise zone has developed a plan for revitalizing the  
31 pilot project area or for revitalizing an area within the

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1 enterprise zone that contains the pilot project area, and has  
2 committed at least \$5 million to redevelop an area including  
3 the pilot project area.

4 (d) The pilot project area is contiguous and is  
5 limited to no more than 70 acres, or equivalent square miles,  
6 to avoid a dilution of additional state assistance and  
7 effectively concentrate these additional resources on  
8 revitalizing the acute area of economic distress.

9 (e) The pilot project area contains a diverse cluster  
10 or grouping of facilities or space for a mix of retail,  
11 restaurant, or service related businesses necessary to an  
12 overall revitalization of surrounding neighborhoods through  
13 community involvement, investment, and enhancement of  
14 employment markets.

15 (2)(a) Beginning December 1, 1999, no more than four  
16 businesses located within the pilot project area are eligible  
17 for a credit against any tax due for a taxable year under  
18 chapters 212 and 220.

19 (b) The credit shall be computed as \$5,000 times the  
20 number of full-time employees of the business and \$2,500 times  
21 the number of part-time employees of the business. For  
22 purposes of this section, a person shall be deemed to be  
23 employed by such a business on a full-time basis if the person  
24 performs duties in connection with the operations of the  
25 business for an average of at least 36 hours per week each  
26 month, or on a part-time basis if the person is performing  
27 such duties for an average of at least 20 hours per week each  
28 month throughout the year. The person must be performing such  
29 duties at a business site located in the pilot project area.

30 (c) The total amount of tax credits that may be  
31 granted under this section is \$1 million annually. In the

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1 event Enterprise Florida, Inc.,~~the Office of Tourism, Trade,~~  
 2 ~~and Economic Development~~ receives applications that total more  
 3 than \$1 million in any year, the director shall prorate the  
 4 amount of tax credit each applicant is eligible to receive to  
 5 ensure that all eligible applicants receive a tax credit.

6 (d) In order to be eligible to apply to Enterprise  
 7 Florida, Inc.,~~the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic~~  
 8 ~~Development~~ for tax credits under this section a business  
 9 must:

10 1. Have entered into a contract with the developer of  
 11 the diverse cluster or grouping of facilities or space located  
 12 in the pilot project area, governing lease of commercial space  
 13 in a facility.

14 2. Have commenced operations in the facility after  
 15 July 1, 1999, and before July 1, 2000.

16 3. Be a business predominantly engaged in activities  
 17 usually provided for consideration by firms classified under  
 18 the Standard Industrial Classification Manual Industry Number  
 19 5311, Industry Number 5399, or Industry Number 7832.

20 (e) All applications for the granting of the tax  
 21 credits allowed under this section shall require the prior  
 22 review and recommendation of Enterprise Florida, Inc., and  
 23 approval of the director of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
 24 Economic Development. At the recommendation of Enterprise  
 25 Florida, Inc.,the director shall establish one submittal date  
 26 each year for the receipt of applications for such tax  
 27 credits.

28 (f) Any business wishing to receive tax credits  
 29 pursuant to this section must submit an application to  
 30 Enterprise Florida, Inc.,~~the Office of Tourism, Trade, and~~  
 31 ~~Economic Development~~ which sets forth the business name and

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1 address and the number of employees of the business.

2 (g) Upon the recommendation of Enterprise Florida,  
3 Inc., the decision of the director shall be in writing, and,  
4 if approved, ~~the application~~ shall state the maximum credits  
5 allowable to the business. A copy of the decision shall be  
6 transmitted to Enterprise Florida, Inc., and to the executive  
7 director of the Department of Revenue, who shall apply such  
8 credits to the tax liabilities of the business firm.

9 (h) If any credit granted pursuant to this section is  
10 not fully used in any one year because of insufficient tax  
11 liability on the part of the business, the unused amount may  
12 be carried forward for a period not to exceed 5 years.

13 ~~(3) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic~~  
14 ~~Development is authorized to adopt all rules necessary to~~  
15 ~~administer this section, including rules for the approval or~~  
16 ~~disapproval of applications for tax incentives by businesses.~~

17 (3)(4) The Department of Revenue shall adopt any rules  
18 necessary to ensure the orderly implementation and  
19 administration of this section.

20 (4)(5) For purposes of this section, "business" and  
21 "taxable year" shall have the same meaning as in s. 220.03.

22 (5)(6) Prior to the 2004 Regular Session of the  
23 Legislature, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
24 Government Accountability shall review and evaluate the  
25 effectiveness and viability of the pilot project area created  
26 under this section, using the research design prescribed  
27 pursuant to s. 290.015. The office shall specifically evaluate  
28 whether relief from certain taxes induced new investment and  
29 development in the area; increased the number of jobs created  
30 or retained in the area; induced the renovation,  
31 rehabilitation, restoration, improvement, or new construction

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1 of businesses or housing within the area; and contributed to  
2 the economic viability and profitability of business and  
3 commerce located within the area. The office shall submit a  
4 report of its findings and recommendations to the Speaker of  
5 the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate  
6 no later than January 15, 2004.

7 (6)(7) This section shall stand repealed on June 30,  
8 2010, and any designation made pursuant to this section shall  
9 be revoked on that date.

10 Section 58. Section 290.00694, Florida Statutes, is  
11 created to read:

12 290.00694 Enterprise zone designation for rural  
13 champion communities.--An area designated as a rural champion  
14 community pursuant to the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 may  
15 apply to Enterprise Florida, Inc., for designation as an  
16 enterprise zone. The application must be submitted by December  
17 31, 2000, and must comply with the requirements of s.  
18 290.0055. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 290.0065  
19 limiting the total number of enterprise zones designated and  
20 the number of enterprise zones within a population category,  
21 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development upon  
22 recommendation of Enterprise Florida, Inc., may designate  
23 enterprise zones under this section. The Office of Tourism,  
24 Trade, and Economic Development shall establish the initial  
25 effective date of the enterprise zones designated pursuant to  
26 this section.

27 Section 59. Section 290.009, Florida Statutes, is  
28 amended to read:

29 290.009 Enterprise Zone Interagency Coordinating  
30 Council.--

31 (1) There is created within the Office of Tourism,

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1 Trade, and Economic Development the Enterprise Zone  
2 Interagency Coordinating Council. The council shall be  
3 composed of the secretaries or executive directors, or their  
4 designees, of the Department of Community Affairs, the Office  
5 of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, the Department of  
6 Children and Family Services, the Department of Health, the  
7 Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Labor and  
8 Employment Security, the Department of State, the Department  
9 of Transportation, the Department of Environmental Protection,  
10 the Department of Law Enforcement, and the Department of  
11 Revenue; the Attorney General or his or her designee; and the  
12 executive directors or their designees of the Florida  
13 Community College System, the Florida Black Business  
14 Investment Board, and the Florida State Rural Development  
15 Council. Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall serve as staff to the  
16 council.

17 (2) The purpose of the council is to:

18 (a) Advise Enterprise Florida, Inc., and the office in  
19 planning, developing, implementing, and performing evaluation  
20 and reporting activities related to the Florida Enterprise  
21 Zone Act of 1994.

22 (b) Assist in the evaluation and review of enterprise  
23 zone designation applications pursuant to s. 290.0065.

24 (c) Assist in the selection of designated enterprise  
25 zones for participation in the enterprise zone linked deposit  
26 program pursuant to s. 290.0075.

27 (d) Encourage state agencies to administer programs in  
28 a manner that supports the purposes of this act and the goals  
29 and objectives of strategic enterprise zone development plans  
30 prepared by local governments.

31 (3) The director of the office or his or her designee



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1 shall serve as the chair of the council.

2 Section 60. Section 290.014, Florida Statutes, is  
3 amended to read:

4 290.014 Annual reports on enterprise zones.--

5 (1) By February 1 of each year, the Department of  
6 Revenue shall submit an annual report to Enterprise Florida,  
7 Inc., ~~the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development~~  
8 detailing the usage and revenue impact by county of the state  
9 incentives listed in s. 290.007.

10 (2) By March 1 of each year, Enterprise Florida, Inc.,  
11 ~~the office~~ shall submit an annual report to the Governor, the  
12 Speaker of the House of Representatives, ~~and~~ the President of  
13 the Senate, and the director of the Office of Tourism, Trade,  
14 and Economic Development. The report shall include the  
15 information provided by the Department of Revenue pursuant to  
16 subsection (1) and the information provided by enterprise zone  
17 development agencies pursuant to s. 290.0056. In addition, the  
18 report shall include an analysis of the activities and  
19 accomplishments of each enterprise zone, and any additional  
20 information prescribed pursuant to s. 290.015.

21 Section 61. Subsection (2) of section 290.046, Florida  
22 Statutes, is amended to read:

23 290.046 Applications for grants; procedures;  
24 requirements.--

25 (2)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c), each  
26 eligible local government may submit an application for a  
27 grant under either the housing program category or the  
28 neighborhood revitalization program category during each  
29 annual funding cycle. An applicant may not receive more than  
30 one grant in any state fiscal year from any of the following  
31 categories: housing, neighborhood revitalization, or

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1 commercial revitalization.

2 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c), each eligible  
3 local government may apply during each ~~up to three times in~~  
4 ~~any one~~ annual funding cycle for grants ~~a grant~~ under the  
5 economic development program category but shall receive  
6 cumulative awards no more than the applicable grant ceiling  
7 established by the department ~~one such grant~~ per annual  
8 funding cycle under s. 290.047(2). Applications for grants  
9 under the economic development program category may be  
10 submitted at any time during the annual funding cycle, and  
11 such grants shall be awarded no less frequently than three  
12 times per funding cycle. The department shall establish  
13 minimum criteria pertaining to the number of jobs created for  
14 persons of low or moderate income, the degree of private  
15 sector financial commitment, and the economic feasibility of  
16 the proposed project and shall establish any other criteria  
17 the department deems appropriate. Assistance to a private,  
18 for-profit business may not be provided from a grant award  
19 unless sufficient evidence exists to demonstrate that without  
20 such public assistance the creation or retention of such jobs  
21 would not occur.

22 (c)1. Local governments with an open housing,  
23 neighborhood revitalization, or commercial revitalization  
24 contract shall not be eligible to apply for another housing,  
25 neighborhood revitalization, or commercial revitalization  
26 grant until administrative closeout of their existing  
27 contract. The department shall notify a local government of  
28 administrative closeout or of any outstanding closeout issues  
29 within 45 days of receipt of a closeout package from the local  
30 government. Local governments with an open housing,  
31 neighborhood revitalization, or commercial revitalization

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1 community development block grant contract whose activities  
2 are on schedule in accordance with the expenditure rates and  
3 accomplishments described in the contract may apply for an  
4 economic development grant.

5           2. Local governments with an open economic development  
6 community development block grant contract or contracts whose  
7 activities are on schedule in accordance with the expenditure  
8 rates and accomplishments described in the contract or  
9 contracts may apply for a housing or neighborhood  
10 revitalization and a commercial revitalization community  
11 development block grant. Local governments with an open  
12 economic development contract or contracts whose activities  
13 are on schedule in accordance with the expenditure rates and  
14 accomplishments described in the contract or contracts may  
15 receive ~~no more than one~~ additional economic development  
16 grants grant in each fiscal year subject to the grant ceilings  
17 established by the department under s. 290.047.

18           (d) Beginning October 1, 1988, the department shall  
19 award no grant until the department has determined, based upon  
20 a site visit, that the proposed area matches and adheres to  
21 the written description contained within the applicant's  
22 request. If, based upon review of the application or a site  
23 visit, the department determines that any information provided  
24 in the application which affects eligibility or scoring has  
25 been misrepresented, the applicant's request shall be rejected  
26 by the department pursuant to s. 290.0475(7). Mathematical  
27 errors in applications which may be discovered and corrected  
28 by readily computing available numbers or formulas provided in  
29 the application shall not be a basis for such rejection.

30           Section 62. Subsection (7) is added to section  
31 290.048, Florida Statutes, to read:

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1           290.048 General powers of Department of Community  
2 Affairs under ss. 290.0401-290.049.--The department has all  
3 the powers necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes  
4 and provisions of the program, including the power to:

5           (7) Establish advisory committees and solicit  
6 participation in the design, implementation, and evaluation of  
7 the program and its linkages with other housing, community  
8 development, and economic development resources.

9           Section 63. Section 290.049, Florida Statutes, is  
10 repealed.

11           Section 64. Subsection (6) of section 373.4149,  
12 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13           373.4149 Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Plan.--

14           (6) The Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Plan  
15 Implementation Committee shall be appointed by the governing  
16 board of the South Florida Water Management District to  
17 develop a strategy for the design and implementation of the  
18 Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Plan. The committee shall consist  
19 of the chair of the governing board of the South Florida Water  
20 Management District, who shall serve as chair of the  
21 committee, the policy director of Environmental and Growth  
22 Management in the office of the Governor, the secretary of the  
23 Department of Environmental Protection, the director of the  
24 Division of Water Facilities or its successor division within  
25 the Department of Environmental Protection, ~~the director of~~  
26 ~~the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development within~~  
27 ~~the office of the Governor,~~ the secretary of the Department of  
28 Community Affairs, the executive director of the Game and  
29 Freshwater Fish Commission, the director of the Department of  
30 Environmental Resource Management of Miami-Dade County, the  
31 director of the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department,

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1 the Director of Planning in Miami-Dade County, a  
2 representative of the Friends of the Everglades, a  
3 representative of the Florida Audubon Society, a  
4 representative of the Florida chapter of the Sierra Club, four  
5 representatives of the nonmining private landowners within the  
6 Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Area, and four representatives  
7 from the limestone mining industry to be appointed by the  
8 governing board of the South Florida Water Management  
9 District. Two ex officio seats on the committee will be filled  
10 by one member of the Florida House of Representatives to be  
11 selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from  
12 among representatives whose districts, or some portion of  
13 whose districts, are included within the geographical scope of  
14 the committee as described in subsection (3), and one member  
15 of the Florida Senate to be selected by the President of the  
16 Senate from among senators whose districts, or some portion of  
17 whose districts, are included within the geographical scope of  
18 the committee as described in subsection (3). The committee  
19 may appoint other ex officio members, as needed, by a majority  
20 vote of all committee members. A committee member may  
21 designate in writing an alternate member who, in the member's  
22 absence, may participate and vote in committee meetings.

23           Section 65. The Institute of Food and Agricultural  
24 Sciences at the University of Florida is authorized to enter  
25 into contracts with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and may  
26 receive grants of money to support the Florida State Rural  
27 Development Council.

28           Section 66. The Workforce Development Board of  
29 Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall develop, in consultation with  
30 the State Board of Community Colleges and the Division of  
31 Workforce Development of the Department of Education, a policy

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1 authorizing the placement of Workforce Investment Act clients  
2 and other training program clients in self-employment as a  
3 means job placement. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
4 law, such policy shall define the conditions necessary,  
5 including documentation of income, for self-employment to  
6 qualify as job placement for Workforce Investment Act programs  
7 and Workforce Development Education Fund programs.

8       Section 67. Extraordinary economic development  
9 opportunities and threats; responsibilities of the Office of  
10 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development and Enterprise  
11 Florida, Inc.; creation of Economic Development Leadership  
12 Council.--

13       (1) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
14 Development, in conjunction with Enterprise Florida, Inc.,  
15 shall establish a unit within the office responsible for  
16 forecasting extraordinary economic development opportunities  
17 and extraordinary economic development threats with the  
18 potential to affect significantly the economy of the state.  
19 The unit also shall be responsible for coordinating  
20 development and implementation of an action plan to address,  
21 in a proactive manner, such opportunities or threats. The unit  
22 shall be composed of staff members from the office and from  
23 Enterprise Florida, Inc., who are designated by the director  
24 of the office and the president of Enterprise Florida, Inc.

25       (2) For the purposes of this section, the term  
26 "extraordinary economic development opportunity" includes an  
27 economic development project, whether associated with the  
28 expansion of an existing business in the state or the location  
29 of a new business to the state, which has the potential to  
30 result in the creation of at least 500 jobs in the state or a  
31 cumulative investment in the state of at least \$100 million.

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1 The term "extraordinary economic development threat" includes  
2 the potential loss of at least 500 jobs in the state because  
3 of the reorganization, closure, or relocation out of the state  
4 by an existing business in the state.

5 (3) Duties of the forecast unit in the Office of  
6 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall include, but is  
7 not limited to:

8 (a) Analyzing market conditions for business sectors  
9 that are strategically important to the state economy;

10 (b) Monitoring economic development activities in  
11 other states which have the potential to affect this state;

12 (c) Reviewing and understanding trade publications for  
13 business sectors that are strategically important to the state  
14 economy;

15 (d) Identifying private-sector points of contact  
16 inside and outside the state which can provide the unit with  
17 expertise and insights on matters affecting business sectors  
18 that are strategically important to the state economy;

19 (e) Preparing contingency plans to enable the state to  
20 respond rapidly and effectively to extraordinary economic  
21 development opportunities or threats;

22 (f) Documenting lessons learned from extraordinary  
23 economic development opportunities and threats once they have  
24 occurred; and

25 (g) Working with local and regional economic  
26 development organizations to forecast extraordinary economic  
27 development opportunities and threats.

28 (4) There is created the Economic Development  
29 Leadership Council, which shall be responsible for providing  
30 state leadership in response to an extraordinary economic  
31 development opportunity or an extraordinary economic

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1 development threat.

2 (a) The council shall be composed of the following  
3 members;

4 1. The Governor;

5 2. The President of the Senate;

6 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives;

7 4. The director of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
8 Economic Development; and

9 5. The president of Enterprise Florida, Inc.

10 (b) The council shall convene at the recommendation of  
11 the director of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
12 Development. Staff of the forecast unit within the office  
13 shall serve as staff to the council. The forecast unit within  
14 the office shall inform the council about the extraordinary  
15 economic development opportunity or threat and shall seek the  
16 advice of the council members on development and  
17 implementation of a plan of action to address the opportunity  
18 or threat. Staff of the forecast unit shall maintain the  
19 confidentiality provided under section 288.075, Florida  
20 Statutes.

21 (5) By January 31, 2001, the Office of Tourism, Trade,  
22 and Economic Development, in conjunction with Enterprise  
23 Florida, Inc., shall submit a report to the Governor, the  
24 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
25 Representatives which includes specific recommendations for  
26 vesting the Economic Development Leadership Council with  
27 powers to respond to an extraordinary economic development  
28 opportunity or an extraordinary economic development threat.

29 Section 68. Toolkit for Economic Development.--

30 (1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.--The Legislature finds that  
31 the state has numerous economically distressed communities



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1 with a high proportion of needy families who are current or  
2 former recipients of public assistance or who are at risk of  
3 becoming dependent upon public assistance. The Legislature  
4 also finds that the existence of safe and strong communities  
5 with prosperous economies is crucial to reduce dependence on  
6 public assistance and to promote employment retention and  
7 self-sufficiency. It is the intent of the Legislature to  
8 reduce reliance on public assistance, to promote employment  
9 retention, and to increase self-sufficiency by providing  
10 easily accessed and useable tools that support local  
11 initiatives that create economically prosperous communities  
12 for needy families.

13 (2) CREATION; PURPOSE.--There is created a program to  
14 be known as the "Toolkit for Economic Development," the  
15 purpose of which is to enable economically distressed  
16 communities to access easily, and use effectively, federal and  
17 state tools to improve conditions in the communities and  
18 thereby help needy families in the communities avoid public  
19 assistance, retain employment, and become self-sufficient.

20 (3) DEFINITIONS.--For the purposes of this section, a  
21 community is "economically distressed" if the community is  
22 experiencing conditions affecting its economic viability and  
23 hampering the self-sufficiency of its residents, including,  
24 but not limited to, low per capita income, low property  
25 values, high unemployment, high under-employment, low weekly  
26 wages compared to the state average, low housing values  
27 compared to the state or area average, high percentage of the  
28 population receiving public assistance, high poverty levels  
29 compared to the state average, and high percentage of needy  
30 families.

31 (4) LIAISONS.--

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1           (a) By August 1, 2000, the head of each of the  
 2 following agencies or organizations shall designate a  
 3 high-level staff person from within the agency or organization  
 4 to serve as a liaison to this program:

- 5           1. Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development;
- 6           2. Office of Urban Opportunity;
- 7           3. Department of Community Affairs;
- 8           4. Department of Law Enforcement;
- 9           5. Department of Juvenile Justice;
- 10          6. Department of Transportation;
- 11          7. Department of Environmental Protection;
- 12          8. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;
- 13          9. Department of State;
- 14          10. Department of Health;
- 15          11. Department of Children and Family Services;
- 16          12. Department of Corrections;
- 17          13. Department of Labor and Employment Security;
- 18          14. Department of Education;
- 19          15. Department of Military Affairs;
- 20          16. Florida Housing Finance Corporation;
- 21          17. Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences;
- 22          18. Institute on Urban Policy and Commerce;
- 23          19. Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation;
- 24          20. Enterprise Florida, Inc.;
- 25          21. Workforce Development Board of Enterprise Florida,  
 26 Inc.;
- 27          22. Executive Office of the Governor; and
- 28          23. Any other agencies or organizations as determined  
 29 by the coordinating partners.

30           (b) An alternate for each designee shall also be  
 31 chosen, and the names of the designees and alternates shall be

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1 sent to the coordinating partners, which shall convene the  
2 liaisons as necessary.

3 (c) Each liaison must have a comprehensive knowledge  
4 of the functions, whether regulatory or service-based, of his  
5 or her agency or organization. The liaison shall be the  
6 primary contact for the agency or organization for the Toolkit  
7 for Economic Development, assisting in expediting proposal  
8 review, resolving problems, promoting flexible assistance, and  
9 identifying opportunities for support within the agency or  
10 organization.

11 (d) As deemed necessary by the coordinating partners,  
12 liaisons shall review proposals from economically distressed  
13 communities to determine if they would be properly referred or  
14 submitted to their agencies or organizations. If such referral  
15 and submittal is appropriate, the liaison shall then assist  
16 the community as an ombudsman.

17 (e) The liaisons shall work at the request of the  
18 coordinating partners to review statutes and rules for their  
19 adverse effects on economically distressed communities and to  
20 develop alternative proposals to mitigate these effects.

21 (f) Liaisons shall review their agencies' or  
22 organizations' evaluation and scoring procedures for grant,  
23 loan, and aid programs to ensure that economically distressed  
24 communities are not unfairly disadvantaged, hampered, or  
25 handicapped in competing for awards because of community  
26 economic hardship. If they are, new evaluation criteria and  
27 scoring procedures shall be considered that recognize  
28 disproportionate requirements which an application process  
29 makes of a community that lacks the resources of other more  
30 prosperous communities. The evaluation criteria should weight  
31 contribution in proportion to the amount of resources

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1 available at the local level.

2 (g) Annually, the coordinating partners shall report  
3 to the Governor and the head of each agency or organization on  
4 the work and accomplishments of the liaisons.

5 (5) COORDINATING PARTNERS.--

6 (a) The liaisons from the WAGES State Board of  
7 Directors, or its successor organization, the Office of Urban  
8 Opportunity, the Department of Community Affairs, Enterprise  
9 Florida, Inc., and the Workforce Development Board of  
10 Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall serve as the coordinating  
11 partners of the Toolkit for Economic Development and act as an  
12 executive committee for the liaisons. The coordinating  
13 partners shall review any request from a Front Porch Community  
14 and shall provide whatever assistance that this section can  
15 afford to them.

16 (b) From time to time, the coordinating partners may  
17 recommend to the head of an agency or organization, approval  
18 of a project that in the unanimous judgment of the  
19 coordinating partners will have an extraordinary positive  
20 impact on an economically distressed community. Upon such  
21 recommendation, the head of an agency or organization shall  
22 give priority consideration for approval of such project.

23 (6) MATCHING-FUNDS OPTIONS.--Notwithstanding any other  
24 provision of law, an agency or organization may waive any  
25 state-required matching-funds requirements at the request of  
26 the coordinating partners. This waiver is contingent upon the  
27 determination by the coordinating partners that the community  
28 is fully committed to the success of a project, but lacks the  
29 community resources to meet match requirements. In-kind  
30 matches shall be allowed and applied as matching-funds  
31 utilizing the same determination criteria. The coordinating

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1 partners must unanimously endorse each request to an agency or  
2 organization. Any funds appropriated to the coordinating  
3 partners may be used to meet matching-funds requirements or  
4 fees for federal, state, or foundation application  
5 requirements.

6 (7) INVENTORY.--The coordinating partners shall  
7 develop, in consultation with the liaisons, an inventory of  
8 recommended federal and state tax credits, incentives,  
9 inducements, programs, opportunities, demonstrations or pilot  
10 programs, grants, and other resources available through the  
11 agencies and organizations which could assist Front Porch  
12 Florida or economically distressed communities. Each entry in  
13 the inventory must include a summary; a contact person; a  
14 simple description of the application process and a timetable;  
15 a profile of funding awards and funds availability; and a  
16 complexity ranking. The inventory shall be organized into  
17 seven categories, including:

18 (a) Leadership.--Entries that promote the skills and  
19 capacities of local leaders, volunteers, organizations, and  
20 employees that work on other categories of the inventory.  
21 These entries shall include, but are not limited to, grants;  
22 scholarships; Individual Training Accounts; Retention  
23 Incentive Training Account programs; and other programs that  
24 build the resident capacity to create a better community.  
25 These entries shall include educational-based institutes that  
26 can assist with research, consulting, technical assistance,  
27 capacity building, training, and program assistance to  
28 communities.

29 (b) Safety.--Entries that increase safety and reduce  
30 crime. These entries shall include, but are not limited to,  
31 the training and employment of public safety employees and

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1 volunteers; establishing safer businesses and neighborhoods;  
2 training residents in safety practices; organizing safety  
3 networks and cooperatives; improving lighting; improving the  
4 safety of homes, buildings, and streets; and providing for  
5 community police and safety projects, including those designed  
6 to protect youth in the community. Other entries may be  
7 included that reinforce community and local law enforcement.

8 (c) Clean Up.--Entries that support clean up and  
9 enhancement projects that quickly create visible improvements  
10 in neighborhoods, including the demolition of drug havens and  
11 abandoned buildings. These entries shall include, but are not  
12 limited to, projects that plan, design, or implement clean up  
13 strategies; main street redevelopment; and renovation  
14 projects. These entries may also include planning and  
15 implementation for larger neighborhood revitalization and  
16 economic development projects.

17 (d) Business.--Entries that support small business  
18 development, including, but not limited to, attraction of  
19 national franchises; micro-loans; guaranteed commercial loans;  
20 technical assistance; self-employment; linked deposit; loan  
21 loss reserves; business incubators; and other activities that  
22 support the market economy.

23 (e) Schools.--Entries that upgrade schools through  
24 repair or renovation, as well as training and employment  
25 entries to assist with school transportation, services, and  
26 security. These entries shall include, but are not limited to,  
27 programs that enable school-based childcare; before, after,  
28 and summer school programs; programs that broaden the use of  
29 school facilities as a hub and haven within the community;  
30 scholarships; and grant programs that assist families and  
31 individuals to complete and enhance their education.

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1           (f) Partners.--Entries that provide tax credits,  
2 incentives, and other inducements to businesses that  
3 contribute to community projects, such as the community  
4 contribution tax credit under sections 220.183 and 624.5105,  
5 Florida Statutes. These entries shall include any programs  
6 that help raise federal or foundation grant funds.

7           (g) Redevelopment.--Entries that support the planning,  
8 preparation, construction, marketing, and financing of  
9 residential, mixed-use, and commercial redevelopment, as well  
10 as residential and business infrastructure projects. These  
11 entries shall include, but are not limited to, the workforce  
12 development programs that influence business decisions such as  
13 the Quick-Response Training Program and Quick-Response  
14 Training Program for Work and Gain Economic Self-sufficiency  
15 (WAGES) participants.

16           (8) START-UP INITIATIVE.--

17           (a) Subject to legislative appropriation and the  
18 provisions of this act, the Start-Up Initiative is created to  
19 promote the use of the inventory, to boost a community's  
20 efforts, and to ensure that federal funds do not go unexpended  
21 or unobligated, or are not returned to federal agencies.

22           (b) The coordinating partners, in consultation with  
23 the liaisons, local economic development organizations, and  
24 regional workforce development boards, shall identify 15  
25 communities, seven of which must be from the state's seven  
26 largest counties, three of which must be from rural counties,  
27 and five of which must be from other counties in the state.  
28 These communities must be compact, congruent, and contiguous  
29 census tracts that have high concentrations of needy families  
30 who are current, former, or likely recipients of public  
31 assistance. To the maximum extent possible, these communities

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1 should coincide with federal empowerment zones, enterprise  
2 communities, or similar designations; HOPE VI communities;  
3 Front Porch Florida communities; enterprise zones established  
4 under chapter 290 or chapter 370, Florida Statutes;  
5 Neighborhood Improvement Districts established under chapter  
6 163, Florida Statutes; community redevelopment areas  
7 established under chapter 163, Florida Statutes; and Urban  
8 High Crime Areas or Rural Job Tax Credit Areas established  
9 under chapter 212, Florida Statutes.

10 (c) The coordinating partners shall solicit proposals  
11 from Front Porch Advisory Committees, community-based  
12 organizations, local governments, and neighborhood  
13 associations located in the communities identified in  
14 paragraph (b) and Front Porch communities. The coordinating  
15 partners shall provide each applicant with the inventory and  
16 recommendations on proposals that can be funded.

17 (d) Communities may prepare a proposal to access and  
18 use various entries from the inventory which will launch or  
19 boost their economic development efforts. Proposals must be no  
20 more than 20 pages long and include:

21 1. A brief description of how the community would use  
22 entries from the inventory in the community's economic  
23 development strategy;

24 2. Specific evidence of community support for the  
25 proposal from community-based organizations, local government,  
26 regional workforce development boards, and local economic  
27 development organizations;

28 3. Identification and commitment of local resources  
29 for the proposal from community-based organizations, local  
30 government, regional workforce development boards, and local  
31 economic development organizations;



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1           4. Identification of the specific entity or person  
2 responsible for coordinating the community's proposal; and

3           5. Identification of a local fiscal entity for  
4 contracting, administration, and accountability.

5           (e) The coordinating partners shall appoint a liaison  
6 to assist each community with the proposal and its  
7 implementation, if awarded.

8           (f) The coordinating partners shall design an  
9 impartial and competitive proposal-review process and  
10 evaluation criteria. Based on the evaluation criteria, up to  
11 nine communities shall be designated to participate in the  
12 Start Up Initiative. Once a community is designated, the  
13 coordinating partners and the community's liaison will work to  
14 finalize the proposal, including the addition of funding  
15 sources for each inventory entry. The finalized proposal shall  
16 serve as the contract between the community and the Start-Up  
17 Initiative. If sufficient funding does not exist for an entry  
18 that is essential for the community's proposal or a community  
19 is ineligible for a specific inventory entry, the coordinating  
20 partners may allocate funding that is under their control to  
21 fulfill the entry. The proposal must be operational within 3  
22 months after approval.

23           (g) Proposals that would mainly result in  
24 gentrification of the community, that would not employ a  
25 preponderance of residents, and that predominately create  
26 residences or businesses that are beyond the anticipated  
27 income level of the working residents of the community are not  
28 eligible.

29           (h) Proposal awards shall be obligated for federal  
30 funding purposes, and shall be considered appropriated for  
31 purposes of section 216.301, Florida Statutes. The

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1 coordinating partners may allocate funding that is under their  
2 control to fund this initiative. Any funding appropriated to  
3 assist needy families, or to promote job placement and  
4 employment retention, which is in excess of revenues necessary  
5 to fulfill the appropriated purpose, and which may not be  
6 obligated during the budget year, may be allocated to this  
7 initiative to support an approved proposal.

8 (i) Any federal funds must be used for purposes  
9 consistent with applicable federal law; however, the  
10 coordinating partners, with the assistance of the Department  
11 of Children and Family Services, shall aggressively pursue  
12 innovative uses of federal funds to support projects that  
13 train community leaders, upgrade individuals skills, promote  
14 safety, clean up communities, beautify neighborhoods,  
15 encourage small business, stimulate employment, increase  
16 educational opportunity, promote community partnering, advance  
17 community redevelopment, and upgrade housing because it  
18 assists needy families, promoting self-sufficiency and job  
19 retention.

20 (j) The coordinating partners shall adopt procedures  
21 for the Start-Up Initiative and may, if necessary, adopt,  
22 through the Department of Community Affairs, emergency rules  
23 to govern the submission of proposals, the evaluation of  
24 proposals, the initiative awards, and the implementation  
25 procedures for administration of awards.

26 (9) COMMUNITIES OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY.--The  
27 coordinating partners may recommend to the Governor up to  
28 three communities of critical economic opportunity. A  
29 community of critical economic opportunity must be a community  
30 that is economically distressed, that presents a unique  
31 economic development opportunity, and that will create more

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1 than 1,000 jobs over a 5-year period. The Governor may, by  
2 executive order, designate up to three communities of critical  
3 economic opportunity which will establish these areas as  
4 priority assignments for the liaisons and coordinating  
5 partners as well as to allow the Governor, acting through  
6 them, to waive criteria, requirements, or similar provisions  
7 of any economic development incentive. Such incentives shall  
8 include, but not be limited to: the Qualified Target Industry  
9 Tax Refund Program under section 288.106, Florida Statutes,  
10 the Quick Response Training Program under section 288.047,  
11 Florida Statutes, the WAGES Quick Response Training Program  
12 under section 288.047(10), Florida Statutes, transportation  
13 projects under section 288.063, Florida Statutes, the  
14 brownfield redevelopment bonus refund under section 288.107,  
15 Florida Statutes, and the job and employment tax credit  
16 programs. Designation as a community of critical economic  
17 opportunity under this subsection shall be contingent upon the  
18 execution of a memorandum or agreement among the coordinating  
19 partners; the governing body of the county; and the governing  
20 bodies of any municipalities to be included within an area of  
21 critical economic opportunity. Such agreement shall specify  
22 the terms and conditions of the designation, including, but  
23 not limited to, the duties and responsibilities of the county  
24 and any participating municipalities to take actions designed  
25 to facilitate the retention and expansion of existing  
26 businesses in the area, as well as the recruitment of new  
27 businesses to the area.

28 (10) FUNDING.--

29 (a) To implement the provisions of this act, the  
30 coordinating partners are authorized to spend, contingent on a  
31 specific appropriation, up to \$25 million from the Temporary

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1 Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant through the  
2 TANF administrative entity at the Department of Management  
3 Services.

4 (b) Any expenditure from the TANF Block Grant shall be  
5 in accordance with the requirements and limitations of Title  
6 IV of the Social Security Act, as amended, or any other  
7 applicable federal requirement or limitation in law. Prior to  
8 any expenditure of such funds, the Workforce Development Board  
9 of Enterprise Florida, Inc., and the secretary of the  
10 Department of Children and Family Services, or his or her  
11 designee, shall certify that controls are in place to ensure  
12 that such funds are expended and reported in accordance with  
13 the requirements and limitations of federal law. It shall be  
14 the responsibility of any entity to which funds are awarded to  
15 obtain the required certification prior to any expenditure of  
16 funds.

17 (11) REPORTING.--The Office of Program Policy Analysis  
18 and Government Accountability and the coordinating partners,  
19 shall develop measures and criteria by October 1, 2001, for  
20 evaluating the effectiveness of the Toolkit for Economic  
21 Development including the liaisons, coordinating partners,  
22 waivers and matching options, inventory, Start-Up Initiative,  
23 and Communities of Critical Economic Opportunity. The Office  
24 of Program Policy and Government Accountability shall submit  
25 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker  
26 of the House of Representatives, by January 1, 2002, a report  
27 detailing the progress that the Toolkit for Economic  
28 Development has made toward achievement of established  
29 measures.

30 (12) EXPIRATION.--This section expires June 30, 2002.

31 Section 69. Section 288.1260, Florida Statutes, is

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1 created to read:

2 288.1260 Front Porch Florida Initiative.--

3 (1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.--The Legislature finds that  
4 the State of Florida has many communities that, in times of  
5 general fiscal prosperity, have not experienced the same  
6 levels of economic fulfillment as other areas of our state.  
7 These neighborhoods and communities are often found in the  
8 urban core areas of our cities, and have been the recipients  
9 of top down imposed state and federal programs that have  
10 lacked a comprehensive approach to revitalization. The  
11 Legislature further finds that these distressed urban cores  
12 have often had a narrow set of solutions imposed on them  
13 without regard to the unique nature of the problems that face  
14 each neighborhood.

15 (2) CREATION.--The Front Porch Florida initiative will  
16 be a community-based effort, giving residents the power to  
17 define the causes of their problems and harnessing the  
18 collective power of individual neighborhoods to craft unique  
19 solutions to these problems. The Front Porch Florida  
20 initiative is created to provide a comprehensive,  
21 community-based approach to neighborhood revitalization in  
22 Florida, engaging the resources of the state as a facilitator  
23 for community solutions and a civic switchboard to match  
24 communities with resources.

25 (3) PRINCIPLES.--The Front Porch Florida initiative is  
26 built upon the following principles:

27 (a) Urban revitalization begins in Florida's  
28 neighborhoods and not in state government. The resources for  
29 solving some of their problems may reside in part in state and  
30 local government, but the solutions to the unique challenges  
31 of each neighborhood must come from citizens who live in these

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1 neighborhoods.

2 (b) Expanded business opportunities and access to  
3 capital are critical to sustaining any urban renewal efforts.  
4 There must be a multi-faceted commitment of fiscal resources  
5 and increased business opportunities that stimulates  
6 entrepreneurship in urban core neighborhoods.

7 (c) Government cannot raise expectations beyond its  
8 capacity to deliver. State and local governments have roles in  
9 our urban cores, but government is not the panacea.

10 (d) An effective state urban policy must support  
11 existing efforts and work with the on-going activities of  
12 local communities, mayors, and municipalities. The state must  
13 also leverage faith-based and community-based groups into the  
14 equation in a way that has never been tried before. Churches,  
15 ministers, pastors, rabbis, and other community leaders are  
16 often the greatest agents of improvement in our urban cores.  
17 They must be empowered to be involved in Front Porch Florida  
18 to the greatest extent possible.

19 (4) LIAISONS TO FRONT PORCH FLORIDA COMMUNITIES.--No  
20 later than August 1, 2000, the head of each of the following  
21 agencies or organizations shall designate a high-level staff  
22 person from within the agency or organization to serve as the  
23 Front Porch Florida liaison to the Front Porch Florida "A"

24 Team:

- 25 1. Department of Community Affairs;
- 26 2. Department of Law Enforcement;
- 27 3. Department of Juvenile Justice;
- 28 4. Department of Corrections;
- 29 5. Department of Transportation;
- 30 6. Department of Environmental Protection;
- 31 7. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;

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- 1           8. Department of State;
- 2           9. Department of Health;
- 3           10. Department of Children and Family Services;
- 4           11. Department of Labor and Employment Security;
- 5           12. Department of Education;
- 6           13. Department of Military Affairs;
- 7           14. Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences;
- 8           15. Enterprise Florida, Inc.;
- 9           16. Workforce Development Board of Enterprise Florida,
- 10 Inc.; and
- 11           17. Executive Office of the Governor.
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13 Each Front Porch Florida liaison must have comprehensive  
14 knowledge of his or her agency's functions. This person shall  
15 be the primary point of contact for his or her agency on  
16 issues and projects relating to economically distressed  
17 communities, shall ensure a prompt effective response to  
18 problems arising with regard to community issues, and shall  
19 assist in the identification of opportunities for preferential  
20 awards of program funds to facilitate the civic switchboard  
21 function of Front Porch Florida.

22           (5) INVENTORY.--Front Porch Florida communities shall  
23 use the inventory of federal and state resources developed as  
24 part of the Toolkit for Economic Development to facilitate  
25 solutions to their unique challenges.

26           (6) SELECTION OF FRONT PORCH FLORIDA COMMUNITIES.--

27           (a) The Office of Urban Opportunity, created in  
28 section 14.2015(9)(a), Florida Statutes, will solicit  
29 applications from Florida communities that wish to be  
30 designated as Front Porch Florida communities. The application  
31 should specify the boundaries of the nominated area, quantify

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1 the need for revitalization, demonstrate a history of  
2 grass-roots activities in the neighborhood, and identify the  
3 resources within each community that will contribute to their  
4 success as Front Porch Florida communities.

5 (b) Successful applications for designation may  
6 include strategies for expanding business opportunities and  
7 access to capital, closing the gap in education, building upon  
8 the activities of faith-based and community-based groups,  
9 providing affordable, quality housing, strengthening public  
10 safety, and creating a healthy environment.

11 (c) Upon designation as a Front Porch Florida  
12 community, the neighborhood will form a Governor's  
13 Revitalization Council, comprised of partners and stakeholders  
14 in each community. Each council should be representative of  
15 the broad diversity and interests in the community and should  
16 include residents, neighborhood associations, faith-based  
17 organizations, and community-based organizations. Each council  
18 should also develop partnerships with local government, law  
19 enforcement agencies, lenders, schools, and health care  
20 providers. Each council will prepare a specialized  
21 Neighborhood Action Plan that will assist the Office of Urban  
22 Opportunity in identifying and garnering the resources that  
23 are needed to help successfully implement community  
24 revitalization.

25 (7) MONITORING AND REPORTING.--The Office of Urban  
26 Opportunity shall require each designated Front Porch Florida  
27 community to submit a monthly report which details the  
28 activities and accomplishments of the neighborhood. On a  
29 quarterly basis, each designated community must submit a  
30 report that specifically addresses the elements of each  
31 Neighborhood Action Plan to determine progress toward



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1 achieving stated goals. The community's Governor's  
2 Revitalization Council will submit an annual progress report  
3 as part of their recertification process in order to maintain  
4 designation as a Front Porch Florida community.

5 Section 70. Section 239.521, Florida Statutes, is  
6 created to read:

7 239.521 Information-technology workforce-development  
8 projects.--The Legislature recognizes that  
9 information-technology industries are adding substantial  
10 numbers of high-paying, high-technology jobs in the state. The  
11 Legislature also recognizes the important contribution of this  
12 industry as one of the targeted industries vital to the  
13 state's current and future economic growth. The Legislature  
14 further recognizes that information-technology industries are  
15 in need of a highly skilled workforce to meet the growing  
16 demands of the industry as well as to address the needs of  
17 additional information-technology companies relocating to the  
18 state. The Information Technology Development Task Force,  
19 appointed by the 1999 Florida Legislature for the study of key  
20 issues in the development of the state's economy, recommended  
21 several means for further supporting this valued industry.  
22 Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature that the  
23 following initiatives be funded to support the workforce needs  
24 of this growing industry consistent with recognized needs of  
25 the state.

26 (1) COMPREHENSIVE DISTANCE-LEARNING CURRICULUM  
27 INITIATIVES.--

28 (a) The Legislature recognizes that there are multiple  
29 levels of employee competencies embedded within the various  
30 information-technology-industry jobs. Using these competencies  
31 as the basis of a curriculum for training incumbent workers to

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- 1 develop additional skills and potential workers to develop  
2 entry-level skills, the Legislature intends that a  
3 comprehensive vocational-certificate or 2-year  
4 distance-learning curriculum be developed.
- 5 (b) The comprehensive distance-learning initiative  
6 involves the State Technology Office and the State Board of  
7 Community Colleges acting through the Florida Community  
8 College Distance Learning Consortium to ensure that the  
9 curriculum is up-to-date, responsive to industry's changing  
10 needs, and delivered in the most cost-effective manner  
11 possible. The development of the distance-learning curriculum  
12 for statewide dissemination is to be co-built by industry  
13 content experts and educational providers. The process should  
14 coordinate the existing efforts of individual institutions and  
15 consortiums into a combined, comprehensive, and cohesive  
16 methodology for providing training through the use of  
17 technology and should involve:
- 18 1. A statewide review of existing distance-learning  
19 courses;
- 20 2. Evaluation and purchase of appropriate  
21 off-the-shelf products to be licensed for use on a statewide  
22 basis; and
- 23 3. Development of missing competency training using  
24 multi-media methodologies.
- 25 (c) The comprehensive distance-learning curriculum  
26 developed under this subsection will be by one or more  
27 institutions or consortiums. Participation in this project  
28 will be competitively based and approved by the State Board of  
29 Community Colleges based upon recommendations of the Florida  
30 Community College Distance Learning Consortium. Participants  
31 must meet the following criteria:

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1           1. Experience in providing training for  
2 information-technology companies.

3           2. Availability of technical infrastructure to support  
4 this project.

5           3. Endorsement from information-technology  
6 economic-development agencies and local information-technology  
7 business commitments to be actively involved.

8           4. Demonstrated multi-media course and program  
9 development capabilities.

10           5. Existing consortium efforts.

11           6. Availability of local support.

12           (d) Contingent on a specific appropriation, these  
13 funds must be used to support, among others, salaries,  
14 licensing commercial courseware, purchasing existing  
15 courseware and equipment, and related course-development  
16 expenses.

17           (2) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES  
18 FOR FACULTY AND STUDENTS.--

19           (a) The Legislature recognizes that the preparedness  
20 of both high school and postsecondary education students  
21 emerging from an educational experience ready to enter the  
22 information-technology workplace is dependent upon the quality  
23 of instruction provided by faculty and information-technology  
24 business interaction with their program of study. The  
25 Legislature further recognizes that faculty at high school and  
26 postsecondary school levels are better able to integrate  
27 technology and current business standards into the curriculum  
28 if they can verify from personal experience and knowledge the  
29 importance of these for students' future success. Faculty also  
30 require the ability to continuously update their knowledge and  
31 skills as technology changes, and faculty will be able to

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1 increase their skills and knowledge from structured internship  
2 opportunities within information-technology businesses.  
3 Further, students gain increased knowledge and skills from  
4 on-the-job training and direct work experience in a structured  
5 internship opportunity. The Legislature, therefore, creates  
6 the Information Technology Internship Program to encourage and  
7 support information-technology-program faculty and student  
8 internships with direct exposure to information-technology  
9 industries. The Legislature further intends that the program  
10 will provide a minimum of 200 faculty and 200 student  
11 internships at various locations across the state.

12 (b) Local faculty and student internship initiatives  
13 will be selected to be part of this project by the State  
14 Technology Office, based on the following criteria:

15 1. Information-technology businesses providing faculty  
16 and student internships will pay 50 percent of the salary for  
17 each intern as well as provide workers' compensation benefits.

18 2. Economic-development agencies such as chambers of  
19 commerce, economic-development commissions, or regional  
20 consortia will be eligible to apply and serve as a local  
21 fiscal agent for the program.

22 3. Establishment of qualifying criteria and process  
23 for matching faculty and students with business-internship  
24 opportunities.

25 4. Priority will be given to existing local efforts  
26 that have proven successful and can be duplicated statewide.

27 5. Projects may be combined with federal tax-relief  
28 efforts encouraging educational internship programs.

29 (c) Salaries and other conditions of work shall be set  
30 by the Commissioner of Education, the Executive Director of  
31 the Florida Community College System, and the Chancellor of

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1 the State University System.

2 (d) The Division of Workforce Development of the  
3 Department of Education shall assume administrative  
4 responsibility and act as fiscal agent for the  
5 information-technology internships.

6 (e) Contingent on a specific appropriation, these  
7 funds must be used to support programs established under this  
8 subsection on a statewide basis.

9 (3) INFORMATION-TECHNOLOGY-TRAINING  
10 FACILITY-IMPROVEMENT-STRATEGY INITIATIVES.--

11 (a) The Legislature recognizes that  
12 information-technology businesses need increased numbers of  
13 highly skilled workers. The shortage of a qualified labor  
14 force has become a barrier to this dynamic industry's  
15 continued growth in the state. The limited numbers of highly  
16 skilled incumbent workers constantly need to update skills in  
17 response to the evolving technologies and in order to move to  
18 higher-paid positions within the industry. These incumbent  
19 workers require a continuous work-and-learn cycle to maintain  
20 their knowledge of new technologies and tools. Businesses  
21 demand cutting-edge training opportunities for their employees  
22 in order to meet the constantly changing globally competitive  
23 marketplace. The Legislature recognizes that increased  
24 accessibility and quality facilities are required to address  
25 the increasing efforts of educational institutions to respond  
26 to information-technology businesses and that  
27 information-technology-training providers are expected to have  
28 appropriate facilities to address the needs of this dynamic  
29 industry. The Legislature further recognizes that additional  
30 high-tech labs are required to provide the training for  
31 computer-systems engineers, software developers, and related

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1 cutting-edge job types. These labs are more expensive than  
2 regular facilities because of the additional infrastructure  
3 and continuous turnover of equipment in response to changes in  
4 global technology. Therefore, it is the intent of the  
5 Legislature to provide a process and funding for appropriate  
6 and needed information-technology-training-facility upgrades.

7 (b) The State Board of Community Colleges will  
8 administer funds appropriated under paragraph (c) for  
9 distribution on a competitive basis by October 1 of each year  
10 to support approved projects. Projects may address upgrading  
11 current facilities, planning new facilities, and combining the  
12 efforts of institutions to serve the information-technology  
13 business sector through state-of-the-art training facilities  
14 designated to address the multi-media needs of this industry.  
15 The projects would be competitively selected based on the  
16 following criteria:

17 1. A concentration of information-technology  
18 industries and workers in the service area.

19 2. Other local funding initiatives or federal funding  
20 of an equal value to the state funds requested. These funds  
21 must demonstrate a synergistic effort to support  
22 information-technology industries.

23 3. Priority may be given to projects, including  
24 partnership effort between two or more educational  
25 institutions, so that a broader range of educational services  
26 may be provided for information-technology industries.

27 4. Priorities may be given to projects that include  
28 partnerships with a local municipality, county, or  
29 economic-development agency as a way of demonstrating a  
30 synergy of efforts to support this industry.

31 (c) Contingent on a specific appropriation, these

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1 funds must be used to support two or more projects approved  
2 under this subsection.

3 Section 71. Present subsections (4) through (8) of  
4 section 240.311, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as  
5 subsections (5) through (9), respectively, and a new  
6 subsection (4) is added to that section to read:

7 240.311 State Board of Community Colleges; powers and  
8 duties.--

9 (4) The State Board of Community Colleges shall  
10 identify, using the Critical Jobs Initiative, the occupational  
11 forecasting process, or any other compatible mechanism, a  
12 collection of programs designed to train broadband digital  
13 media specialists. Programs identified by the board shall be  
14 added to the statewide lists for demand occupations, if they  
15 meet the high-skill/high-wage criteria as established by the  
16 Workforce Estimating Conference created under s. 216.136(10).

17 Section 72. Subsection (5) is added to section  
18 240.3341, Florida Statutes, to read:

19 240.3341 Incubator facilities for small business  
20 concerns.--

21 (5) Community colleges are encouraged to establish  
22 incubator facilities through which emerging small businesses  
23 supportive of the development of content and technology for  
24 digital broadband media and digital broadcasting may be  
25 served.

26 Section 73. Section 240.710, Florida Statutes, is  
27 created to read:

28 240.710 Digital Media Education Coordination Group.--

29 (1) The Board of Regents shall create a Digital Media  
30 Education Coordination Group composed of representatives of  
31 the universities within the State University System which

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1 shall work in conjunction with the State Board of Community  
2 Colleges and the Articulation Coordinating Committee on the  
3 development of a plan to enhance Florida's ability to meet the  
4 current and future workforce needs of the digital media  
5 industry. The following purposes of the group shall be  
6 included in its plan-development process:

7       (a) Coordination of the use of existing academic  
8 programs, research, and faculty resources to promote the  
9 development of a digital media industry in Florida;

10       (b) Addressing strategies to improve opportunities for  
11 interdisciplinary study and research within the emerging field  
12 of digital media through the development of tracts in existing  
13 degree programs, new interdisciplinary degree programs, and  
14 interdisciplinary research centers; and

15       (c) Addressing the sharing of resources among  
16 universities in such a way as to allow a student to take  
17 courses from multiple departments or multiple educational  
18 institutions in pursuit of competency, certification, and  
19 degrees in digital information and media technology.

20       (2) Where practical, private accredited institutions  
21 of higher learning in Florida should be encouraged to  
22 participate.

23       (3) In addition to the elements of the plan governed  
24 by the purposes described in subsection (1), the plan shall  
25 include, to the maximum extent practicable, the coordination  
26 of educational resources to be provided by distance learning  
27 and shall facilitate, to the maximum extent, possible  
28 articulation and transfer of credits between community  
29 colleges and the state universities. The plan must address  
30 student enrollment in affected programs with emphasis on  
31 enrollment beginning as early as the Fall Term in 2001.



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1           (4) The Digital Media Education Coordination Group  
2 shall submit its plan to the President of the Senate and the  
3 Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2001.

4           Section 74. The Workforce Development Board of  
5 Enterprise Florida, Inc., should reserve up to \$1 million of  
6 funds dedicated in Fiscal Year 2000-2001 for Incumbent Worker  
7 Training for the digital media industry. Training may be  
8 provided by public or private training providers for broadband  
9 digital media jobs listed on the Occupational Forecast List  
10 developed by the Workforce Estimating Conference or the  
11 Targeted Occupations List of the Workforce Development Board.  
12 Programs that operate outside the normal semester time periods  
13 and coordinate the use of industry and public resources should  
14 be given priority status for such reserved funds.

15           Section 75. The Workforce Development Board of  
16 Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall by August 31, 2000, develop a  
17 plan for the use of Targeted Assistance to Needy Families  
18 funds, Workforce Investment Act funds, Quick Response funds,  
19 Incumbent Worker Training funds, and other training-related  
20 resources to enhance the workforce of digital-media-related  
21 industries. The plan must provide the industries with a  
22 program to train and assess the status of industry workforce  
23 readiness for the digital era and should be done in  
24 conjunction with the broadcast and cable industries.

25           Section 76. The sum of \$1 million is appropriated from  
26 the General Revenue Fund to the Digital Media Education  
27 Infrastructure Fund for the 2000-2001 fiscal year, provided  
28 such infrastructure fund is enacted into law as a result of  
29 action taken during the 2000 Regular Session of the  
30 Legislature. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
31 Development shall be responsible for contracting with eligible

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1 entities for receipt of such funds. The funds must be spent  
2 according to the priorities established by the industry sector  
3 group on broadband digital media established by Enterprise  
4 Florida, Inc., and must be matched by industry contributions.

5 Section 77. Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall convene an  
6 organizational meeting for industries involved in broadband  
7 digital media to organize and facilitate future activities of  
8 associated industry groups or facilitate the ongoing  
9 activities of a similar group. Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall  
10 make all necessary preparations to identify and designate a  
11 digital-media sector as part of its sector strategy and  
12 identify the sector as a priority recruitment/retention set of  
13 industries.

14 Section 78. (1) Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall award  
15 a contract for the establishment of a digital media incubator  
16 to encourage companies developing content and technology for  
17 digital broadband media and digital broadcasting to locate and  
18 develop their businesses in Florida. Qualifications of an  
19 applicant for a contract as a digital media incubator shall at  
20 a minimum include the following:

21 (a) Demonstrated expertise in developing content and  
22 technology for digital broadband media and digital  
23 broadcasting;

24 (b) Demonstrated ability in venture capital  
25 fund-raising;

26 (c) Demonstrated expertise in the development of  
27 digital media businesses; and

28 (d) Demonstrated ability in coordinating public and  
29 private educational institutions and business entities in  
30 digital technology joint business ventures. The awarding of  
31 the contract must follow the procedures outlined in chapter

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1 287, Florida Statutes.

2 (2) There is appropriated the sum of \$2 million from  
3 the General Revenue Fund to Enterprise Florida, Inc., for the  
4 purpose of providing operational and investment seed funding  
5 to encourage the financial and strategic participation of  
6 venture capital firms, corporate and institutional sponsors,  
7 and targeted start-up companies in the establishment of the  
8 digital incubator. Initial state investment in the incubator  
9 must be matched with contributions from the industry with  
10 participating industry partners, including, but not limited  
11 to, venture capitalists, digital media manufacturers, and  
12 digital media content providers.

13 (3) Maximized leveraging of funds must be a priority  
14 consideration in the location of the digital media incubator.  
15 Consideration must be given to collocation of the incubator  
16 with an existing state of the art media lab or an upgraded or  
17 newly created media lab funded through the Digital Media  
18 Education Infrastructure Fund in the Office of Tourism, Trade,  
19 and Economic Development.

20 Section 79. ITFlorida, in consultation with Enterprise  
21 Florida, Inc., shall develop a marketing plan to promote the  
22 state as digital-media-friendly, as a digital-media-ready  
23 environment, and as a national leader in the development and  
24 distribution of broadband digital media content, technology,  
25 and education. The marketing plan must identify critical roles  
26 for various public and private partners and establish a  
27 marketing timeline and goals. The plan must be completed by  
28 December 31, 2000.

29 Section 80. The provisions of this act relating to  
30 workforce or economic development for digital media are  
31 subject to legislative appropriation.

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1           Section 81. Section 331.367, Florida Statutes, is  
2 amended to read:

3           331.367 Spaceport Management Council.--

4           (1) The Spaceport Management Council is created within  
5 the Spaceport Florida Authority to provide intergovernmental  
6 coordination and to develop recommendations on projects and  
7 activities to ~~that will~~ increase the operability and  
8 capabilities of Florida's space launch facilities, increase  
9 statewide space-related industry and opportunities, and  
10 promote space education, ~~and~~ research, and technology  
11 development within the state. The council shall work to create  
12 develop integrated facility and programmatic development plans  
13 to address commercial, state, and federal requirements and to  
14 identify appropriate private, state, and federal resources to  
15 implement these plans.

16           (2) The council shall make recommendations regarding:

17           (a) The development of a spaceport master plan.

18           (b) The projects and levels of commercial financing  
19 required from the Florida Commercial Space Financing  
20 Corporation created by s. 331.407.

21           (c) In consultation with the Florida Space Research  
22 Institute, development and expansion of space-related  
23 education and research facilities and programs within Florida,  
24 including recommendations to be provided to the State  
25 University System, the Division of Community Colleges, and the  
26 Department of Education.

27           (d) The regulation of spaceports and federal and state  
28 policy.

29           (e) Appropriate levels of governmental and private  
30 funding for sustainable Florida's approach to the Federal  
31 ~~Government regarding requests for funding of space~~

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1 development.

2 (f) The council shall submit its recommendations to  
 3 the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and provide copies to  
 4 the Secretary of Transportation, the director of the Office of  
 5 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, the associate  
 6 administrator for Space Transportation in the United States  
 7 Department of Transportation, the administrator of the  
 8 National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the Deputy  
 9 Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Plans and  
 10 Policy.

11 (3)(a) The council shall consist of an executive  
 12 board, which shall consist of representatives of governmental  
 13 organizations with responsibilities for developing or  
 14 operating space transportation facilities, and a Space  
 15 Industry Committee, which shall consist of representatives of  
 16 Florida's space industry.

17 (b) The following individuals or their designees shall  
 18 serve on the executive board:

19 1. The executive director of the Spaceport Florida  
 20 Authority ~~or his or her designee.~~

21 2. ~~The director of the John F. Kennedy Space Center or~~  
 22 ~~his or her designee.~~

23 3. ~~The Commander of the United States Air Force 45th~~  
 24 ~~Space Wing or his or her designee.~~

25 4. ~~The Commander of the Naval Ordnance Test Unit or~~  
 26 ~~his or her designee.~~

27 ~~2.5. The Secretary of Transportation or his or her~~  
 28 ~~designee.~~

29 ~~3.6. The president of Enterprise Florida, Inc., or his~~  
 30 ~~or her designee, as an ex officio nonvoting member.~~

31 ~~4.7. The director of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and~~

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1 ~~Economic Development or his or her designee, as an ex officio~~  
2 ~~nonvoting member.~~

3 (c)1. Participation by the federal agencies having  
4 space-related missions in Florida will contribute to council  
5 effectiveness, and the following installation heads or their  
6 designees may serve as official liaisons to the council: the  
7 director of the John F. Kennedy Space Center, the Commander of  
8 the 45th Space Wing, and the Commander of the Naval Ordnance  
9 Test Unit.

10 2. Federal liaison officials will be invited to attend  
11 all council meetings, provide federal agency views on issues  
12 before the council, and present issues of concern and make  
13 recommendations to the council.

14 3. The council will recognize that the role of federal  
15 liaison officials is limited by federal statutes and other  
16 constraints, and that determination of such limitation is a  
17 federal function.

18 4. The fiduciary responsibility of the official  
19 liaisons shall remain at all times with their respective  
20 agencies.

21 5. To the extent the advice or recommendations of the  
22 official liaisons are not adopted or incorporated into the  
23 final recommendations of the council, the official liaisons  
24 may append to such final recommendations their advice,  
25 recommendations, or opinions.

26 ~~(4) Each member shall be appointed to serve for a~~  
27 ~~3-year term, beginning July 1. Initial appointments shall be~~  
28 ~~made no later than 60 days after the effective date of this~~  
29 ~~act.~~

30 ~~(5) The executive board shall hold its initial meeting~~  
31 ~~no later than 30 days after the members have been appointed.~~

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1 ~~The Space Industry Committee shall hold its initial meeting no~~  
 2 ~~later than 60 days after the members have been appointed.~~

3 ~~(6) All council members must be residents of the~~  
 4 ~~state.~~

5 (4)~~(7)~~ The executive board ~~council~~ shall adopt bylaws  
 6 governing the manner in which the business of the council  
 7 shall be conducted. The bylaws shall specify the procedure by  
 8 which the chairperson of the council is elected.

9 (5)~~(8)~~ The council shall provide infrastructure and  
 10 program requirements and develop other information to be  
 11 utilized in a 5-year spaceport master plan. The council shall  
 12 define goals and objectives concerning the development of  
 13 spaceport facilities and an intermodal transportation system  
 14 consistent with the goals of the Florida Transportation Plan  
 15 developed pursuant to s. 339.155.

16 (6)~~(9)~~ The council shall provide requirements and  
 17 other information to be utilized in the development of a  
 18 5-year Spaceport Economic Development Plan, defining the goals  
 19 and objectives of the council concerning the development of  
 20 facilities for space manufacturing, research and technology  
 21 development, and education ~~educational facilities.~~

22 (7)~~(10)~~ The council shall meet at the call of its  
 23 chairperson, at the request of a majority of its membership,  
 24 or at such times as may be prescribed in its bylaws. However,  
 25 the council must meet at least semiannually. ~~A majority of~~  
 26 ~~voting members of the council constitutes a quorum for the~~  
 27 ~~purpose of transacting the business of the council.~~ A majority  
 28 vote of the majority of the voting members present and voting  
 29 is sufficient for any action of the council, unless the bylaws  
 30 of the council require a greater vote for a particular action.

31 Section 82. Section 331.368, Florida Statutes, is

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1 amended to read:

2 331.368 Florida Space Research Institute.--

3 (1) There is created the Florida Space Research  
4 Institute, the purpose of which is to serve as an  
5 industry-driven center for research, leveraging the state's  
6 resources in a collaborative effort to support Florida's space  
7 industry and its expansion, diversification, and transition to  
8 commercialization.

9 (2) The institute shall operate as a public/private  
10 partnership under the direction of a board composed ~~comprised~~  
11 of:

12 (a) A representative of the Spaceport Florida  
13 Authority.

14 (b) A representative of Enterprise Florida, Inc.

15 (c) A representative of the Florida Aviation Aerospace  
16 Alliance.

17 (d) A representative of the Florida Space Business  
18 Roundtable.

19 (e) Additional private-sector representatives from the  
20 space industry selected collaboratively by the core members  
21 specified in paragraphs (a)-(d). The additional space industry  
22 representatives under this paragraph must comprise the  
23 majority of members of the board and must be from geographic  
24 regions throughout the state.

25 (f) Two representatives from the educational community  
26 who are selected collaboratively by the core members specified  
27 in paragraphs (a)-(d) and who are engaged in research or  
28 instruction related to the space industry. One representative  
29 must be from a community college and one representative must  
30 be from a public or private university.

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1 Annually, the members of the board shall select one of the  
2 members to serve as chair, who shall be responsible for  
3 convening and leading meetings of the board.~~representatives~~  
4 ~~of the Spaceport Florida Authority, Enterprise Florida, Inc.,~~  
5 ~~the Florida Aviation and Aerospace Alliance, and four~~  
6 ~~additional space industry representatives selected by the core~~  
7 ~~membership of the board.~~

8 (3) The board of the Florida Space Research Institute  
9 shall:

10 (a) Set the strategic direction for the space-related  
11 ~~institute, including~~ research priorities of the state and its  
12 space-related businesses, the scope of research projects for  
13 the institute, and the timeframes for completion.

14 (b) Invite the participation of public and private  
15 universities, including, but not limited to, the University of  
16 Central Florida, the University of Florida, the University of  
17 South Florida, Florida State University, Florida Institute of  
18 Technology, and the University of Miami.

19 (c) Select a lead university to:

20 1. Serve as coordinator of research and as the  
21 administrative entity of the institute;

22 2. Support the institute's development of a statewide  
23 space research agenda and programs; and

24 3. Develop, and update as necessary, a report  
25 recommending ways that the state's public and private  
26 universities can work in partnership to support the state's  
27 space-industry requirements, which report must be completed by  
28 December 15, 2000.

29 (d) Establish a partnership with the state Workforce  
30 Development Board, or its successor entity, under which the  
31 institute coordinates the workforce-training requirements

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1 identified by the space industry and supports development of  
2 workforce-training initiatives to meet such requirements,  
3 using training providers approved by the board or its  
4 successor entity.

5 (e) Co-manage, with the National Aeronautics and Space  
6 Administration, operation of a Space Experiment Research and  
7 Processing Laboratory, if such a facility is constructed on  
8 land of the John F. Kennedy Space Center. Subject to the terms  
9 of an agreement with the National Aeronautics and Space  
10 Administration (NASA), the institute may coordinate access for  
11 public and private universities in the state to the laboratory  
12 and may coordinate access for NASA to the off-site resources  
13 of such universities.

14 (f) Develop initiatives to foster the participation of  
15 the state's space industry in the International Space Station  
16 and to help the state maintain and enhance its competitive  
17 position in the commercial space-transportation industry.

18 (g) Pursue partnerships with the National Aeronautics  
19 and Space Administration to coordinate and conduct research in  
20 fields, including, but not limited to, environmental  
21 monitoring; agriculture; aquatics; resource reutilization  
22 technologies for long-duration space missions; and spaceport  
23 technologies which support current or next-generation launch  
24 vehicles and range systems.

25 (h) Pursue partnerships with the National Aeronautics  
26 and Space Administration for the conduct of space-related  
27 research using computer technology to connect experts in a  
28 given field of science who are in disparate locations and to  
29 perform research experiments in a real-time, virtual  
30 environment.

31 (4) By December 15  $\pm$  of each year, the institute shall

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1 submit a report of its activities and accomplishments for the  
2 ~~prior fiscal~~ year to the Governor, the President of the  
3 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The  
4 report shall also include recommendations regarding actions  
5 the state should take to enhance the development of  
6 space-related businesses, including:

7 (a) Future research activities.

8 (b) The development of capital and technology  
9 assistance to new and expanding industries.

10 (c) The removal of regulatory impediments.

11 (d) The establishment of business development  
12 incentives.

13 (e) The initiation of education and training programs  
14 to ensure a skilled workforce.

15 Section 83. Space Industry Workforce Initiative.--

16 (1) The Legislature finds that the space industry is  
17 critical to the economic future of the state and that the  
18 competitiveness of the industry in the state depends upon the  
19 development and maintenance of a qualified workforce. The  
20 Legislature further finds that the space industry in this  
21 state has diverse and complex workforce needs, including, but  
22 not limited to, the need for qualified entry-level workers,  
23 the need to upgrade the skills of technician-level incumbent  
24 workers, and the need to ensure continuing education  
25 opportunities for workers with advanced educational degrees.  
26 It is the intent of the Legislature to support programs  
27 designed to address the workforce development needs of the  
28 space industry in this state.

29 (2) The Workforce Development Board of Enterprise  
30 Florida, Inc., or its successor entity, shall coordinate  
31 development of a Space Industry Workforce Initiative in

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1 partnership with the Florida Space Research Institute, the  
 2 institute's consortium of public and private universities,  
 3 community colleges, and other training providers approved by  
 4 the board. The purpose of the initiative is to use or revise  
 5 existing programs and to develop innovative new programs to  
 6 address the workforce needs of the space industry.

7 (3) The initiative shall emphasize:

8 (a) Curricula content and timeframes developed with  
 9 industry participation and endorsed by the industry;

10 (b) Programs that certify persons completing training  
 11 as meeting industry-approved standards or competencies;

12 (c) Use of distance-learning and computer-based  
 13 training modules as appropriate and feasible;

14 (d) Industry solicitation of public and private  
 15 universities to develop continuing education programs at the  
 16 master's and doctoral levels;

17 (e) Agreements with the National Aeronautics and Space  
 18 Administration to replicate on a national level successful  
 19 training programs developed through the initiative; and

20 (f) Leveraging of state and federal workforce funds.

21 (4) The Workforce Development Board of Enterprise  
 22 Florida, Inc., or its successor entity, with the assistance of  
 23 the Florida Space Research Institute, shall convene  
 24 representatives from the space industry to identify the  
 25 priority training and education needs of the industry and to  
 26 appoint a team to design programs to meet such priority needs.

27 (5) The Workforce Development Board of Enterprise  
 28 Florida, Inc., or its successor entity, as part of its  
 29 statutorily prescribed annual report to the Legislature, shall  
 30 provide recommendations for policies, programs, and funding to  
 31 enhance the workforce needs of the space industry.

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1           Section 84. Section 331.3685, Florida Statutes, is  
2 created to read:

3           331.3685 Florida Space-Industry Research-Development  
4 Program.--

5           (1) There is created the Florida Space-Industry  
6 Research-Development Program within the Florida Space Research  
7 Institute to finance space-industry research and other support  
8 projects and programs that will improve the statewide  
9 development of space-related economic and academic  
10 opportunities.

11           (2) State taxes imposed pursuant to chapter 212 which  
12 are collected at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex  
13 shall be retained by the complex and distributed to the  
14 Florida Space Research Institute as provided by s. 212.08(18)  
15 and shall be used to fund the Florida Space-Industry  
16 Research-Development Program. As part of the annual report  
17 under s. 331.368(4), the institute shall submit a complete  
18 accounting each year of funds distributed and expended under  
19 this program. Any funds distributed in a given fiscal year  
20 that are not obligated by the end of that fiscal year shall  
21 revert to the General Revenue Fund.

22           (3) Program funds shall be used to support activities  
23 authorized under s. 331.368 and this section. The Office of  
24 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall review and  
25 certify funding proposals for consistency with s. 331.368 and  
26 this section.

27           (4) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
28 Development shall execute a contract with the Florida Space  
29 Research Institute prescribing guidelines and procedures  
30 governing the use of, and accountability for, funds  
31 distributed under s. 212.08(18).

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1           Section 85. Subsection (18) is added to section  
2 212.08, Florida Statutes, to read:

3           212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution,  
4 and storage tax; specified exemptions.--The sale at retail,  
5 the rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and  
6 the storage to be used or consumed in this state of the  
7 following are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed  
8 by this chapter.

9           (18) SALES GENERATED BY KENNEDY SPACE CENTER VISITOR  
10 COMPLEX.--The Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex shall  
11 retain proceeds of sales taxes generated by the complex and  
12 distribute such proceeds to the Florida Space Research  
13 Institute for use as prescribed in s. 331.3685. The complex  
14 shall report sales to the Department of Revenue but shall  
15 remit the tax revenues directly to the Florida Space Research  
16 Institute in a manner prescribed by rules adopted by the  
17 department.

18           Section 86. Subsection (1) of section 556.108, Florida  
19 Statutes, is amended to read:

20           556.108 Exemptions.--The notification requirements  
21 provided in s. 556.105(1) do not apply to:

22           (1) Any excavation or demolition performed by the  
23 owner of single-family residential property, or for such owner  
24 by a member operator or an agent of a member operator, when  
25 such excavation or demolition is made entirely on such land  
26 and only up to a depth of 10 inches, provided that due care is  
27 used and that there is no encroachment on any member  
28 operator's right-of-way, easement, or permitted use.

29           Section 87. (1) Effective upon this act becoming a  
30 law, the Commission on Basic Research for the Future of  
31 Florida is hereby established. All members of the commission

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1 shall be appointed prior to August 1, 2000, and the commission  
2 shall hold its first meeting no later than September 1, 2000.  
3 The commission shall be composed of 13 members who represent a  
4 broad range of experience in basic scientific research and  
5 possess an appreciation of the importance of basic scientific  
6 research to the future of Florida. Members shall include  
7 performers and users of research from public and private  
8 universities, the armed forces, defense and high technology  
9 businesses, and other interested nongovernmental  
10 organizations. Five members shall be appointed to the  
11 commission by the Governor, four members shall be appointed by  
12 the President of the Senate, and four members shall be  
13 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The  
14 Governor shall name one of the appointees as chair of the  
15 commission. Members of the commission shall serve 4-year  
16 terms, except that two of the initial appointees by the  
17 Governor, by the President of the Senate, and by the Speaker  
18 of the House of Representatives shall be appointed for 2-year  
19 terms. Members of the commission are eligible for  
20 reappointment.

21 (2) The purpose of the commission is to serve as an  
22 economic development tool to increase the scientific research  
23 dollars allocated to the state by the Federal Government. The  
24 commission shall:

25 (a) Focus attention on the importance of improving the  
26 state's basic science research infrastructure;

27 (b) Provide advice to scientific research driven  
28 stakeholders;

29 (c) Assist in the development of long-range strategies  
30 for increasing the state's share of scientific research  
31 dollars from all sources; and

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1           (d) Raise public awareness of the importance of basic  
2 scientific research to the future of the state.

3           (3) The commission shall use the resources of the  
4 state in implementing the work of the commission, including,  
5 but not limited to, the Institute for Science and Health  
6 Policy at the University of Florida and similar public and  
7 private research groups. The commission shall coordinate with,  
8 and not duplicate the efforts of, other scientific  
9 research-related organizations.

10           (4) The commission shall consult with Enterprise  
11 Florida, Inc., to ensure that economic development  
12 considerations are factored into the work of the commission.

13           (5) The commission shall be located in the Executive  
14 Office of the Governor and staff of the office shall serve as  
15 staff for the commission.

16           (6) Members of the commission shall serve without  
17 compensation but will be entitled to per diem and travel  
18 expenses pursuant to section 112.061, Florida Statutes, while  
19 in the performance of their duties.

20           (7) The commission may procure information and  
21 assistance from any officer or agency of the state or any  
22 subdivision thereof. All such officials and agencies shall  
23 give the commission all relevant information and assistance on  
24 any matter within their knowledge or control.

25           (8) By February 1 of each year, the commission shall  
26 submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
27 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report  
28 shall outline activities of the commission and provide  
29 specific recommendations for consideration by the Governor and  
30 Legislature which are designed to increase the state's share  
31 of scientific research dollars.



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1           Section 88. Section 288.039 and paragraph (c) of  
2 subsection (3) of section 288.095, Florida Statutes, are  
3 repealed.

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5 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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8 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

9 And the title is amended as follows:

10           On page 3, line 15, after the semicolon

11  
12 insert:

13           amending s. 14.2015, F.S.; eliminating  
14           administrative responsibility of the Office of  
15           Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for  
16           the sports franchise facility program, the  
17           professional golf hall of fame facility  
18           program, the Regional Rural Development Grants  
19           Program, the Florida Enterprise Zone Act, and  
20           the Florida State Rural Development Council;  
21           eliminating authority for the Office of  
22           Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to  
23           enter into contracts in connection with duties  
24           relating to the Florida First Business Bond  
25           Pool, the Enterprise Zone Program, and foreign  
26           offices; conforming terminology; requiring a  
27           report on activities funded under the Economic  
28           Development Incentives Account and the Economic  
29           Development Transportation Trust Fund;  
30           providing for Front Porch Florida requirements;  
31           directing the Office of Urban Opportunity to

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1 give priority to projects receiving certain  
2 federal grants; amending s. 163.2523, F.S.;  
3 providing allocation criteria for the Urban  
4 Infill and Redevelopment Grant Program;  
5 amending s. 420.5087, F.S.; providing  
6 allocation criteria for the State Apartment  
7 Incentive Loan Program; amending s. 420.5089,  
8 F.S.; providing allocation criteria for the  
9 HOME Investment Partnership Program; amending  
10 s. 420.5093, F.S.; giving priority to certain  
11 projects in the State Housing Tax Credit  
12 Program; amending s. 420.5099, F.S.; giving  
13 priority to certain projects in the allocation  
14 of low-income housing tax credits; amending s.  
15 159.705, F.S.; specifying that projects located  
16 in research and development parks may be  
17 operated by specified organizations; amending  
18 s. 159.8083, F.S.; providing for Enterprise  
19 Florida, Inc., to recommend Florida First  
20 Business projects to the Office of Tourism,  
21 Trade, and Economic Development; providing for  
22 consultation; amending s. 163.3164, F.S.;  
23 exempting certain activities from the term  
24 "development" for the purposes of the Local  
25 Government Comprehensive Planning and Land  
26 Development Regulation Act; amending s. 212.08,  
27 F.S.; revising an exemption from taxation for  
28 machinery and equipment used in  
29 silicon-technology production and research and  
30 development; making the exemption applicable to  
31 semiconductor-technology production and

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1 research and development; providing an  
2 exemption from taxation for building materials  
3 purchased for use in manufacturing or expanding  
4 clean rooms for semiconductor-manufacturing  
5 facilities; revising definitions; revising  
6 criteria and procedures; specifying that a  
7 sales tax exemption for certain repair and  
8 labor charges applies to industrial machinery  
9 and equipment used in the production and  
10 shipping of tangible personal property;  
11 applying the exemption to SIC Industry Major  
12 Group Number 35; specifying that the sales tax  
13 exemption for industries in such group number  
14 is remedial in nature and applies  
15 retroactively; amending ss. 212.097, 212.098,  
16 F.S.; expanding the definition of the term  
17 "eligible business" under the Urban High-Crime  
18 Area Job Tax Credit Program and Rural Job Tax  
19 Credit Program to include certain businesses  
20 involved in motion picture production and  
21 allied services; amending s. 218.075, F.S.;  
22 expanding conditions under which the Department  
23 of Environmental Protection and water  
24 management districts shall reduce or waive  
25 certain fees for counties or municipalities;  
26 conforming to the definition of the term "rural  
27 community" used elsewhere in the Florida  
28 Statutes; amending s. 288.012, F.S.; revising  
29 the authority of the Office of Tourism, Trade,  
30 and Economic Development to establish foreign  
31 offices; providing for the office to approve

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1 the establishment and operation of such offices  
2 by Enterprise Florida, Inc., and the Florida  
3 Commission on Tourism; providing for foreign  
4 offices to submit updated operating plans and  
5 activity reports; amending s. 288.018, F.S.;  
6 providing for Enterprise Florida, Inc., to  
7 administer the Regional Rural Development  
8 Grants Program and make recommendations for  
9 approval by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
10 Economic Development; creating s. 288.064,  
11 F.S.; expressing the intent of the Legislature  
12 to provide for efficient and effective delivery  
13 of assistance to rural communities; amending s.  
14 288.0655, F.S.; revising deadlines relating to  
15 implementation of the Rural Infrastructure  
16 Fund; amending s. 288.0656, F.S.; revising  
17 criteria for the Rural Economic Development  
18 Initiative; requiring certain communities to  
19 apply for rural designation; amending s.  
20 288.1088, F.S.; revising criteria and  
21 procedures related to the award of funds to  
22 certain target industries from the Quick Action  
23 Closing Fund; amending s. 288.1162, F.S.;  
24 providing for a specified direct-support  
25 organization to administer the professional  
26 sports franchises and spring training  
27 franchises facilities programs; providing for  
28 final approval of decisions under such programs  
29 by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
30 Development; amending s. 288.1168, F.S.;  
31 deleting obsolete provisions relating to

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1 certification of the professional golf hall of  
2 fame; providing for a specified direct-support  
3 organization to administer that program;  
4 amending s. 288.1169, F.S.; providing for a  
5 specified direct-support organization to  
6 administer the certification program for the  
7 International Game Fish Association World  
8 Center facility; providing for annual  
9 verification of attendance and sales tax  
10 revenue projections; transferring, renumbering,  
11 and amending s. 288.1185, F.S.; assigning  
12 administrative responsibility for the Recycling  
13 Markets Advisory Committee to the Department of  
14 Environmental Protection; amending s. 288.1223,  
15 F.S.; authorizing the Governor to designate a  
16 person to serve on the Florida Commission on  
17 Tourism and as the chair of the commission;  
18 amending s. 288.1226, F.S.; providing for the  
19 appointment of the president of the Florida  
20 Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation and  
21 specifying that the president serves at the  
22 pleasure of the Governor; limiting certain  
23 employee salaries unless such employees are  
24 covered by a performance contract; amending s.  
25 288.1229, F.S.; requiring an annual report on  
26 the status of specified sports projects;  
27 amending s. 288.1251, F.S.; renaming the Office  
28 of the Film Commissioner the Governor's Office  
29 of Film and Entertainment; renaming the Film  
30 Commissioner as the Commissioner of Film and  
31 Entertainment; authorizing receipt and

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1 expenditure of certain grants and donations;  
2 amending s. 288.1252, F.S.; renaming the  
3 Florida Film Advisory Council the Florida Film  
4 and Entertainment Advisory Council; amending s.  
5 288.1253, F.S., relating to travel and  
6 entertainment expenses; conforming terminology;  
7 amending s. 288.7011, F.S.; revising conditions  
8 under which certain assistance and support for  
9 a statewide certified development corporation  
10 shall cease; amending s. 288.901, F.S.;  
11 correcting a cross-reference; providing that  
12 the Governor's designee may serve as  
13 chairperson of the board of directors of  
14 Enterprise Florida, Inc.; amending s. 288.9015,  
15 F.S.; requiring Enterprise Florida, Inc., to  
16 use specified programs to facilitate economic  
17 development; amending s. 288.980, F.S.;  
18 providing for Enterprise Florida, Inc., to  
19 administer defense grant programs and make  
20 recommendations to the Office of Tourism,  
21 Trade, and Economic Development on approval of  
22 grant awards; providing that certain  
23 defense-related grants may be awarded only from  
24 specifically appropriated funds; amending s.  
25 288.99, F.S.; assigning certain responsibility  
26 for ongoing administration of the Certified  
27 Capital Company Act to the Department of  
28 Banking and Finance; authorizing additional  
29 applications for certification as a certified  
30 capital company; amending s. 290.004, F.S.;  
31 repealing certain definitions under the

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1 enterprise zone program; defining the term  
2 "rural enterprise zone"; amending s. 290.0056,  
3 F.S.; providing for a reporting requirement for  
4 enterprise zone development agencies to  
5 Enterprise Florida, Inc.; amending s. 290.0058,  
6 F.S.; conforming to administration of the  
7 enterprise zone program by Enterprise Florida,  
8 Inc.; amending s. 290.0065, F.S.; providing for  
9 Enterprise Florida, Inc., to administer the  
10 enterprise zone program and make  
11 recommendations to the Office of Tourism,  
12 Trade, and Economic Development; conforming  
13 references; amending s. 290.0066, F.S.;  
14 providing for Enterprise Florida, Inc., to make  
15 recommendations to the Office of Tourism,  
16 Trade, and Economic Development regarding  
17 revocations of enterprise zone designations;  
18 amending s. 290.00675, F.S.; providing for  
19 Enterprise Florida, Inc., to make  
20 recommendations to the Office of Tourism,  
21 Trade, and Economic Development regarding  
22 amendment of enterprise zone boundaries;  
23 creating s. 290.00676, F.S.; authorizing the  
24 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
25 Development to amend the boundaries of a rural  
26 enterprise zone and providing requirements with  
27 respect thereto; creating s. 290.00677, F.S.;  
28 modifying the employee residency requirements  
29 for the enterprise zone job credit against the  
30 sales tax and corporate income tax if the  
31 business is located in a rural enterprise zone;

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1           modifying the employee residency requirements  
2           for maximum exemptions or credits with respect  
3           to the sales tax credits for enterprise zone  
4           job creation, for building materials used in  
5           the rehabilitation of real property in an  
6           enterprise zone, for business property used in  
7           an enterprise zone, and for electrical energy  
8           used in an enterprise zone, and the corporate  
9           income tax enterprise zone job creation and  
10          property tax credits if the business is located  
11          in a rural enterprise zone; providing  
12          application time limitations; providing an  
13          extended application period for certain  
14          businesses to claim tax incentives; amending s.  
15          290.00689, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference;  
16          revising the eligibility criteria for certain  
17          tax credits to include a review and  
18          recommendation by Enterprise Florida, Inc.;  
19          creating s. 290.00694, F.S.; authorizing the  
20          Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
21          Development to designate rural champion  
22          communities as enterprise zones; providing  
23          requirements with respect thereto; amending s.  
24          290.009, F.S.; specifying that Enterprise  
25          Florida, Inc., shall serve as staff to the  
26          Enterprise Zone Interagency Coordinating  
27          Council; amending s. 290.014, F.S.; conforming  
28          cross-references; amending s. 290.046, F.S.;  
29          eliminating a limitation on the number of  
30          economic development grants that an eligible  
31          local government may receive under the Florida



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1 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant  
2 Program; specifying that cumulative grant  
3 awards may not exceed certain ceilings;  
4 amending s. 290.048, F.S.; authorizing the  
5 Department of Community Affairs to establish  
6 advisory committees relating to the Florida  
7 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant  
8 Program; repealing s. 290.049, F.S., relating  
9 to the Community Development Block Grant  
10 Advisory Council; amending s. 373.4149, F.S.;  
11 removing the director of the Office of Tourism,  
12 Trade, and Economic Development from the  
13 membership of the Miami-Dade County Lake Belt  
14 Plan Implementation Committee; authorizing the  
15 Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences to  
16 contract and receive money to support the  
17 Florida State Rural Development Council;  
18 requiring the Workforce Development Board of  
19 Enterprise Florida, Inc., to develop a policy  
20 authorizing placement of certain  
21 workforce-training clients in self-employment  
22 as a means of job placement; directing the  
23 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
24 Development and Enterprise Florida, Inc., to  
25 establish a unit responsible for forecasting  
26 and responding to certain economic development  
27 events; creating an Economic Development  
28 Leadership Council to provide leadership  
29 related to such events; requiring a report and  
30 recommendations; providing legislative intent;  
31 providing for creation and purpose of the

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1 Toolkit for Economic Development; defining the  
2 term "economically distressed"; requiring the  
3 appointment of liaisons from agencies and  
4 organizations; providing for requirements and  
5 duties; creating coordinating partners to serve  
6 as the program's executive committee; providing  
7 for duties and powers; providing for waivers of  
8 state-required matching-funds requirements;  
9 requiring an inventory of programs that help  
10 economically distressed communities; requiring  
11 that the inventory be categorized; creating the  
12 Start-Up Initiative to promote the use of the  
13 inventory; providing for identification of  
14 communities; providing for solicitation of  
15 proposals; providing for proposal content;  
16 providing for review process and evaluation  
17 criteria; providing for funding; providing for  
18 the designation of communities of critical  
19 economic opportunity; providing an  
20 appropriation to the coordinating partners;  
21 providing for use of funds and certification;  
22 providing for reporting; providing for  
23 expiration; creating s. 288.1260, F.S.;  
24 creating the Front Porch Florida initiative;  
25 providing legislative intent; providing for  
26 purposes and principles of the program;  
27 creating liaisons to Front Porch Florida  
28 communities; providing for liaison requirements  
29 and duties; providing for use of the inventory  
30 of federal and state resources; providing for  
31 application requirements; providing for the

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1 formation of a Governor's Revitalization  
2 Council; providing for duties; providing for  
3 monitoring and reporting; creating s. 239.521,  
4 F.S.; providing intent; providing for  
5 development of a 2-year vocational and  
6 technical distance-learning curriculum for  
7 information-technology workers; providing for  
8 internship opportunities for high school and  
9 postsecondary information-technology vocational  
10 faculty and students in information-technology  
11 businesses; providing a means for increasing  
12 the capability and accessibility of  
13 information-technology-training providers  
14 through state-of-the-art facilities; amending  
15 s. 240.311, F.S.; requiring the State Board of  
16 Community Colleges to identify training  
17 programs for broadband digital media  
18 specialists; requiring that such programs be  
19 added to lists for demand occupations under  
20 certain circumstances; amending s. 240.3341,  
21 F.S.; encouraging community colleges to  
22 establish incubator facilities for digital  
23 media content and technology development;  
24 creating s. 240.710, F.S.; requiring the Board  
25 of Regents to create a Digital Media Education  
26 Coordination Group; providing membership;  
27 providing purposes; requiring development of a  
28 plan; requiring submission of plans to the  
29 Legislature; requiring the Workforce  
30 Development Board to reserve funds for digital  
31 media industry training; providing direction on

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1 training; requiring the Workforce Development  
2 Board to develop a plan for the use of certain  
3 funds to enhance workforce of digital media  
4 related industries; providing direction on plan  
5 development; providing a contingent  
6 appropriation to the Digital Media Education  
7 Infrastructure Fund; providing requirements for  
8 contracting and use of funds; requiring  
9 Enterprise Florida, Inc., to convene a  
10 broadband digital media industries group;  
11 requiring identification, designation, and  
12 priority of digital media sector in sector  
13 strategy; requiring Enterprise Florida, Inc.,  
14 to contract for establishment of digital media  
15 incubator; providing contract requirements;  
16 providing an appropriation; requiring industry  
17 participation in funding; providing direction  
18 for incubator location; requiring ITFlorida, in  
19 cooperation with Enterprise Florida, Inc., to  
20 prepare a marketing plan promoting the state to  
21 digital media industries; providing that  
22 certain provisions relating to digital media  
23 are subject to legislative appropriation;  
24 amending s. 331.367, F.S.; revising provisions  
25 with respect to the Spaceport Management  
26 Council; directing the council to submit  
27 recommendations; providing for the  
28 participation of federal officials; amending s.  
29 331.368, F.S.; expanding the purpose of the  
30 Florida Space Research Institute; revising the  
31 membership of the institute; prescribing

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1 additional duties of the institute; creating  
2 the Space Industry Workforce Initiative;  
3 requiring the Workforce Development Board of  
4 Enterprise Florida, Inc., to develop  
5 initiatives to address the workforce needs of  
6 the industry; prescribing criteria; requiring  
7 the board to convene industry representatives;  
8 requiring a report; creating s. 331.3685, F.S.;  
9 creating the Florida Space-Industry  
10 Research-Development Program to finance  
11 space-related research projects and programs;  
12 providing for certain sales-tax collections to  
13 be retained by the Kennedy Space Center Visitor  
14 Complex and distributed to the Florida Space  
15 Research Institute; prescribing uses of such  
16 funds; requiring an annual accounting of such  
17 funds; providing for review of funding  
18 proposals by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
19 Economic Development; requiring a contract with  
20 the office governing distribution of funds  
21 under the program; amending s. 212.08, F.S.;  
22 providing for sales-tax collections from the  
23 Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex to be  
24 retained by the complex and distributed to the  
25 Florida Space Research Institute; providing for  
26 reporting of sales to the Department of Revenue  
27 as prescribed by rules; amending s. 556.108,  
28 F.S.; providing for performing the demolition  
29 or excavation of single-family residential  
30 property; creating the Commission on Basic  
31 Research for the Future of Florida; prescribing

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1 membership of the commission; providing a  
2 purpose for the commission; requiring the use  
3 of state resources; providing for staffing,  
4 administration, and information sharing;  
5 requiring a report; repealing s. 288.039, F.S.,  
6 relating to the Employing and Training our  
7 Youths (ENTRY) program; repealing s.  
8 288.095(3)(c), F.S., relating to a required  
9 report on activities under the Economic  
10 Development Incentives Account of the Economic  
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