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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to a review under the Open Government
3	Sunset Review Act regarding economic development agencies;
4	amending s. 288.075, F.S., which provides an exemption
5	from public records requirements for information held by
6	an economic development agency concerning plans,
7	intentions, or interests of a private corporation,
8	partnership, or person to locate, relocate, or expand any
9	of its business activities in this state; making editorial
10	changes; removing superfluous provisions; removing the
11	scheduled expiration of the exemption under the Open
12	Government Sunset Review Act; providing an effective date.
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14	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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16	Section 1. Section 288.075, Florida Statutes, is amended
17	to read:
18	288.075 Confidentiality of records
19	(1) As used in this section, the term "economic
20	development agency" means <u>:</u>
21	(a) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
22	Development <u>;</u> -
23	(b) Any industrial development authority created in
24	accordance with part III of chapter 159 or by special law $_{\underline{i}} au$
25	(c) The Florida Space Authority created in part II of
26	chapter 331 <u>;</u> -
27	(d) The Florida Aerospace Finance Corporation created in
28	part III of chapter 331 <u>;</u> -
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29 (e) The public economic development agency of a county or 30 municipality; - or

31 (f) Any research and development authority created in 32 accordance with part V of chapter 159; or. The term also 33 includes

34 (g) Any private agency, person, partnership, corporation, 35 or business entity when authorized by the state, a municipality, 36 or a county to promote the general business interests or 37 industrial interests of the state or that municipality or 38 county.

39 (2)Upon written request from a private corporation, partnership, or person, records of an economic development 40 agency which contain or would provide information held by an 41 42 economic development agency concerning plans, intentions, or interests of that such private corporation, partnership, or 43 person to locate, relocate, or expand any of its business 44 45 activities in this state is are confidential and exempt from s. 46 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution for 24 47 months after the date an economic development agency receives a request for confidentiality or until disclosed by an economic 48 49 development agency pursuant to subsection (4) or by the party requesting confidentiality under this section. Confidentiality 50 must be maintained until the expiration of the 24-month period 51 52 or until documents or information is are otherwise disclosed, 53 whichever occurs first. Any confidentiality provided under this 54 section does not apply when any party petitions a court of 55 competent jurisdiction and, in the opinion of the court, proves need for access to such documents. This exemption expires 56

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57	October 2, 2006, and is subject to review by the Legislature
58	under the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in
59	accordance with s. 119.15.
60	(3) An economic development agency may extend the period
61	of confidentiality specified in subsection (2) for up to an
62	additional 12 months upon written request from the private
63	corporation, partnership, or person who originally requested
64	confidentiality under this section and upon a finding by the
65	economic development agency that the private corporation,
66	partnership, or person is still actively considering locating,
67	relocating, or expanding its business activities in this state.
68	A request to extend the period of confidentiality must be
69	received prior to the expiration of confidentiality provided in
70	subsection (2) This section does not waive any provision of
71	chapter 120 or any other provision of law requiring a public
72	hearing.
73	(4) Trade secrets as defined in s. 812.081 relating to the
74	plans, intentions, or interests of a corporation, partnership,
75	or person who has requested confidentiality pursuant to this
76	section, held by an economic development agency, are
77	confidential and exempt from s. $119.07(1)$ and s. $24(a)$, Art. I
78	of the State Constitution for 10 years after the date on which
79	an economic development agency receives a request for
80	confidentiality or until otherwise disclosed, whichever occurs
81	first.
82	(5) A public officer or employee may not enter into a
83	binding agreement with any corporation, partnership, or person
84	who has requested confidentiality of information pursuant to
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this section, until 90 days after such information is made public, unless such public officer or employee is acting in an official capacity, the agreement does not accrue to the personal benefit of such public officer or employee, and, in the professional judgment of such officer or employee, the agreement is necessary to effectuate an economic development project.

(5) An economic development agency may extend the period 91 of confidentiality specified in subsection (2) for up to an 92 93 additional 12 months upon written request from the private 94 corporation, partnership, or person who originally requested 95 confidentiality under this section and upon a finding by the 96 economic development agency that such private corporation, partnership, or person is still actively considering locating, 97 relocating, or expanding its business activities in this state. 98 Such a request for an extension in the period of confidentiality 99 100 must be received prior to the expiration of any confidentiality 101 originally provided under this section.

102 (6) Notwithstanding the period of confidentiality specified in subsection (2), trade secrets, as defined by s. 103 104 812.081, contained in the records of an economic development agency relating to the plans, intentions, or interests of a 105 corporation, partnership, or person who has requested 106 107 confidentiality pursuant to this section are confidential and 108 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State 109 Constitution for 10 years after the date an economic development agency receives a request for confidentiality or until otherwise 110 111 disclosed, whichever occurs first. The 10 year period of confidentiality provided by this subsection does not apply to 112

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113 any portion of the records other than trade secrets as defined 114 by s. 812.081.

115 (7) Any person who is an employee of an economic 116 development agency who violates the provisions of this section 117 commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as 118 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

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