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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to freight logistics zones; creating  
3 s. 311.103, F.S.; defining the term "freight logistics  
4 zone"; authorizing a county, or two or more contiguous  
5 counties, to designate a geographic area or areas  
6 within its jurisdiction as a freight logistics zone;  
7 requiring the adoption of a strategic plan that must  
8 include certain information; providing that certain  
9 projects within freight logistics zones may be  
10 eligible for priority in state funding and certain  
11 incentive programs; providing evaluation criteria for  
12 freight logistics zones; 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 311.103, Florida Statutes, is created to  
17 read:

18 311.103 Designation of state freight logistics zones.—

19 (1) As used in this section, the term "freight logistics  
20 zone" means a grouping of activities and infrastructure  
21 associated with freight transportation and related services  
22 within a defined area around an intermodal logistics center as  
23 defined in s. 311.101(2).

24 (2) A county, or two or more contiguous counties, may  
25 designate a geographic area or areas within its jurisdiction as  
26 a freight logistics zone. The designation must be accompanied by  
27 a strategic plan adopted by the county or counties. At a  
28 minimum, the strategic plan must include, but is not limited to:

29 (a) A map depicting the geographic area or areas to be

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30 included within the designation.

31 (b) Identification of the existing or planned freight  
32 facilities or logistics clusters located within the proposed  
33 freight logistics zone.

34 (c) Identification of existing transportation  
35 infrastructure, such as roads, rail, airports, and seaports,  
36 within or in close proximity to the proposed freight logistics  
37 zone.

38 (d) Identification of existing workforce availability  
39 within or in close proximity to the proposed freight logistics  
40 zone.

41 (e) Identification of any local, state, or federal  
42 workforce training capabilities available for a business seeking  
43 to locate or expand within the proposed freight logistics zone.

44 (f) Identification of any local, state, or federal plans,  
45 including transportation, seaport, or airport plans, concerning  
46 the movement of freight within or in close proximity to the  
47 proposed freight logistics zone.

48 (g) Identification of financial or other local government  
49 incentives to encourage new development, expansion of existing  
50 development, or redevelopment within the proposed freight  
51 logistics zone.

52 (h) Documentation that the plan is consistent with  
53 applicable local government comprehensive plans and adopted  
54 long-range transportation plans of a metropolitan planning  
55 organization, where applicable.

56 (3) A project within a freight logistics zone designated  
57 pursuant to this section which is consistent with the Freight  
58 Mobility and Trade Plan developed in accordance with s.

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59 334.044(33) may be eligible for priority in state funding and  
60 incentive programs relating to freight logistics zones,  
61 including applicable programs identified in parts I, III, and V  
62 of chapter 288.

63 (4) When evaluating projects for designation as a freight  
64 logistics zone, or for determining funding or incentive program  
65 eligibility under this section, consideration must be given to  
66 all of the following:

67 (a) The presence of an existing or planned intermodal  
68 logistics center within the freight logistics zone.

69 (b) Whether the project serves a strategic state interest.

70 (c) Whether the project facilitates the cost-effective and  
71 efficient movement of goods.

72 (d) The extent to which the project contributes to economic  
73 activity, including job creation, increased wages, and revenues.

74 (e) The extent to which the project efficiently interacts  
75 with and supports the transportation network.

76 (f) The amount of investment or commitments made by the  
77 owner or developer of the existing or proposed facility.

78 (g) The extent to which the county or counties have  
79 commitments with private sector businesses planning to locate  
80 operations within the freight logistics zone.

81 (h) Demonstrated local financial support and commitment to  
82 the project.

83 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.