

By Representative Alexander

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to economic development;  
3           creating s. 288.0115, F.S.; stating public  
4           policy; requiring reviews of departmental  
5           programs and policies; requiring reports;  
6           providing an effective date.

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

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10           Section 1. Section 288.0115, Florida Statutes, is  
11 created to read:

12           288.0115 Public policy of the state.--It is the public  
13 policy of this state to encourage and enhance the entry of new  
14 businesses and the growth of existing businesses as a means of  
15 promoting the economic well-being of all Floridians. To assist  
16 in achieving this policy, the head of each department and  
17 agency of the executive branch of this state, or the designee  
18 of the department or agency head, shall, at least annually,  
19 review the programs and policies of that department or agency  
20 to determine whether any program or policy of that department  
21 or agency may impede efforts at recruiting and retaining  
22 business enterprises within this state. No later than January  
23 31 of each year, the head of each department and agency, or  
24 the designee of such department or agency head, shall report  
25 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker  
26 of the House of Representatives the results of any such review  
27 conducted during the preceding calendar year. The report  
28 shall also include any recommendations for changes in law or  
29 policy which the review has determined should be made to  
30 remove such impediments, as well as any recommendations for

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1 the creation of incentives to improve the recruitment or  
2 retention of business enterprises in this state.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
4 law.

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7 HOUSE SUMMARY

8 Establishes that it is the public policy of this state to  
9 improve the economic well-being of the citizens of this  
10 state by recruiting business enterprises to, and  
11 retaining existing business enterprises in, this state.  
12 Requires an annual review by each department head of its  
13 programs and policies to determine whether they are  
14 consistent with such policy.  
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