

By Senator Crist

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to industrial development;
3 amending s. 159.26, F.S., relating to the
4 Florida Industrial Development Financing Act;
5 revising legislative findings and purposes to
6 include digital media as one of the industries
7 to be enhanced and expanded under the act;
8 providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Section 159.26, Florida Statutes, is
13 amended to read:

14 159.26 Legislative findings and purposes.--The
15 Legislature finds and declares that:

16 (1) The agriculture, tourism, urban development,
17 historic preservation, education, digital media industries,
18 and health care industries, among others, are vital to the
19 economy of the state and to the welfare of the people and need
20 to be enhanced and expanded to improve the competitive
21 position of the state;

22 (2) There is a need to enhance other economic activity
23 in the state by attracting manufacturing development, business
24 enterprise management, and other activities conducive to
25 economic promotion in order to provide a stronger, more
26 balanced, and stable economy in the state, while providing
27 through pollution control and otherwise for the health and
28 safety of the people;

29 (3) In order to improve the prosperity and welfare of
30 the state and its inhabitants; to improve education, living
31 conditions, and health care; to promote the preservation of

1 historic structures; to promote the rehabilitation of
2 enterprise zones; to promote improved transportation; to
3 promote effective and efficient pollution control throughout
4 the state; to promote the advancement of education and science
5 and research in and the economic development of the state; and
6 to increase purchasing power and opportunities for gainful
7 employment, it is necessary and in the public interest to
8 facilitate the financing of the projects provided for in this
9 part and to facilitate and encourage the planning and
10 development of these projects without regard to the boundaries
11 between counties, municipalities, special districts, and other
12 local governmental bodies or agencies in order to more
13 effectively and efficiently serve the interests of the
14 greatest number of people in the widest area practicable; and

15 (4) The purposes to be achieved by such projects and
16 the financing of them in compliance with the criteria and
17 requirements of this part are predominantly the public
18 purposes stated in this section, and such purposes implement
19 the governmental purposes under the State Constitution of
20 providing for the health, safety, and welfare of the people,
21 including implementing the purpose of s. 10(c), Art. VII of
22 the State Constitution.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
24 law.

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27 SENATE SUMMARY

28 Revises legislative findings and purposes to include
29 digital media as one of the industries to be enhanced and
30 expanded under the Florida Industrial Development
31 Financing Act.