

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on Commerce and Tourism (Gaetz) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Between lines 83 and 84 insert:

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- (4) APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS.-
- (b) To qualify for review by the office, the application of a target industry business must, at a minimum, establish the following to the satisfaction of the office:
- 1.a. The jobs proposed to be created under the application, pursuant to subparagraph (a)4., must pay an estimated annual average wage equaling at least 115 percent of the average private sector wage in the area where the business is to be

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located or the statewide private sector average wage. The governing board of the county or municipality where the qualified target industry business is to be located shall notify the office and Enterprise Florida, Inc., which calculation of the average private sector wage in the area must be used as the basis for the business's wage commitment. In determining the average annual wage, the office shall include only new proposed jobs, and wages for existing jobs shall be excluded from this calculation.

b. The office may waive the average wage requirement at the request of the local governing body recommending the project and Enterprise Florida, Inc. The office may waive the wage requirement for a project located in a brownfield area designated under s. 376.80, in a rural city, in a rural community, in an enterprise zone, or for a manufacturing project at any location in the state if the jobs proposed to be created pay an estimated annual average wage equaling at least 100 percent of the average private sector wage in the area where the business is to be located, only if the merits of the individual project or the specific circumstances in the community in relationship to the project warrant such action. If the local governing body and Enterprise Florida, Inc., make such a recommendation, it must be transmitted in writing, and the specific justification for the waiver recommendation must be explained. If the office elects to waive the wage requirement, the waiver must be stated in writing, and the reasons for granting the waiver must be explained.

2. The target industry business's project must result in the creation of at least 10 jobs at the project and, in the case



of an expansion of an existing business, must result in a net increase in employment of at least 10 percent at the business. At the request of the local governing body recommending the project and Enterprise Florida, Inc., the office may waive this requirement for a business in a rural community or enterprise zone if the merits of the individual project or the specific circumstances in the community in relationship to the project warrant such action. If the local governing body and Enterprise Florida, Inc., make such a request, the request must be transmitted in writing, and the specific justification for the request must be explained. If the office elects to grant the request, the grant must be stated in writing, and the reason for granting the request must be explained.

3. The business activity or product for the applicant's project must be within an industry identified by the office as a target industry business that contributes to the economic growth of the state and the area in which the business is located, that produces a higher standard of living for residents of this state in the new global economy, or that can be shown to make an equivalent contribution to the area's and state's economic progress.

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> ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T ====== And the directory clause is amended as follows:

Delete lines 11 - 12

and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (t) of subsection (2) and paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 288.106, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



71 72 ========= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========== And the title is amended as follows: 73 Delete line 7 74 and insert: 75 providing for notification by a municipal governing 76 board of private-sector wage calculation; providing an 77 effective date. 78