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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to freight logistic zones; creating s.
3 311.103, F.S.; providing application requirements for
4 a local government to apply for the designation of a
5 freight logistic zone; directing the Department of
6 Transportation to create a Logistic Zone Advisory
7 Council; providing for membership and duties of the
8 council; authorizing the Secretary of Transportation
9 to designate pilot logistic zones; authorizing the
10 department to adopt rules; providing an effective
11 date.

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

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15 Section 1. Section 311.103, Florida Statutes, is created to
16 read:

17 311.103 Designation of state freight logistic zones.-

18 (1) A local government may apply to the Department of
19 Transportation for designation of a geographic area or areas
20 within its jurisdiction as a freight logistic zone. The local
21 government shall submit an application developed by the
22 department which includes, but is not limited to:

23 (a) A map depicting the geographic area or areas to be
24 included within the designation.

25 (b) Identification of existing transportation
26 infrastructure, such as roads, rail, airports, and seaports,
27 within or in close proximity to the proposed freight logistic
28 zone.

29 (c) Identification of existing workforce availability

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30 within or in close proximity to the proposed zone.

31 (d) Identification of any local, state, or federal
32 workforce training capabilities available for a business seeking
33 to locate or expand within the proposed zone.

34 (e) Identification of any local, state, or federal plans,
35 including transportation, seaport, or airport plans, concerning
36 the movement of freight within or in close proximity to the
37 proposed zone.

38 (f) Identification of financial or other local government
39 incentives to encourage new development, expansion of existing
40 development, or redevelopment within the proposed zone.

41 (2) (a) The Logistic Zone Advisory Council is created to
42 review applications submitted to the department pursuant to
43 subsection (1). The council shall be composed of a
44 representative from the Department of Economic Opportunity, a
45 representative from the Office of Freight Logistics and
46 Passenger Operations within the Department of Transportation,
47 and a representative from the Florida Seaport Transportation and
48 Economic Development Council.

49 (b) The Logistic Zone Advisory Council shall review the
50 applications and provide a recommendation to the Secretary of
51 Transportation for approval or denial.

52 (c) The Logistic Zone Advisory Council shall also review
53 local, state, and federal financial and other governmental
54 incentives available to encourage development of freight
55 logistic zones in the state and provide any recommendations to
56 the secretary to create such incentives or modify incentives
57 offered by the state.

58 (3) Beginning July 1, 2013, the secretary may designate up

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59 to four pilot freight logistic zones in the state. These zones
60 may be eligible for priority in state funding and incentive
61 programs relating to freight logistic zones, including
62 applicable programs identified in parts I, III, and V of chapter
63 288 and s. 311.101.

64 (4) The Department of Transportation shall adopt rules for
65 the administration of this section.

66 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.