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1 A bill to be entitled  
 2 An act relating to the Florida Trade Data Center; amending  
 3 s. 288.012, F.S.; removing reference to the Florida Trade  
 4 Data Center; amending s. 288.386, F.S.; removing reference  
 5 to the Florida Trade Data Center; amending s. 311.07,  
 6 F.S.; removing reference to the Florida Trade Data Center;  
 7 providing an effective date.

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

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 11 Section 1. Paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of subsection (2)  
 12 of section 288.012, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

13 288.012 State of Florida foreign offices.—The Legislature  
 14 finds that the expansion of international trade and tourism is  
 15 vital to the overall health and growth of the economy of this  
 16 state. This expansion is hampered by the lack of technical and  
 17 business assistance, financial assistance, and information  
 18 services for businesses in this state. The Legislature finds  
 19 that these businesses could be assisted by providing these  
 20 services at State of Florida foreign offices. The Legislature  
 21 further finds that the accessibility and provision of services  
 22 at these offices can be enhanced through cooperative agreements  
 23 or strategic alliances between state entities, local entities,  
 24 foreign entities, and private businesses.

25 (2) Each foreign office shall have in place an operational  
 26 plan approved by the participating boards or other governing  
 27 authority, a copy of which shall be provided to the Office of  
 28 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development. These operating plans

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29 shall be reviewed and updated each fiscal year and shall  
 30 include, at a minimum, the following:

31 (c) Provisions for access to information for Florida  
 32 businesses related to ~~through the Florida Trade Data Center.~~  
 33 ~~Each foreign office shall obtain and forward~~ trade leads and  
 34 ~~inquiries to the center on a regular basis.~~

35 (d) Identification of new and emerging market  
 36 opportunities for Florida businesses. ~~Each foreign office shall~~  
 37 ~~provide the Florida Trade Data Center with a compilation of~~  
 38 ~~foreign buyers and importers in industry sector priority areas~~  
 39 ~~on an annual basis. In return, the Florida Trade Data Center~~  
 40 ~~shall make available to each foreign office, and to Enterprise~~  
 41 ~~Florida, Inc., the Florida Commission on Tourism, the Florida~~  
 42 ~~Ports Council, the Department of State, the Department of~~  
 43 ~~Citrus, and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services,~~  
 44 ~~trade industry, commodity, and opportunity information.~~ This  
 45 information shall be provided ~~to such offices and entities~~  
 46 either free of charge or on a fee basis with fees set only to  
 47 recover the costs of providing the information.

48 (e) Provision of access for Florida businesses to ~~the~~  
 49 ~~services of the Florida Trade Data Center,~~ international trade  
 50 assistance services provided by state and local entities,  
 51 seaport and airport information, and other services identified  
 52 by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.

53 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 288.386, Florida  
 54 Statutes, is amended to read:

55 288.386 Florida-Caribbean Basin Trade Initiative.—

56 (2) To enhance initiative effectiveness and leverage

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57 resources, STEP shall coordinate initiative activities with  
 58 Enterprise Florida, Inc., United States Export Assistance  
 59 Centers, Florida Export Finance Corporation, ~~Florida Trade Data~~  
 60 ~~Center~~, Small Business Development Centers, and any other  
 61 organizations STEP deems appropriate. The coordination may  
 62 encompass export assistance and referral services, export  
 63 financing, job-training programs, educational programs, market  
 64 research and development, market promotion, trade missions, e-  
 65 commerce, and mentoring and matchmaking services relative to the  
 66 expansion of trade between Florida and the Caribbean Basin. The  
 67 initiative shall also form alliances with multilateral,  
 68 international, and domestic funding programs from Florida, the  
 69 United States, and the Caribbean Basin to coordinate systems and  
 70 programs for fundamental assistance in facilitating trade and  
 71 investment.

72 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
 73 311.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

74 311.07 Florida seaport transportation and economic  
 75 development funding.—

76 (3) (a) Program funds shall be used to fund approved  
 77 projects on a 50-50 matching basis with any of the deepwater  
 78 ports, as listed in s. 403.021(9) (b), which is governed by a  
 79 public body or any other deepwater port which is governed by a  
 80 public body and which complies with the water quality provisions  
 81 of s. 403.061, the comprehensive master plan requirements of s.  
 82 163.3178(2) (k), and the local financial management and reporting  
 83 provisions of part III of chapter 218. However, program funds  
 84 used to fund projects that involve the rehabilitation of

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85 wharves, docks, berths, bulkheads, or similar structures shall  
 86 require a 25-percent match of funds. ~~Program funds also may be~~  
 87 ~~used by the Seaport Transportation and Economic Development~~  
 88 ~~Council to develop with the Florida Trade Data Center such trade~~  
 89 ~~data information products which will assist Florida's seaports~~  
 90 ~~and international trade.~~

91 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.