1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to economic programs; amending ss. 3 11.45, 14.32, 15.18, 15.182, and 20.60, F.S.; 4 conforming provisions to changes made by the act; 5 repealing s. 20.601, F.S., relating to review of the 6 Department of Economic Opportunity; transferring all 7 duties, records, pending issues, rules, and unexpended 8 balances of appropriations, allocations, and other 9 public funds relating to programs in Enterprise Florida, Inc., and the Florida Tourism Marketing 10 Corporation to the Department of Economic Opportunity 11 12 by a type two transfer; authorizing the Florida Sports 13 Foundation to enter into an agreement with the 14 Department of Economic Opportunity for certain purposes and use certain funds; providing legislative 15 intent; providing transitional provisions for 16 17 terminated programs established pursuant to certain 18 statutes; amending ss. 125.0104, 159.803, 166.231, 19 189.033, 196.012, 196.101, 196.121, and 196.1995, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the 20 21 act; conforming cross-references; amending s. 201.15, 22 F.S.; providing that certain funds shall be transferred to the General Revenue Fund; conforming 23 provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 24 25 212.031 and 212.06, F.S.; conforming provisions to

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changes made by the act; repealing s. 212.0602, F.S., relating to an exemption from sales and use taxes for certain education-related purchases or leases; amending ss. 212.0606 and 212.08, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 212.097, F.S., relating to the Urban High-Crime Area Job Tax Credit Program; amending ss. 212.098, 212.20, 218.61, 218.64, 220.02, 220.13, and 220.1895, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing ss. 220.1899 and 220.191, F.S., relating to an entertainment industry tax credit and a capital investment tax credit, respectively; amending s. 220.194, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending ss. 220.196, 265.004, 272.11, 287.0947, and 288.0001, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing ss. 288.001, 288.012, and 288.017, F.S., relating to the Florida Small Business Development Center Network, the State of Florida international offices, and a cooperative advertising matching grants program, respectively; amending s. 288.018, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing ss. 288.046 and 288.047, F.S., relating to quick-response training for economic development; amending s. 288.061, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.

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288.0655, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 288.0656, 288.0658, 288.075, 288.076, and 288.095, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing ss. 288.1045, 288.106, 288.107, 288.108, 288.1081, 288.1082, 288.1088, and 288.1089, F.S., relating to the qualified defense contractor and space flight business tax refund program, a tax refund program for qualified target industry businesses, brownfield redevelopment bonus refunds, high-impact business, the Economic Gardening Business Loan Pilot Program, the Economic Gardening Technical Assistance Pilot Program, the Quick Action Closing Fund, and the Innovation Incentive Program, respectively; amending s. 288.111, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; repealing ss. 288.1162, 288.11621, 288.11625, and 288.11631, F.S., relating to professional sports franchises, spring training baseball franchises, sports development, and retention of Major League Baseball spring training baseball franchises, respectively; repealing ss. 288.1169, 288.1201, and 288.122, F.S., relating to the International Game Fish Association World Center facility, the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund, and the Tourism Promotional

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Growth Program, and a not-for-profit corporation intended to promote the competitiveness and profitability of high-technology business and industry, respectively; amending ss. 288.9520, 288.9603, 288.9604, and 288.9605, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing ss. 288.9614, 288.9621, 288.9622, 288.9623, 288.9624, 288.9625, 288.96255, 288.9626, and 288.9627, F.S., relating to the Florida Capital Formation Act and findings and intent and definitions relating thereto, the Florida Opportunity Fund, the Institute for the Commercialization of Public Research, the Florida Technology Seed Capital Fund, and exemptions from public records and public meetings requirements for such fund and institute, respectively; amending s. 288.980, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; repealing ss. 288.991, 288.9912, 288.9913, 288.9914, 288.9915, 288.9916, 288.9917, 288.9918, 288.9919, 288.9920, 288.9921, and 288.9922, F.S., relating to the New Markets Development Program; amending ss. 288.9932 and 288.9934, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 288.9935, F.S., relating to the Microfinance Guarantee Program; amending ss. 288.9936, 288.9937, 290.0056, 290.0065, 290.00677, 290.007, 290.053, 295.21, and

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295.22, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; conforming cross-references; repealing s. 295.23, F.S., relating to the veterans research and marketing campaign; amending ss. 320.08058, 331.3051, 331.3081, and 339.08, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 339.2821, F.S., relating to economic development transportation projects; amending ss. 364.0135, 376.82, 377.703, 377.804, 377.809, 380.06, 380.0657, 403.42, 403.7032, 403.973, 413.801, 443.091, 445.004, 445.045, 446.44, 570.81, 570.85, and 624.5105, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; conforming a cross-reference; repealing s. 625.3255, F.S., relating to a capital participation instrument; amending ss. 657.042, 658.67, 1004.015, 1004.65, 1004.78, 1011.76, 1011.80, and 1011.94, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

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WHEREAS, economic development incentives foster unfair competition by benefitting select firms and industries, and WHEREAS, economic development incentives often subsidize private companies and their shareholders for economic actions they would have taken regardless of such incentives, and WHEREAS, economic development incentives cause market

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distortions which result in inefficiencies and inequities in the marketplace, and

WHEREAS, business incentives divert the attention of policymakers from other issues that could lead to additional job creation and a more robust business climate, and

WHEREAS, the true costs of economic development incentives are an unnecessary shift of private business expenses to the taxpaying public and a reduction in available funding for other public services which could promote economic growth, and

WHEREAS, economic development scholars and professionals lack consensus on how influential economic development and business incentives are on the economy, generally, or on a business when choosing its location, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (3) of section 11.45, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 11.45 Definitions; duties; authorities; reports; rules.
- (3) AUTHORITY FOR AUDITS AND OTHER ENGAGEMENTS.—The Auditor General may, pursuant to his or her own authority, or at the direction of the Legislative Auditing Committee, conduct audits or other engagements as determined appropriate by the Auditor General of:
 - (i) Enterprise Florida, Inc., including any of its boards,

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advisory committees, or similar groups created by Enterprise Florida, Inc., and programs. The audit report may not reveal the identity of any person who has anonymously made a donation to Enterprise Florida, Inc., pursuant to this paragraph. The identity of a donor or prospective donor to Enterprise Florida, Inc., who desires to remain anonymous and all information identifying such donor or prospective donor are confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Such anonymity shall be maintained in the auditor's report.

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 14.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 14.32 Office of Chief Inspector General.-
- (3) Related to public-private partnerships, the Chief Inspector General:
- (a) Shall advise public-private partnerships, including Enterprise Florida, Inc., in their development, utilization, and improvement of internal control measures necessary to ensure fiscal accountability.
- Section 3. Section 15.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 15.18 International and cultural relations.—The Divisions of Cultural Affairs, Historical Resources, and Library and Information Services of the Department of State promote programs having substantial cultural, artistic, and indirect economic

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significance that emphasize American creativity. The Secretary of State, as the head administrator of these divisions, shall hereafter be known as "Florida's Chief Cultural Officer." As this officer, the Secretary of State is encouraged to initiate and develop relationships between the state and foreign cultural officers, their representatives, and other foreign governmental officials in order to promote Florida as the center of American creativity. The Secretary of State shall coordinate international activities pursuant to this section with Enterprise Florida, Inc., and any other organization the secretary deems appropriate. For the accomplishment of this purpose, the Secretary of State shall have the power and authority to:

- (1) Disseminate any information pertaining to the State of Florida which promotes the state's cultural assets.
- (2) Plan and carry out activities designed to cause improved cultural and governmental programs and exchanges with foreign countries.
- (3) Plan and implement cultural and social activities for visiting foreign heads of state, diplomats, dignitaries, and exchange groups.
- (4) Encourage and cooperate with other public and private organizations or groups in their efforts to promote the cultural advantages of Florida.
 - (5) Serve as the liaison with all foreign consular and

ambassadorial corps, as well as international organizations, that are consistent with the purposes of this section.

- (6) Provide, arrange, and make expenditures for the achievement of any or all of the purposes specified in this section.
- Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 15.182, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 15.182 International travel by state-funded musical, cultural, or artistic organizations; notification to the Department of Economic Opportunity.—
- with Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall act as an intermediary between performing musical, cultural, and artistic organizations and Florida businesses to encourage and coordinate joint undertakings. Such coordination may include, but is not limited to, encouraging business and industry to sponsor cultural events, assistance with travel of such organizations, and coordinating travel schedules of cultural performance groups and international trade missions.
- Section 5. Subsections (4) and (5), paragraph (b) of subsection (9), and subsections (10) and (11) of section 20.60, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 20.60 Department of Economic Opportunity; creation; powers and duties.—
 - (4) The purpose of the department is to assist the

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Governor in working with the Legislature, state agencies, business leaders, and economic development professionals to formulate and implement coherent and consistent policies and strategies designed to promote economic opportunities for all Floridians. To accomplish such purposes, the department shall:

- (a) Facilitate the direct involvement of the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor in economic development and workforce development projects designed to create, expand, and retain businesses in this state, to recruit business from around the world, and to facilitate other job-creating efforts.
- (b) Recruit new businesses to this state and promote the expansion of existing businesses by expediting permitting and location decisions, worker placement and training, and incentive awards.
- (c) Promote viable, sustainable communities by providing technical assistance and guidance on growth and development issues, grants, and other assistance to local communities.
- (d) Ensure that the state's goals and policies relating to economic development, workforce development, community planning and development, and affordable housing are fully integrated with appropriate implementation strategies.
- (e) Manage the activities of public-private partnerships and state agencies in order to avoid duplication and promote coordinated and consistent implementation of programs in areas including, but not limited to, tourism; international trade and

investment; business recruitment, creation, retention, and expansion; minority and small business development; rural community development; commercialization of products, services, or ideas developed in public universities or other public institutions; and the development and promotion of professional and amateur sporting events.

- (f) Coordinate with state agencies on the processing of state development approvals or permits to minimize the duplication of information provided by the applicant and the time before approval or disapproval.
- (5) The divisions within the department have specific responsibilities to achieve the duties, responsibilities, and goals of the department. Specifically:
 - (a) The Division of Strategic Business Development shall:
- $\underline{(g)}$ 1. Analyze and evaluate business prospects identified by the Governor \underline{and}_{τ} the executive director of the department \underline{and}_{τ} and $\underline{Enterprise}$ Florida, Inc.
- (h)2. Administer certain tax refund, tax credit, and grant programs created in law. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department may expend interest earned from the investment of program funds deposited in the Grants and Donations Trust Fund to contract for the administration of those programs, or portions of the programs, assigned to the department by law, by the appropriations process, or by the Governor. Such expenditures shall be subject to review under

326 chapter 216.

- (i) 3. Develop measurement protocols for the state incentive programs and for the contracted entities which will be used to determine their performance and competitive value to the state. Performance measures, benchmarks, and sanctions must be developed in consultation with the legislative appropriations committees and the appropriate substantive committees, and are subject to the review and approval process provided in s. 216.177. The approved performance measures, standards, and sanctions shall be included and made a part of the strategic plan for contracts entered into for delivery of programs authorized by this section.
- $\underline{(j)}$ 4. Develop a 5-year statewide strategic plan. The strategic plan must include, but need not be limited to:
- 1.a. Strategies for the promotion of business formation, expansion, recruitment, and retention through aggressive marketing, international development, and export assistance, which lead to more and better jobs and higher wages for all geographic regions, disadvantaged communities, and populations of the state, including rural areas, minority businesses, and urban core areas.
- 2.b. The development of realistic policies and programs to further the economic diversity of the state, its regions, and their associated industrial clusters.
 - 3.c. Specific provisions for the stimulation of economic

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development and job creation in rural areas and midsize cities and counties of the state, including strategies for rural marketing and the development of infrastructure in rural areas.

- $\underline{4.d.}$ Provisions for the promotion of the successful longterm economic development of the state with increased emphasis in market research and information.
- 5.e. Plans for the generation of foreign investment in the state which create jobs paying above-average wages and which result in reverse investment in the state, including programs that establish viable overseas markets, assist in meeting the financing requirements of export-ready firms, broaden opportunities for international joint venture relationships, use the resources of academic and other institutions, coordinate trade assistance and facilitation services, and facilitate availability of and access to education and training programs that assure requisite skills and competencies necessary to compete successfully in the global marketplace.
- $\underline{6.f.}$ The identification of business sectors that are of current or future importance to the state's economy and to the state's global business image, and development of specific strategies to promote the development of such sectors.
- 7.g. Strategies for talent development necessary in the state to encourage economic development growth, taking into account factors such as the state's talent supply chain, education and training opportunities, and available workforce.

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(k) 5. Update the strategic plan every 5 years.

- (1)6. Involve Enterprise Florida, Inc.; CareerSource Florida, Inc.; local governments; the general public; local and regional economic development organizations; other local, state, and federal economic, international, and workforce development entities; the business community; and educational institutions to assist with the strategic plan.
- (5) The divisions within the department have specific responsibilities to achieve the duties, responsibilities, and goals of the department. Specifically:
 - (a) (b) The Division of Community Development shall:
- 1. Assist local governments and their communities in finding creative planning solutions to help them foster vibrant, healthy communities, while protecting the functions of important state resources and facilities.
- 2. Administer state and federal grant programs as provided by law to provide community development and project planning activities to maintain viable communities, revitalize existing communities, and expand economic development and employment opportunities, including:
 - a. The Community Services Block Grant Program.
- b. The Community Development Block Grant Program in chapter 290.
- 399 c. The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program in 400 chapter 409.

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- d. The Weatherization Assistance Program in chapter 409.
- e. The Neighborhood Stabilization Program.
- f. The local comprehensive planning process and the development of regional impact process.
- g. The Front Porch Florida Initiative through the Office of Urban Opportunity, which is created within the division. The purpose of the office is to administer the Front Porch Florida initiative, a comprehensive, community-based urban core redevelopment program that enables urban core residents to craft solutions to the unique challenges of each designated community.
- 3. Assist in developing the 5-year statewide strategic plan required by this section.
 - (b) (c) The Division of Workforce Services shall:
- 1. Prepare and submit a unified budget request for workforce development in accordance with chapter 216 for, and in conjunction with, CareerSource Florida, Inc., and its board.
- 2. Ensure that the state appropriately administers federal and state workforce funding by administering plans and policies of CareerSource Florida, Inc., under contract with CareerSource Florida, Inc. The operating budget and midyear amendments thereto must be part of such contract.
- a. All program and fiscal instructions to local workforce development boards shall emanate from the Department of Economic Opportunity pursuant to plans and policies of CareerSource Florida, Inc., which shall be responsible for all policy

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directions to the local workforce development boards.

- b. Unless otherwise provided by agreement with CareerSource Florida, Inc., administrative and personnel policies of the Department of Economic Opportunity apply.
- 3. Implement the state's reemployment assistance program. The Department of Economic Opportunity shall ensure that the state appropriately administers the reemployment assistance program pursuant to state and federal law.
- 4. Assist in developing the 5-year statewide strategic plan required by this section.
 - (9) The executive director shall:
- (b) Serve as the manager for the state with respect to contracts with Enterprise Florida, Inc., the Institute for the Commercialization of Public Research, and all applicable direct-support organizations. To accomplish the provisions of this section and applicable provisions of chapter 288, and notwithstanding the provisions of part I of chapter 287, the director shall enter into specific contracts with Enterprise Florida, Inc., the Institute for the Commercialization of Public Research, and other appropriate direct-support organizations. Such contracts may be for multiyear terms and shall include specific performance measures for each year. For purposes of this section, the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation is not an appropriate direct-support organization.
 - (10) The department, with assistance from Enterprise

Florida, Inc., shall, by November 1 of each year, submit an annual report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the condition of the business climate and economic development in the state.

- (a) The report must include the identification of problems and a prioritized list of recommendations.
- (b) The report must incorporate annual reports of other programs, including:
- 1. The displaced homemaker program established under s. 446.50.
- 2. Information provided by the Department of Revenue under s. 290.014.
- 3. Information provided by enterprise zone development agencies under s. 290.0056 and an analysis of the activities and accomplishments of each enterprise zone.
- 4. The Economic Cardening Business Loan Pilot Program established under s. 288.1081 and the Economic Cardening Technical Assistance Pilot Program established under s. 288.1082.
- 4.5. A detailed report of the performance of the Black Business Loan Program and a cumulative summary of quarterly report data required under s. 288.714.
- 5.6. The Rural Economic Development Initiative established under s. 288.0656.
 - 6.7. The Florida Unique Abilities Partner Program.

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- (11) The department shall establish annual performance standards for Enterprise Florida, Inc., CareerSource Florida, Inc., the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation, and Space Florida and report annually on how these performance measures are being met in the annual report required under subsection (10).
- Section 6. Section 20.601, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

 Section 7. (1) All duties, functions, records, pending issues, existing contracts, administrative authority, administrative rules, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other public funds relating to the programs in Enterprise Florida, Inc., are transferred by a type two transfer to the Department of Economic Opportunity.
- (2) (a) The Florida Sports Foundation, incorporated a corporation under chapter 617, Florida Statutes, which was previously merged into and transferred to Enterprise Florida, Inc., may enter into an agreement with the Department of Economic Opportunity to continue any existing program, activity, duty, or function necessary for the operation of that foundation.
- (b) Any funds held in trust which were donated to or earned by the Florida Sports Foundation may be used by that foundation for the original purposes for which the funds were received.
 - (3) It is the intent of the Legislature that the changes

made by this act be accomplished with minimal disruption of services provided to the public and with minimal disruption to employees of any organization.

Section 8. All duties, functions, records, pending issues, existing contracts, administrative authority, administrative rules, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other public funds relating to the programs in the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation are transferred by a type two transfer to the Department of Economic Opportunity.

Section 9. For programs established pursuant to ss. 212.097, 220.1899, 220.191, 288.047, 288.1045, 288.106, 288.107, 288.108, 288.1081, 288.1082, 288.1088, 288.1089, 288.1162, 288.11621, 288.11625, 288.11631, 288.9916, and 339.2821, Florida Statutes, no new or additional applications or certifications shall be approved, no new letters of certification may be issued, no new contracts or agreements may be executed, and no new awards may be made. All certifications are rescinded except for those certified applicants or projects that continue to meet the criteria in effect before July 1, 2017. Any existing contracts or agreements authorized under any of these programs shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with the statutory requirements in effect when the contract or agreement was executed or last modified. However, no further modifications, extensions, or waivers may be made or granted relating to such contracts or agreements except computations by

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the Department of Revenue of the income generated by or arising out of the qualifying project.

Section 10. Paragraph (n) of subsection (3) of section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

125.0104 Tourist development tax; procedure for levying; authorized uses; referendum; enforcement.—

- (3) TAXABLE PRIVILEGES; EXEMPTIONS; LEVY; RATE.-
- (n) In addition to any other tax that is imposed under this section, a county that has imposed the tax under paragraph (1) may impose an additional tax that is no greater than 1 percent on the exercise of the privilege described in paragraph (a) by a majority plus one vote of the membership of the board of county commissioners in order to:
 - 1. Pay the debt service on bonds issued to finance:
- a. The construction, reconstruction, or renovation of a facility either publicly owned and operated, or publicly owned and operated by the owner of a professional sports franchise or other lessee with sufficient expertise or financial capability to operate such facility, and to pay the planning and design costs incurred prior to the issuance of such bonds for a new professional sports franchise as defined in s. 288.1162. As used in this sub-subparagraph, the term "new professional sports franchise" means a professional sports franchise that was not based in this state before April 1, 1987.
 - b. The acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or

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renovation of a facility either publicly owned and operated, or publicly owned and operated by the owner of a professional sports franchise or other lessee with sufficient expertise or financial capability to operate such facility, and to pay the planning and design costs incurred prior to the issuance of such bonds for a retained spring training franchise.

2. Promote and advertise tourism in the State of Florida and nationally and internationally; however, if tax revenues are expended for an activity, service, venue, or event, the activity, service, venue, or event shall have as one of its main purposes the attraction of tourists as evidenced by the promotion of the activity, service, venue, or event to tourists.

A county that imposes the tax authorized in this paragraph may not expend any ad valorem tax revenues for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or renovation of a facility for which tax revenues are used pursuant to subparagraph 1. The provision of paragraph (b) which prohibits any county authorized to levy a convention development tax pursuant to s. 212.0305 from levying more than the 2-percent tax authorized by this section shall not apply to the additional tax authorized by this paragraph in counties which levy convention development taxes pursuant to s. 212.0305(4)(a). Subsection (4) does not apply to the adoption of the additional tax authorized in this paragraph. The effective date of the levy and imposition of the tax

authorized under this paragraph is the first day of the second month following approval of the ordinance by the board of county commissioners or the first day of any subsequent month specified in the ordinance. A certified copy of such ordinance shall be furnished by the county to the Department of Revenue within 10 days after approval of the ordinance.

Section 11. Subsection (11) of section 159.803, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

159.803 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

(11) "Florida First Business project" means any project which is certified by the Department of Economic Opportunity as eligible to receive an allocation from the Florida First Business allocation pool established pursuant to s. 159.8083. The Department of Economic Opportunity may certify those projects meeting the criteria set forth in s. 288.106(4)(b) or any project providing a substantial economic benefit to this state.

Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section 166.231, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

166.231 Municipalities; public service tax.-

(8) (a) Beginning July 1, 1995, a municipality may by ordinance exempt not less than 50 percent of the tax imposed under this section on purchasers of electrical energy who are determined to be eligible for the exemption provided by s. 212.08(14) 212.08(15) by the Department of Revenue. The

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exemption shall be administered as provided in that section. A copy of any ordinance adopted pursuant to this subsection shall be provided to the Department of Revenue not less than 14 days prior to its effective date.

Section 13. Section 189.033, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

Independent special district services in 189.033 disproportionally affected county; rate reduction for providers providing economic benefits.—If the governing body of an independent special district that provides water, wastewater, and sanitation services in a disproportionally affected county, as defined in s. 288.106(8), determines that a new user or the expansion of an existing user of one or more of its utility systems will provide a significant benefit to the community in terms of increased job opportunities, economies of scale, or economic development in the area, the governing body may authorize a reduction of its rates, fees, or charges for that user for a specified period of time. A governing body that exercises this power must do so by resolution that states the anticipated economic benefit justifying the reduction as well as the period of time that the reduction will remain in place. As used in this section, the term "disproportionally affected county" means Bay County, Escambia County, Franklin County, Gulf County, Okaloosa County, Santa Rosa County, Walton County, or Wakulla County.

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Section 14. Subsections (11) through (19) of section 196.012, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (12) through (20), respectively, a new subsection (11) is added to that section, and paragraph (a) of present subsection (14), paragraph (a) of present subsection (15), and present subsection (16) of that section are amended to read:

196.012 Definitions.—For the purpose of this chapter, the following terms are defined as follows, except where the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (11) "Target industry business" means a corporate headquarters business or any business that is engaged in one of the target industries identified pursuant to the following criteria developed by the Department of Economic Opportunity:
- (a) Future growth.—The industry forecast indicates strong expectation for future growth in employment and output, according to the most recent available data. Special consideration should be given to businesses that export goods to, or provide services in, international markets and businesses that replace domestic and international imports of goods or services.
- (b) Stability.—The industry is not subject to periodic layoffs, whether due to seasonality or sensitivity to volatile economic variables such as weather. The industry is also relatively resistant to recession, so that the demand for products of this industry is not typically subject to decline

during an economic downturn.

- (c) High wage.—The industry pays relatively high wages compared to statewide or area averages.
- (d) Market and resource independent.—The industry business location is not dependent on markets or resources in the state as indicated by industry analysis, except for businesses in the renewable energy industry.
- (e) Industrial base diversification and strengthening.—The industry contributes toward expanding or diversifying the state's or area's economic base, as indicated by analysis of employment and output shares compared to national and regional trends. Special consideration should be given to industries that strengthen regional economies by adding value to basic products or building regional industrial clusters as indicated by industry analysis. Special consideration should also be given to the development of strong industrial clusters that include defense and homeland security businesses.
- (f) Positive economic impact.—The industry has strong positive economic impacts on or benefits to the state or regional economies. Special consideration should be given to industries that facilitate the development of the state as a hub for domestic and global trade and logistics.

The term does not include any business engaged in retail industry activities; any electrical utility company as defined

in s. 366.02(2); any phosphate or other solid minerals severance, mining, or processing operation; any oil or gas exploration or production operation; or any business subject to regulation by the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Any business within NAICS code 5611 or 5614, office administrative services and business support services, respectively, may be considered a target industry business only after the local governing body and the Department of Economic Opportunity determine that the community in which the business may locate has conditions affecting the fiscal and economic viability of the local community or area, including, but not limited to, low per capita income, high unemployment, high underemployment, and a lack of year-round stable employment opportunities, and such conditions may be improved by the business locating in such community. By January 1 of every 3rd year, beginning January 1, 2011, the Department of Economic Opportunity, in consultation with economic development organizations, the State University System, local governments, employee and employer organizations, market analysts, and economists, shall review and, as appropriate, revise the list of target industries and submit the list to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. "New business" means: $(15) \frac{(14)}{}$

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new jobs to employ 10 or more full-time employees in this state, paying an average wage for such new jobs that is above the average wage in the area, which principally engages in any one or more of the following operations:

- a. manufactures, processes, compounds, fabricates, or produces for sale items of tangible personal property at a fixed location and which comprises an industrial or manufacturing plant; or
- b. Is a target industry business as defined in <u>subsection</u>
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- 2. A business or organization establishing 25 or more new jobs to employ 25 or more full-time employees in this state, the sales factor of which, as defined by s. 220.15(5), for the facility with respect to which it requests an economic development ad valorem tax exemption is less than 0.50 for each year the exemption is claimed; or
- 3. An office space in this state owned and used by a business or organization newly domiciled in this state; provided such office space houses 50 or more full-time employees of such business or organization; provided that such business or organization office first begins operation on a site clearly separate from any other commercial or industrial operation owned by the same business or organization.
 - (16) (15) "Expansion of an existing business" means:
 - (a)1. A business or organization establishing 10 or more

new jobs to employ 10 or more full-time employees in this state, paying an average wage for such new jobs that is above the average wage in the area, which principally engages in any of the operations referred to in subparagraph (15)(a)1. (14)(a)1.; or

- 2. A business or organization establishing 25 or more new jobs to employ 25 or more full-time employees in this state, the sales factor of which, as defined by s. 220.15(5), for the facility with respect to which it requests an economic development ad valorem tax exemption is less than 0.50 for each year the exemption is claimed; provided that such business increases operations on a site located within the same county, municipality, or both colocated with a commercial or industrial operation owned by the same business or organization under common control with the same business or organization, resulting in a net increase in employment of not less than 10 percent or an increase in productive output or sales of not less than 10 percent.
- (17) "Permanent resident" means a person who has established a permanent residence as defined in subsection (18)
- Section 15. Subsection (2) of section 196.101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 749 196.101 Exemption for totally and permanently disabled 750 persons.—

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(2) Any real estate used and owned as a homestead by a paraplegic, hemiplegic, or other totally and permanently disabled person, as defined in s. $\underline{196.012(12)}$ $\underline{196.012(11)}$, who must use a wheelchair for mobility or who is legally blind, is exempt from taxation.

Section 16. Subsection (2) of section 196.121, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

196.121 Homestead exemptions; forms.—

(2) The forms shall require the taxpayer to furnish certain information to the property appraiser for the purpose of determining that the taxpayer is a permanent resident as defined in s. $\underline{196.012(17)}$ $\underline{196.012(16)}$. Such information may include, but need not be limited to, the factors enumerated in s. 196.015.

Section 17. Subsections (6) and (11) of section 196.1995, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

196.1995 Economic development ad valorem tax exemption.-

(6) With respect to a new business as defined in by s. 196.012(15)(c) 196.012(14)(c), the municipality annexing the property on which the business is situated may grant an economic development ad valorem tax exemption under this section to that business for a period that will expire upon the expiration of the exemption granted by the county. If the county renews the exemption under subsection (7), the municipality may also extend its exemption. A municipal economic development ad valorem tax exemption granted under this subsection may not extend beyond

the duration of the county exemption.

- (11) An ordinance granting an exemption under this section shall be adopted in the same manner as any other ordinance of the county or municipality and shall include the following:
- (a) The name and address of the new business or expansion of an existing business to which the exemption is granted;
- (b) The total amount of revenue available to the county or municipality from ad valorem tax sources for the current fiscal year, the total amount of revenue lost to the county or municipality for the current fiscal year by virtue of economic development ad valorem tax exemptions currently in effect, and the estimated revenue loss to the county or municipality for the current fiscal year attributable to the exemption of the business named in the ordinance;
- (c) The period of time for which the exemption will remain in effect and the expiration date of the exemption, which may be any period of time up to 10 years, or up to 20 years for a data center; and
- (d) A finding that the business named in the ordinance meets the requirements of s. $\underline{196.012(15)}$ or $\underline{(16)}$ $\underline{196.012(14)}$ or $\underline{(15)}$.
- Section 18. Paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) of subsection (4) of section 201.15, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 201.15 Distribution of taxes collected.—All taxes collected under this chapter are hereby pledged and shall be

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first made available to make payments when due on bonds issued pursuant to s. 215.618 or s. 215.619, or any other bonds authorized to be issued on a parity basis with such bonds. Such pledge and availability for the payment of these bonds shall have priority over any requirement for the payment of service charges or costs of collection and enforcement under this section. All taxes collected under this chapter, except taxes distributed to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund pursuant to subsections (1) and (2), are subject to the service charge imposed in s. 215.20(1). Before distribution pursuant to this section, the Department of Revenue shall deduct amounts necessary to pay the costs of the collection and enforcement of the tax levied by this chapter. The costs and service charge may not be levied against any portion of taxes pledged to debt service on bonds to the extent that the costs and service charge are required to pay any amounts relating to the bonds. All of the costs of the collection and enforcement of the tax levied by this chapter and the service charge shall be available and transferred to the extent necessary to pay debt service and any other amounts payable with respect to bonds authorized before January 1, 2017, secured by revenues distributed pursuant to this section. All taxes remaining after deduction of costs shall be distributed as follows:

(4) After the required distributions to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund pursuant to subsections (1) and (2) and

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deduction of the service charge imposed pursuant to s. 215.20(1), the remainder shall be distributed as follows:

- (a) The lesser of 24.18442 percent of the remainder or \$541.75 million in each fiscal year shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the State Transportation Trust Fund. Of such funds, \$75 million for each fiscal year shall be transferred to the General Revenue Fund State Economic
 Enhancement and Development Trust Fund within the Department of Economic Opportunity. Notwithstanding any other law, the remaining amount credited to the State Transportation Trust Fund shall be used for:
- 1. Capital funding for the New Starts Transit Program, authorized by Title 49, U.S.C. s. 5309 and specified in s. 341.051, in the amount of 10 percent of the funds;
- 2. The Small County Outreach Program specified in s. 339.2818, in the amount of 10 percent of the funds;
- 3. The Strategic Intermodal System specified in ss. 339.61, 339.62, 339.63, and 339.64, in the amount of 75 percent of the funds after deduction of the payments required pursuant to subparagraphs 1. and 2.; and
- 4. The Transportation Regional Incentive Program specified in s. 339.2819, in the amount of 25 percent of the funds after deduction of the payments required pursuant to subparagraphs 1. and 2. The first \$60 million of the funds allocated pursuant to this subparagraph shall be allocated annually to the Florida

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Rail Enterprise for the purposes established in s. 341.303(5).

- (c) Eleven and twenty-four hundredths percent of the remainder in each fiscal year shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the State Housing Trust Fund. Of such funds, the first \$35 million shall be transferred annually, subject to any distribution required under subsection (5), to the General Revenue Fund State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund within the Department of Economic Opportunity. The remainder shall be used as follows:
- 1. Half of that amount shall be used for the purposes for which the State Housing Trust Fund was created and exists by law.
- 2. Half of that amount shall be paid into the State
 Treasury to the credit of the Local Government Housing Trust
 Fund and used for the purposes for which the Local Government
 Housing Trust Fund was created and exists by law.
- (d) Twelve and ninety-three hundredths percent of the remainder in each fiscal year shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the State Housing Trust Fund. Of such funds, the first \$40 million shall be transferred annually, subject to any distribution required under subsection (5), to the General Revenue Fund State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund within the Department of Economic Opportunity. The remainder shall be used as follows:
 - 1. Twelve and one-half percent of that amount shall be

deposited into the State Housing Trust Fund and expended by the Department of Economic Opportunity and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation for the purposes for which the State Housing Trust Fund was created and exists by law.

2. Eighty-seven and one-half percent of that amount shall be distributed to the Local Government Housing Trust Fund and used for the purposes for which the Local Government Housing Trust Fund was created and exists by law. Funds from this category may also be used to provide for state and local services to assist the homeless.

Section 19. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 212.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

212.031 Tax on rental or license fee for use of real property.—

- (1) (a) It is declared to be the legislative intent that every person is exercising a taxable privilege who engages in the business of renting, leasing, letting, or granting a license for the use of any real property unless such property is:
 - 1. Assessed as agricultural property under s. 193.461.
 - 2. Used exclusively as dwelling units.
- 3. Property subject to tax on parking, docking, or storage spaces under s. 212.03(6).
- 4. Recreational property or the common elements of a condominium when subject to a lease between the developer or owner thereof and the condominium association in its own right

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or as agent for the owners of individual condominium units or the owners of individual condominium units. However, only the lease payments on such property shall be exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter, and any other use made by the owner or the condominium association shall be fully taxable under this chapter.

- 5. A public or private street or right-of-way and poles, conduits, fixtures, and similar improvements located on such streets or rights-of-way, occupied or used by a utility or provider of communications services, as defined by s. 202.11, for utility or communications or television purposes. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "utility" means any person providing utility services as defined in s. 203.012. This exception also applies to property, wherever located, on which the following are placed: towers, antennas, cables, accessory structures, or equipment, not including switching equipment, used in the provision of mobile communications services as defined in s. 202.11. For purposes of this chapter, towers used in the provision of mobile communications services, as defined in s. 202.11, are considered to be fixtures.
- 6. A public street or road which is used for transportation purposes.
- 7. Property used at an airport exclusively for the purpose of aircraft landing or aircraft taxiing or property used by an airline for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers or

property onto or from aircraft or for fueling aircraft.

- 8.a. Property used at a port authority, as defined in s. 315.02(2), exclusively for the purpose of oceangoing vessels or tugs docking, or such vessels mooring on property used by a port authority for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers or cargo onto or from such a vessel, or property used at a port authority for fueling such vessels, or to the extent that the amount paid for the use of any property at the port is based on the charge for the amount of tonnage actually imported or exported through the port by a tenant.
- b. The amount charged for the use of any property at the port in excess of the amount charged for tonnage actually imported or exported shall remain subject to tax except as provided in sub-subparagraph a.
- 9. Property used as an integral part of the performance of qualified production services. As used in this subparagraph, the term "qualified production services" means any activity or service performed directly in connection with the production of a qualified motion picture, as defined in s. 212.06(1)(b), and includes:
- a. Photography, sound and recording, casting, location managing and scouting, shooting, creation of special and optical effects, animation, adaptation (language, media, electronic, or otherwise), technological modifications, computer graphics, set and stage support (such as electricians, lighting designers and

operators, greensmen, prop managers and assistants, and grips), wardrobe (design, preparation, and management), hair and makeup (design, production, and application), performing (such as acting, dancing, and playing), designing and executing stunts, coaching, consulting, writing, scoring, composing, choreographing, script supervising, directing, producing, transmitting dailies, dubbing, mixing, editing, cutting, looping, printing, processing, duplicating, storing, and distributing;

b. The design, planning, engineering, construction, alteration, repair, and maintenance of real or personal property including stages, sets, props, models, paintings, and facilities principally required for the performance of those services listed in sub-subparagraph a.; and

c. Property management services directly related to property used in connection with the services described in subsubparagraphs a. and b.

This exemption will inure to the taxpayer upon presentation of the certificate of exemption issued to the taxpayer under the provisions of s. 288.1258.

9.10. Leased, subleased, licensed, or rented to a person providing food and drink concessionaire services within the premises of a convention hall, exhibition hall, auditorium, stadium, theater, arena, civic center, performing arts center,

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publicly owned recreational facility, or any business operated under a permit issued pursuant to chapter 550. A person providing retail concessionaire services involving the sale of food and drink or other tangible personal property within the premises of an airport shall be subject to tax on the rental of real property used for that purpose, but shall not be subject to the tax on any license to use the property. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "sale" shall not include the leasing of tangible personal property.

10.11. Property occupied pursuant to an instrument calling for payments which the department has declared, in a Technical Assistance Advisement issued on or before March 15, 1993, to be nontaxable pursuant to rule 12A-1.070(19)(c), Florida Administrative Code; provided that this subparagraph shall only apply to property occupied by the same person before and after the execution of the subject instrument and only to those payments made pursuant to such instrument, exclusive of renewals and extensions thereof occurring after March 15, 1993.

11.12. Property used or occupied predominantly for space flight business purposes. As used in this subparagraph, "space flight business" means the manufacturing, processing, or assembly of a space facility, space propulsion system, space vehicle, satellite, or station of any kind possessing the capacity for space flight, as defined by s. 212.02(23), or components thereof, and also means the following activities

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supporting space flight: vehicle launch activities, flight operations, ground control or ground support, and all administrative activities directly related thereto. Property shall be deemed to be used or occupied predominantly for space flight business purposes if more than 50 percent of the property, or improvements thereon, is used for one or more space flight business purposes. Possession by a landlord, lessor, or licensor of a signed written statement from the tenant, lessee, or licensee claiming the exemption shall relieve the landlord, lessor, or licensor from the responsibility of collecting the tax, and the department shall look solely to the tenant, lessee, or licensee for recovery of such tax if it determines that the exemption was not applicable.

12.13. Rented, leased, subleased, or licensed to a person providing telecommunications, data systems management, or Internet services at a publicly or privately owned convention hall, civic center, or meeting space at a public lodging establishment as defined in s. 509.013. This subparagraph applies only to that portion of the rental, lease, or license payment that is based upon a percentage of sales, revenue sharing, or royalty payments and not based upon a fixed price. This subparagraph is intended to be clarifying and remedial in nature and shall apply retroactively. This subparagraph does not provide a basis for an assessment of any tax not paid, or create a right to a refund of any tax paid, pursuant to this section

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1049 1050 Section 20. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 212.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

212.06 Sales, storage, use tax; collectible from dealers; "dealer" defined; dealers to collect from purchasers; legislative intent as to scope of tax.—

(1)

Except as otherwise provided, any person who manufactures, produces, compounds, processes, or fabricates in any manner tangible personal property for his or her own use shall pay a tax upon the cost of the product manufactured, produced, compounded, processed, or fabricated without any deduction therefrom on account of the cost of material used, labor or service costs, or transportation charges, notwithstanding the provisions of s. 212.02 defining "cost price." However, the tax levied under this paragraph shall not be imposed upon any person who manufactures or produces electrical power or energy, steam energy, or other energy at a single location, when such power or energy is used directly and exclusively at such location, or at other locations if the energy is transferred through facilities of the owner in the operation of machinery or equipment that is used to manufacture, process, compound, produce, fabricate, or prepare for shipment tangible personal property for sale or to operate pollution control equipment, maintenance equipment, or monitoring or

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control equipment used in such operations. The manufacture or production of electrical power or energy that is used for space heating, lighting, office equipment, or air-conditioning or any other, nonprocessing, noncompounding, nonproducing, nonfabricating, or nonshipping activity is taxable. Electrical power or energy consumed or dissipated in the transmission or distribution of electrical power or energy for resale is also not taxable. Fabrication labor shall not be taxable when a person is using his or her own equipment and personnel, for his or her own account, as a producer, subproducer, or coproducer of a qualified motion picture. For purposes of this chapter, the term "qualified motion picture" means all or any part of a series of related images, either on film, tape, or other embodiment, including, but not limited to, all items comprising part of the original work and film-related products derived therefrom as well as duplicates and prints thereof and all sound recordings created to accompany a motion picture, which is produced, adapted, or altered for exploitation in, on, or through any medium or device and at any location, primarily for entertainment, commercial, industrial, or educational purposes. This exemption for fabrication labor associated with production of a qualified motion picture will inure to the taxpayer upon presentation of the certificate of exemption issued to the taxpayer under the provisions of s. 288.1258. A person who manufactures factory-built buildings for his or her own use in

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the performance of contracts for the construction or improvement of real property shall pay a tax only upon the person's cost price of items used in the manufacture of such buildings.

Section 21. <u>Section 212.0602, Florida Statutes, is</u> repealed.

Section 22. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 212.0606, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

212.0606 Rental car surcharge.

(3) (a) Notwithstanding s. 212.20, and less the costs of administration, 80 percent of the proceeds of this surcharge shall be deposited in the State Transportation Trust Fund, 15.75 percent of the proceeds of this surcharge shall be deposited in the Tourism Promotional Trust Fund created in s. 288.122, and 20 4.25 percent of the proceeds of this surcharge shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund Florida International Trade and Promotion Trust Fund. For the purposes of this subsection, "proceeds" of the surcharge means all funds collected and received by the department under this section, including interest and penalties on delinquent surcharges. The department shall provide the Department of Transportation rental car surcharge revenue information for the previous state fiscal year by September 1 of each year.

Section 23. Paragraphs (g) through (q) of subsection (5) of section 212.08, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (f) through (p), respectively, subsections (12)

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through (18) are renumbered as subsections (11) through (17), respectively, and paragraph (f) and present paragraphs (h) and (j) of subsection (5), subsection (12), and paragraph (f) of present subsection (15) of that section are amended to read:

212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, and storage tax; specified exemptions.—The sale at retail, the rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the storage to be used or consumed in this state of the following are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter.

- (5) EXEMPTIONS; ACCOUNT OF USE.-
- (f) Motion picture or video equipment used in motion picture or television production activities and sound recording equipment used in the production of master tapes and master records.
- 1. Motion picture or video equipment and sound recording equipment purchased or leased for use in this state in production activities is exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter. The exemption provided by this paragraph shall inure to the taxpayer upon presentation of the certificate of exemption issued to the taxpayer under the provisions of s. 288.1258.
- 2. For the purpose of the exemption provided in subparagraph 1.:
- a. "Motion picture or video equipment" and "sound recording equipment" includes only tangible personal property or

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other property that has a depreciable life of 3 years or more and that is used by the lessee or purchaser exclusively as an integral part of production activities; however, motion picture or video equipment and sound recording equipment does not include supplies, tape, records, film, or video tape used in productions or other similar items; vehicles or vessels; or general office equipment not specifically suited to production activities. In addition, the term does not include equipment purchased or leased by television or radio broadcasting or cable companies licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. Furthermore, a building and its structural components are not motion picture or video equipment and sound recording equipment unless the building or structural component is so closely related to the motion picture or video equipment and sound recording equipment that it houses or supports that the building or structural component can be expected to be replaced when the motion picture or video equipment and sound recording equipment are replaced. Heating and air-conditioning systems are not motion picture or video equipment and sound recording equipment unless the sole justification for their installation is to meet the requirements of the production activities, even though the system may provide incidental comfort to employees or serve, to an insubstantial degree, nonproduction activities. b. "Production activities" means activities directed toward the preparation of a:

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- (I) Master tape or master record embodying sound; or

 (II) Motion picture or television production which is

 produced for theatrical, commercial, advertising, or educational purposes and utilizes live or animated actions or a combination of live and animated actions. The motion picture or television production shall be commercially produced for sale or for showing on screens or broadcasting on television and may be on film or video tape.
 - (g) (h) Business property used in an enterprise zone.
- 1. Business property purchased for use by businesses located in an enterprise zone which is subsequently used in an enterprise zone shall be exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter. This exemption inures to the business only through a refund of previously paid taxes. A refund shall be authorized upon an affirmative showing by the taxpayer to the satisfaction of the department that the requirements of this paragraph have been met.
- 2. To receive a refund, the business must file under oath with the governing body or enterprise zone development agency having jurisdiction over the enterprise zone where the business is located, as applicable, an application which includes:
- a. The name and address of the business claiming the refund.
- b. The identifying number assigned pursuant to s. 290.0065 to the enterprise zone in which the business is located.

- c. A specific description of the property for which a refund is sought, including its serial number or other permanent identification number.
 - d. The location of the property.
- e. The sales invoice or other proof of purchase of the property, showing the amount of sales tax paid, the date of purchase, and the name and address of the sales tax dealer from whom the property was purchased.
- f. Whether the business is a small business as defined by $s.\ 288.703.$
- g. If applicable, the name and address of each permanent employee of the business, including, for each employee who is a resident of an enterprise zone, the identifying number assigned pursuant to s. 290.0065 to the enterprise zone in which the employee resides.
- 3. Within 10 working days after receipt of an application, the governing body or enterprise zone development agency shall review the application to determine if it contains all the information required pursuant to subparagraph 2. and meets the criteria set out in this paragraph. The governing body or agency shall certify all applications that contain the information required pursuant to subparagraph 2. and meet the criteria set out in this paragraph as eligible to receive a refund. If applicable, the governing body or agency shall also certify if 20 percent of the employees of the business are residents of an

enterprise zone, excluding temporary and part-time employees. The certification shall be in writing, and a copy of the certification shall be transmitted to the executive director of the Department of Revenue. The business shall be responsible for forwarding a certified application to the department within the time specified in subparagraph 4.

- 4. An application for a refund pursuant to this paragraph must be submitted to the department within 6 months after the tax is due on the business property that is purchased.
- 5. The amount refunded on purchases of business property under this paragraph shall be the lesser of 97 percent of the sales tax paid on such business property or \$5,000, or, if no less than 20 percent of the employees of the business are residents of an enterprise zone, excluding temporary and parttime employees, the amount refunded on purchases of business property under this paragraph shall be the lesser of 97 percent of the sales tax paid on such business property or \$10,000. A refund approved pursuant to this paragraph shall be made within 30 days after formal approval by the department of the application for the refund. A refund may not be granted under this paragraph unless the amount to be refunded exceeds \$100 in sales tax paid on purchases made within a 60-day time period.
- 6. The department shall adopt rules governing the manner and form of refund applications and may establish guidelines as to the requisites for an affirmative showing of qualification

1226 for exemption under this paragraph.

- 7. If the department determines that the business property is used outside an enterprise zone within 3 years from the date of purchase, the amount of taxes refunded to the business purchasing such business property shall immediately be due and payable to the department by the business, together with the appropriate interest and penalty, computed from the date of purchase, in the manner provided by this chapter.

 Notwithstanding this subparagraph, business property used exclusively in:
 - a. Licensed commercial fishing vessels,
 - b. Fishing guide boats, or
 - c. Ecotourism guide boats

that leave and return to a fixed location within an area designated under s. 379.2353, Florida Statutes 2010, are eligible for the exemption provided under this paragraph if all requirements of this paragraph are met. Such vessels and boats must be owned by a business that is eligible to receive the exemption provided under this paragraph. This exemption does not apply to the purchase of a vessel or boat.

8. The department shall deduct an amount equal to 10 percent of each refund granted under this paragraph from the amount transferred into the Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund pursuant to s. 212.20 for the county area in

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which the business property is located and shall transfer that amount to the General Revenue Fund.

- 9. For the purposes of this exemption, "business property" means new or used property defined as "recovery property" in s. 168(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, except:
- a. Property classified as 3-year property under s.
- 1257 | 168(c)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended;
 - b. Industrial machinery and equipment as defined in subsubparagraph (b) 6.a. and eligible for exemption under paragraph
 (b);
 - c. Building materials as defined in sub-subparagraph (f) 8.a. $\frac{(g) \cdot 8.a.}{(g) \cdot 8.a.}$; and
 - d. Business property having a sales price of under \$5,000 per unit.
 - 10. This paragraph expires on the date specified in s. 290.016 for the expiration of the Florida Enterprise Zone Act.
 - <u>(i) (j)</u> Machinery and equipment used in semiconductor, defense, or space technology production.—
 - 1.a. Industrial machinery and equipment used in semiconductor technology facilities certified under subparagraph 5. to manufacture, process, compound, or produce semiconductor technology products for sale or for use by these facilities are exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter. For purposes of this paragraph, industrial machinery and equipment includes molds, dies, machine tooling, other appurtenances or accessories

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to machinery and equipment, testing equipment, test beds, computers, and software, whether purchased or self-fabricated, and, if self-fabricated, includes materials and labor for design, fabrication, and assembly.

- b. Industrial machinery and equipment used in defense or space technology facilities certified under subparagraph 5. to design, manufacture, assemble, process, compound, or produce defense technology products or space technology products for sale or for use by these facilities are exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter.
- 2. Building materials purchased for use in manufacturing or expanding clean rooms in semiconductor-manufacturing facilities are exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter.
- 3. In addition to meeting the criteria mandated by subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2., a business must be certified by the Department of Economic Opportunity in order to qualify for exemption under this paragraph.
- 4. For items purchased tax-exempt pursuant to this paragraph, possession of a written certification from the purchaser, certifying the purchaser's entitlement to the exemption, relieves the seller of the responsibility of collecting the tax on the sale of such items, and the department shall look solely to the purchaser for recovery of the tax if it determines that the purchaser was not entitled to the exemption.
 - 5.a. To be eligible to receive the exemption provided by

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subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2., a qualifying business entity shall initially apply to the Department of Economic Opportunity Enterprise Florida, Inc. The original certification is valid for a period of 2 years. In lieu of submitting a new application, the original certification may be renewed biennially by submitting to the Department of Economic Opportunity a statement, certified under oath, that there has not been a material change in the conditions or circumstances entitling the business entity to the original certification. The initial application and the certification renewal statement shall be developed by the Department of Economic Opportunity.

- b. The Division of Strategic Business Development of the Department of Economic Opportunity shall review each submitted initial application and determine whether or not the application is complete within 5 working days. Once complete, the division shall, within 10 working days, evaluate the application and recommend approval or disapproval to the Department of Economic Opportunity.
- c. Upon receipt of the initial application and recommendation from the division or upon receipt of a certification renewal statement, the Department of Economic Opportunity shall certify within 5 working days those applicants who are found to meet the requirements of this section and notify the applicant of the original certification or certification renewal. If the Department of Economic Opportunity

finds that the applicant does not meet the requirements, it shall notify the applicant and Enterprise Florida, Inc., within 10 working days that the application for certification has been denied and the reasons for denial. The Department of Economic Opportunity has final approval authority for certification under this section.

- d. The initial application and certification renewal statement must indicate, for program evaluation purposes only, the average number of full-time equivalent employees at the facility over the preceding calendar year, the average wage and benefits paid to those employees over the preceding calendar year, the total investment made in real and tangible personal property over the preceding calendar year, and the total value of tax-exempt purchases and taxes exempted during the previous year. The department shall assist the Department of Economic Opportunity in evaluating and verifying information provided in the application for exemption.
- e. The Department of Economic Opportunity may use the information reported on the initial application and certification renewal statement for evaluation purposes only.
- 6. A business certified to receive this exemption may elect to designate one or more state universities or community colleges as recipients of up to 100 percent of the amount of the exemption. To receive these funds, the institution must agree to match the funds with equivalent cash, programs, services, or

other in-kind support on a one-to-one basis for research and development projects requested by the certified business. The rights to any patents, royalties, or real or intellectual property must be vested in the business unless otherwise agreed to by the business and the university or community college.

- 7. As used in this paragraph, the term:
- a. "Semiconductor technology products" means raw semiconductor wafers or semiconductor thin films that are transformed into semiconductor memory or logic wafers, including wafers containing mixed memory and logic circuits; related assembly and test operations; active-matrix flat panel displays; semiconductor chips; semiconductor lasers; optoelectronic elements; and related semiconductor technology products as determined by the Department of Economic Opportunity.
- b. "Clean rooms" means manufacturing facilities enclosed in a manner that meets the clean manufacturing requirements necessary for high-technology semiconductor-manufacturing environments.
- c. "Defense technology products" means products that have a military application, including, but not limited to, weapons, weapons systems, guidance systems, surveillance systems, communications or information systems, munitions, aircraft, vessels, or boats, or components thereof, which are intended for military use and manufactured in performance of a contract with the United States Department of Defense or the military branch

of a recognized foreign government or a subcontract thereunder which relates to matters of national defense.

- d. "Space technology products" means products that are specifically designed or manufactured for application in space activities, including, but not limited to, space launch vehicles, space flight vehicles, missiles, satellites or research payloads, avionics, and associated control systems and processing systems and components of any of the foregoing. The term does not include products that are designed or manufactured for general commercial aviation or other uses even though those products may also serve an incidental use in space applications.
- (12) PARTIAL EXEMPTION; MASTER TAPES, RECORDS, FILMS, OR VIDEO TAPES.—
- (a) There are exempt from the taxes imposed by this chapter the gross receipts from the sale or lease of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, master tapes or master records embodying sound, or master films or master video tapes; except that amounts paid to recording studios or motion picture or television studios for the tangible elements of such master tapes, records, films, or video tapes are taxable as otherwise provided in this chapter. This exemption will inure to the taxpayer upon presentation of the certificate of exemption issued to the taxpayer under the provisions of s. 288.1258.
 - (b) For the purposes of this subsection, the term:

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1. "Amounts paid for the tangible elements" does not include any amounts paid for the copyrightable, artistic, or other intangible elements of such master tapes, records, films, or video tapes, whether designated as royalties or otherwise, including, but not limited to, services rendered in producing, fabricating, processing, or imprinting tangible personal property or any other services or production expenses in connection therewith which may otherwise be construed as constituting a "sale" under s. 212.02.

- 2. "Master films or master video tapes" means films or video tapes utilized by the motion picture and television production industries in making visual images for reproduction.
- 3. "Master tapes or master records embodying sound" means tapes, records, and other devices utilized by the recording industry in making recordings embodying sound.
- 4. "Motion picture or television studio" means a facility in which film or video tape productions or parts of productions are made and which contains the necessary equipment and personnel for this purpose and includes a mobile unit or vehicle that is equipped in much the same manner as a stationary studio and used in the making of film or video tape productions.
- 5. "Recording studio" means a place where, by means of mechanical or electronic devices, voices, music, or other sounds are transmitted to tapes, records, or other devices capable of reproducing sound.

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- 7. "Motion picture or television production industry"
 means any person engaged in an occupation or business for a
 livelihood or for profit of making visual motion picture or
 television visual images for showing on screen or television for
 theatrical, commercial, advertising, or educational purposes.
 - (14) (15) ELECTRICAL ENERGY USED IN AN ENTERPRISE ZONE.
- (f) For the purpose of the exemption provided in this subsection, the term "qualified business" means a business which is:
- 1. First occupying a new structure to which electrical service, other than that used for construction purposes, has not been previously provided or furnished;
- 2. Newly occupying an existing, remodeled, renovated, or rehabilitated structure to which electrical service, other than that used for remodeling, renovation, or rehabilitation of the structure, has not been provided or furnished in the three preceding billing periods; or
- 3. Occupying a new, remodeled, rebuilt, renovated, or rehabilitated structure for which a refund has been granted pursuant to paragraph (5)(f) $\frac{(5)(g)}{(5)(g)}$.
- Section 24. Section 212.097, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

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Section 25. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 212.098, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

212.098 Rural Job Tax Credit Program.-

- (1) As used in this section, the term:
- "Eligible business" means any sole proprietorship, firm, partnership, or corporation that is located in a qualified county and is predominantly engaged in, or is headquarters for a business predominantly engaged in, activities usually provided for consideration by firms classified within the following standard industrial classifications: SIC 01-SIC 09 (agriculture, forestry, and fishing); SIC 20-SIC 39 (manufacturing); SIC 422 (public warehousing and storage); SIC 70 (hotels and other lodging places); SIC 7391 (research and development); SIC 781 (motion picture production and allied services); SIC 7992 (public golf courses); and SIC 7996 (amusement parks); and a targeted industry eligible for the qualified target industry business tax refund under s. 288.106. A call center or similar customer service operation that services a multistate market or an international market is also an eligible business. In addition, the Department of Economic Opportunity may, as part of its final budget request submitted pursuant to s. 216.023, recommend additions to or deletions from the list of standard industrial classifications used to determine an eligible business, and the Legislature may implement such recommendations. Excluded from eligible receipts are receipts

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from retail sales, except such receipts for hotels and other lodging places classified in SIC 70, public golf courses in SIC 7992, and amusement parks in SIC 7996. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "predominantly" means that more than 50 percent of the business's gross receipts from all sources is generated by those activities usually provided for consideration by firms in the specified standard industrial classification. The determination of whether the business is located in a qualified county and the tier ranking of that county must be based on the date of application for the credit under this section. Commonly owned and controlled entities are to be considered a single business entity.

Section 26. Paragraph (d) of subsection (6) of section 212.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 212.20 Funds collected, disposition; additional powers of department; operational expense; refund of taxes adjudicated unconstitutionally collected.—
- (6) Distribution of all proceeds under this chapter and ss. 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) and 203.01(1)(a)3. is as follows:
- (d) The proceeds of all other taxes and fees imposed pursuant to this chapter or remitted pursuant to s. 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) shall be distributed as follows:
- 1. In any fiscal year, the greater of \$500 million, minus an amount equal to 4.6 percent of the proceeds of the taxes collected pursuant to chapter 201, or 5.2 percent of all other

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taxes and fees imposed pursuant to this chapter or remitted pursuant to s. 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) shall be deposited in monthly installments into the General Revenue Fund.

- 2. After the distribution under subparagraph 1., 8.9744 percent of the amount remitted by a sales tax dealer located within a participating county pursuant to s. 218.61 shall be transferred into the Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund. Beginning July 1, 2003, the amount to be transferred shall be reduced by 0.1 percent, and the department shall distribute this amount to the Public Employees Relations Commission Trust Fund less \$5,000 each month, which shall be added to the amount calculated in subparagraph 3. and distributed accordingly.
- 3. After the distribution under subparagraphs 1. and 2., 0.0966 percent shall be transferred to the Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund and distributed pursuant to s. 218.65.
- 4. After the distributions under subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3., 2.0810 percent of the available proceeds shall be transferred monthly to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Counties pursuant to s. 218.215.
- 5. After the distributions under subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3., 1.3653 percent of the available proceeds shall be transferred monthly to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities pursuant to s. 218.215. If the total revenue to

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be distributed pursuant to this subparagraph is at least as great as the amount due from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000, no municipality shall receive less than the amount due from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000. If the total proceeds to be distributed are less than the amount received in combination from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000, each municipality shall receive an amount proportionate to the amount it was due in state fiscal year 1999-2000.

- 6. Of the remaining proceeds:
- a. In each fiscal year, the sum of \$29,915,500 shall be divided into as many equal parts as there are counties in the state, and one part shall be distributed to each county. The distribution among the several counties must begin each fiscal year on or before January 5th and continue monthly for a total of 4 months. If a local or special law required that any moneys accruing to a county in fiscal year 1999-2000 under the then-existing provisions of s. 550.135 be paid directly to the district school board, special district, or a municipal government, such payment must continue until the local or special law is amended or repealed. The state covenants with

holders of bonds or other instruments of indebtedness issued by local governments, special districts, or district school boards before July 1, 2000, that it is not the intent of this subparagraph to adversely affect the rights of those holders or relieve local governments, special districts, or district school boards of the duty to meet their obligations as a result of previous pledges or assignments or trusts entered into which obligated funds received from the distribution to county governments under then-existing s. 550.135. This distribution specifically is in lieu of funds distributed under s. 550.135 before July 1, 2000.

b. The department shall distribute \$166,667 monthly to each applicant certified as a facility for a new or retained professional sports franchise pursuant to <u>former</u> s. 288.1162. Up to \$41,667 shall be distributed monthly by the department to each certified applicant as defined in <u>former</u> s. 288.11621 for a facility for a spring training franchise. However, not more than \$416,670 may be distributed monthly in the aggregate to all certified applicants for facilities for spring training franchises. Distributions begin 60 days after such certification and continue for not more than 30 years, except as otherwise provided in <u>former</u> s. 288.11621. A certified applicant identified in this sub-subparagraph may not receive more in distributions than expended by the applicant for the public purposes provided in former s. 288.1162(5) or former s.

1576 288.11621(3).

- c. Beginning 30 days after notice by the Department of Economic Opportunity to the Department of Revenue that an applicant has been certified as the professional golf hall of fame pursuant to s. 288.1168 and is open to the public, \$166,667 shall be distributed monthly, for up to 300 months, to the applicant.
- d. Beginning 30 days after notice by the Department of Economic Opportunity to the Department of Revenue that the applicant has been certified as the International Game Fish Association World Center facility pursuant to s. 288.1169, and the facility is open to the public, \$83,333 shall be distributed monthly, for up to 168 months, to the applicant. This distribution is subject to reduction pursuant to s. 288.1169. A lump sum payment of \$999,996 shall be made after certification and before July 1, 2000.
- d.e. The department shall distribute up to \$83,333 monthly to each certified applicant as defined in <u>former</u> s. 288.11631 for a facility used by a single spring training franchise, or up to \$166,667 monthly to each certified applicant as defined in <u>former</u> s. 288.11631 for a facility used by more than one spring training franchise. Monthly distributions begin 60 days after such certification or July 1, 2016, whichever is later, and continue for not more than 20 years to each certified applicant as defined in former s. 288.11631 for a facility used by a

single spring training franchise or not more than 25 years to each certified applicant as defined in $\underline{\text{former}}$ s. 288.11631 for a facility used by more than one spring training franchise. A certified applicant identified in this sub-subparagraph may not receive more in distributions than expended by the applicant for the public purposes provided in $\underline{\text{former}}$ s. 288.11631(3).

Economic Opportunity to the Department of Revenue that an applicant has been approved by the Legislature and certified by the Department of Economic Opportunity under s. 288.11625 or upon a date specified by the Department of Economic Opportunity as provided under s. 288.11625(6)(d), the department shall distribute each month an amount equal to one-twelfth of the annual distribution amount certified by the Department of Economic Opportunity for the applicant. The department may not distribute more than \$7 million in the 2014-2015 fiscal year or more than \$13 million annually thereafter under this subsubparagraph.

e.g. Beginning December 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the department shall distribute \$26,286 monthly to the State Transportation Trust Fund. Beginning July 1, 2016, the department shall distribute \$15,333 monthly to the State Transportation Trust Fund.

7. All other proceeds must remain in the General Revenue Fund.

Section 27. Subsection (2) of section 218.61, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 218.61 Local government half-cent sales tax; designated proceeds; trust fund.—
- (2) Money remitted by a sales tax dealer located within the county and transferred into the Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund shall be earmarked for distribution to the governing body of that county and of each municipality within that county. Such distributions shall be made after funding is provided pursuant to s. 218.64(3), if applicable. Such moneys shall be known as the "local government half-cent sales tax."

Section 28. Subsection (4) of section 218.64, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (3), and present subsections (2) and (3) of that section are amended to read:

- 218.64 Local government half-cent sales tax; uses; limitations.—
- (2) Municipalities shall expend their portions of the local government half-cent sales tax only for municipality-wide programs, for reimbursing the state as required pursuant to s. 288.11625, or for municipality-wide property tax or municipal utility tax relief. All utility tax rate reductions afforded by participation in the local government half-cent sales tax shall be applied uniformly across all types of taxed utility services.
 - (3) Subject to ordinances enacted by the majority of the

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members of the county governing authority and by the majority of the members of the governing authorities of municipalities representing at least 50 percent of the municipal population of such county, counties may use up to \$3 million annually of the local government half-cent sales tax allocated to that county for any of the following purposes:

(a) Funding a certified applicant as a facility for a new or retained professional sports franchise under s. 288.1162 or a certified applicant as defined in s. 288.11621 for a facility for a spring training franchise. It is the Legislature's intent that the provisions of s. 288.1162, including, but not limited to, the evaluation process by the Department of Economic Opportunity except for the limitation on the number of certified applicants or facilities as provided in that section and the restrictions set forth in s. 288.1162(8), shall apply to an applicant's facility to be funded by local government as provided in this subsection.

(b) funding a certified applicant as a "motorsport entertainment complex," as provided for in s. 288.1171. Funding for each franchise or motorsport complex shall begin 60 days after certification and shall continue for not more than 30 years.

(c) Reimbursing the state as required under s. 288.11625.

Section 29. Subsection (8) of section 220.02, Florida

Statutes, is amended to read:

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1676	220.02 Legislative intent
1677	(8) It is the intent of the Legislature that credits
1678	against either the corporate income tax or the franchise tax be
1679	applied in the following order: those enumerated in s. 631.828,
1680	those enumerated in $former$ s. 220.191, those enumerated in s.
1681	220.181, those enumerated in s. 220.183, those enumerated in s.
1682	220.182, those enumerated in s. 220.1895, those enumerated in s.
1683	220.195, those enumerated in s. 220.184, those enumerated in s.
1684	220.186, those enumerated in s. 220.1845, those enumerated in s.
1685	220.19, those enumerated in s. 220.185, those enumerated in s.
1686	220.1875, those enumerated in s. 220.192, those enumerated in s.
1687	220.193, those enumerated in former s. 288.9916, those
1688	enumerated in former s. 220.1899, those enumerated in s.
1689	220.194, and those enumerated in s. 220.196.
1690	Section 30. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
1691	220.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
1692	220.13 "Adjusted federal income" defined
1693	(1) The term "adjusted federal income" means an amount
1694	equal to the taxpayer's taxable income as defined in subsection
1695	(2), or such taxable income of more than one taxpayer as
1696	provided in s. 220.131, for the taxable year, adjusted as
1697	follows:
1698	(a) Additions.—There shall be added to such taxable
1699	income:

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1. The amount of any tax upon or measured by income,

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excluding taxes based on gross receipts or revenues, paid or accrued as a liability to the District of Columbia or any state of the United States which is deductible from gross income in the computation of taxable income for the taxable year.

- 2. The amount of interest which is excluded from taxable income under s. 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code or any other federal law, less the associated expenses disallowed in the computation of taxable income under s. 265 of the Internal Revenue Code or any other law, excluding 60 percent of any amounts included in alternative minimum taxable income, as defined in s. 55(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, if the taxpayer pays tax under s. 220.11(3).
- 3. In the case of a regulated investment company or real estate investment trust, an amount equal to the excess of the net long-term capital gain for the taxable year over the amount of the capital gain dividends attributable to the taxable year.
- 4. That portion of the wages or salaries paid or incurred for the taxable year which is equal to the amount of the credit allowable for the taxable year under s. 220.181. This subparagraph shall expire on the date specified in s. 290.016 for the expiration of the Florida Enterprise Zone Act.
- 5. That portion of the ad valorem school taxes paid or incurred for the taxable year which is equal to the amount of the credit allowable for the taxable year under s. 220.182. This subparagraph shall expire on the date specified in s. 290.016

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1726 for the expiration of the Florida Enterprise Zone Act.

- 6. The amount taken as a credit under s. 220.195 which is deductible from gross income in the computation of taxable income for the taxable year.
- 7. That portion of assessments to fund a guaranty association incurred for the taxable year which is equal to the amount of the credit allowable for the taxable year.
- 8. In the case of a nonprofit corporation which holds a pari-mutuel permit and which is exempt from federal income tax as a farmers' cooperative, an amount equal to the excess of the gross income attributable to the pari-mutuel operations over the attributable expenses for the taxable year.
- 9. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year under s. 220.1895.
- 10. Up to nine percent of the eligible basis of any designated project which is equal to the credit allowable for the taxable year under s. 220.185.
- 11. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year under s. 220.1875. The addition in this subparagraph is intended to ensure that the same amount is not allowed for the tax purposes of this state as both a deduction from income and a credit against the tax. This addition is not intended to result in adding the same expense back to income more than once.
- 12. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year under s. 220.192.

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1751 13. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year 1752 under s. 220.193.

14. Any portion of a qualified investment, as defined in s. 288.9913, which is claimed as a deduction by the taxpayer and taken as a credit against income tax pursuant to s. 288.9916.

 $\underline{14.15.}$ The costs to acquire a tax credit pursuant to s. 288.1254(5) that are deducted from or otherwise reduce federal taxable income for the taxable year.

15.16. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year pursuant to s. 220.194.

16.17. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year under s. 220.196. The addition in this subparagraph is intended to ensure that the same amount is not allowed for the tax purposes of this state as both a deduction from income and a credit against the tax. The addition is not intended to result in adding the same expense back to income more than once.

Section 31. Section 220.1895, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

220.1895 Rural Job Tax Credit and Urban High-Crime Area

Job Tax Credit.—There shall be allowed a credit against the tax

imposed by this chapter amounts approved by the Department of

Economic Opportunity pursuant to the Rural Job Tax Credit

Program in s. 212.098 and the Urban High-Crime Area Job Tax

Credit Program in s. 212.097. A corporation that uses its credit

against the tax imposed by this chapter may not take the credit

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against the tax imposed by chapter 212. If any credit granted under this section is not fully used in the first year for which it becomes available, the unused amount may be carried forward for a period not to exceed 5 years. The carryover may be used in a subsequent year when the tax imposed by this chapter for such year exceeds the credit for such year under this section after applying the other credits and unused credit carryovers in the order provided in s. 220.02(8).

Section 32. <u>Section 220.1899</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 33. <u>Section 220.191, Florida Statutes, is</u> repealed.

Section 34. Subsection (9) of section 220.194, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

220.194 Corporate income tax credits for spaceflight projects.—

(9) ANNUAL REPORT.—Beginning in 2014, the Department of Economic Opportunity, in cooperation with Space Florida and the department, shall include in the annual incentives report required under s. 288.0065 288.907 a summary of activities relating to the Florida Space Business Incentives Act established under this section.

Section 35. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 220.196, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

220.196 Research and development tax credit.—

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- (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Base amount" means the average of the business enterprise's qualified research expenses in this state allowed under 26 U.S.C. s. 41 for the 4 taxable years preceding the taxable year for which the credit is determined. The qualified research expenses taken into account in computing the base amount shall be determined on a basis consistent with the determination of qualified research expenses for the taxable year.
- (b) "Business enterprise" means any corporation as defined in s. 220.03 which meets the definition of a target industry business as defined in paragraph (c) $\frac{288.106}{5}$.
- (c) "Target industry business" means a corporate

 headquarters business or any business that is engaged in one of
 the target industries identified pursuant to the following
 criteria developed by the Department of Economic Opportunity:
- 1. Future growth.—The industry forecast indicates strong expectation for future growth in employment and output, according to the most recent available data. Special consideration shall be given to businesses that export goods to, or provide services in, international markets and businesses that replace domestic and international imports of goods or services.
- 2. Stability.—The industry is not subject to periodic layoffs, whether due to seasonality or sensitivity to volatile

economic variables such as weather. The industry is also relatively resistant to recession, so that the demand for products of this industry is not typically subject to decline during an economic downturn.

- 3. High wage.—The industry pays relatively high wages compared to statewide or area averages.
- 4. Market and resource independent.—The industry business location is not dependent on markets or resources in the state as indicated by industry analysis, except for businesses in the renewable energy industry.
- 5. Industrial base diversification and strengthening.—The industry contributes toward expanding or diversifying the state's or area's economic base, as indicated by analysis of employment and output shares compared to national and regional trends. Special consideration shall be given to industries that strengthen regional economies by adding value to basic products or building regional industrial clusters as indicated by industry analysis. Special consideration shall also be given to the development of strong industrial clusters that include defense and homeland security businesses.
- 6. Positive economic impact.—The industry has strong positive economic impacts on or benefits to the state or regional economies. Special consideration shall be given to industries that facilitate the development of the state as a hub for domestic and global trade and logistics.

The term does not include any business engaged in retail industry activities; any electrical utility company as defined in s. 366.02(2); any phosphate or other solid minerals severance, mining, or processing operation; any oil or gas exploration or production operation; or any business subject to regulation by the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Any business within NAICS code 5611 or 5614, office administrative services and business support services, respectively, may be considered a target industry business only after the local governing body and the Department of Economic Opportunity determine that the community in which the business may locate has conditions affecting the fiscal and economic viability of the local community or area, including, but not limited to, low per capita income, high unemployment, high underemployment, and a lack of year-round stable employment opportunities, and such conditions may be improved by the business locating in such community. By January 1 of every 3rd year, beginning January 1, 2011, the Department of Economic Opportunity, in consultation with economic development organizations, the State University System, local governments, employee and employer organizations, market analysts, and economists, shall review and, as appropriate, revise the list of target industries and submit the list to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the

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- (d) (c) "Qualified research expenses" means research expenses qualifying for the credit under 26 U.S.C. s. 41 for inhouse research expenses incurred in this state or contract research expenses incurred in this state. The term does not include research conducted outside this state or research expenses that do not qualify for a credit under 26 U.S.C. s. 41.
 - (2) TAX CREDIT.-
- (a) As provided in this section, a business enterprise is eligible for a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter if it:
- 1. Has qualified research expenses in this state in the taxable year exceeding the base amount;
- 2. Claims and is allowed a research credit for such qualified research expenses under 26 U.S.C. s. 41 for the same taxable year as subparagraph 1.; and
- 3. Is a qualified target industry business as defined in paragraph (c) s. 288.106(2)(n). Only qualified target industry businesses in the manufacturing, life sciences, information technology, aviation and aerospace, homeland security and defense, cloud information technology, marine sciences, materials science, and nanotechnology industries may qualify for a tax credit under this section. A business applying for a credit pursuant to this section shall include a letter from the Department of Economic Opportunity certifying whether the

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business meets the requirements of this subparagraph with its application for credit. The Department of Economic Opportunity shall provide such a letter upon receiving a request.

Section 36. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 265.004, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

265.004 Florida Tourism Hall of Fame.-

- (2) There is established the Florida Tourism Hall of Fame.
- (a) The Florida Tourism Hall of Fame is administered by the <u>Department of Economic Opportunity</u> Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation without appropriation of state funds.
- (b) The Department of Management Services shall set aside an area on the Plaza Level of the Capitol Building and shall consult with the <u>Department of Economic Opportunity Florida</u>

 Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation regarding the design and theme of the area.
- (c) Each person who is inducted into the Florida Tourism Hall of Fame shall have his or her name and image placed on a plaque displayed in the designated area of the Capitol Building, which plaque shall designate the member's discipline or contribution and any vital information relating to the member.
- (3) The <u>Department of Economic Opportunity</u> Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation shall establish selection criteria for induction into the Florida Tourism Hall of Fame and shall annually accept nominations.
 - (a) In selecting its nominees for submission to the

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executive director of the department board of directors of the corporation, the department corporation shall give preference to tourism industry leaders who were born in Florida or adopted Florida as their home state and who have made a significant contribution to the state's travel and tourism industry.

- (b) The <u>department</u> corporation may establish criteria and set specific timeframes for the acceptance and consideration of nominations and may establish a formal induction ceremony to coincide with the annual Governor's Conference on Tourism.
- (c) A person inducted into the Florida Tourism Hall of Fame administered by the corporation before July 1, 2014, shall remain in the Florida Tourism Hall of Fame.

Section 37. Section 272.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

272.11 Capitol information center.—The Department of Economic Opportunity Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall establish, maintain, and operate a Capitol information center somewhere within the area of the Capitol Center and employ personnel or enter into contracts to maintain same.

Section 38. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section 287.0947, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

287.0947 Florida Advisory Council on Small and Minority Business Development; creation; membership; duties.—

(1) The Secretary of Management Services may create the Florida Advisory Council on Small and Minority Business

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Development with the purpose of advising and assisting the secretary in carrying out the secretary's duties with respect to minority businesses and economic and business development. It is the intent of the Legislature that the membership of such council include practitioners, laypersons, financiers, and others with business development experience who can provide invaluable insight and expertise for this state in the diversification of its markets and networking of business opportunities. The council shall initially consist of 19 persons, each of whom is or has been actively engaged in small and minority business development, either in private industry, in governmental service, or as a scholar of recognized achievement in the study of such matters. Initially, the council shall consist of members representing all regions of the state and shall include at least one member from each group identified within the definition of "minority person" in s. 288.703(4), considering also gender and nationality subgroups, and shall consist of the following:

(f) A member from the <u>Department of Economic Opportunity</u> board of directors of Enterprise Florida, Inc.

A candidate for appointment may be considered if eligible to be certified as an owner of a minority business enterprise, or if otherwise qualified under the criteria above. Vacancies may be filled by appointment of the secretary, in the manner of the

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Section 39. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 288.0001, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

288.0001 Economic Development Programs Evaluation.—The Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) shall develop and present to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees the Economic Development Programs Evaluation.

- (2) The Office of Economic and Demographic Research and OPPAGA shall provide a detailed analysis of economic development programs as provided in the following schedule:
- (a) By January 1, 2014, and every 3 years thereafter, an analysis of the following:
- 1. The capital investment tax credit established under s. 220.191.
- 2. The qualified target industry tax refund established under s. 288.106.
- 3. The brownfield redevelopment bonus refund established under s. 288.107.
- 4. High-impact business performance grants established under s. 288.108.
- 1999 5. The Quick Action Closing Fund established under s. 2000 288.1088.

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2001	6. The Innovation Incentive Program established under s.
2002	288.1089.
2003	1.7. Enterprise Zone Program incentives established under
2004	ss. 212.08(5) and $\underline{(14)}$ (15), 212.096, 220.181, and 220.182.
2005	2.8. The New Markets Development Program established under
2006	ss. 288.991-288.9922.
2007	(b) By January 1, 2015, and every 3 years thereafter, an
2008	analysis of the following :
2009	1. The entertainment industry financial incentive program
2010	established under s. 288.1254.
2011	2. The entertainment industry sales tax exemption program
2012	established under s. 288.1258.
2013	3. VISIT Florida and its programs established or funded
2014	under ss. 288.122, 288.1226, 288.12265, and 288.124.
2015	2.4. The Florida Sports Foundation and related programs
2016	established under ss. 288.1162, 288.11621, 288.1166, 288.1167,
2017	288.1168, 288.1169, and 288.1171.
2018	(b) (c) By January 1, 2016, and every 3 years thereafter,
2019	an analysis of the following:
2020	1. The qualified defense contractor and space flight
2021	business tax refund program established under s. 288.1045.
2022	1.2. The tax exemption for semiconductor, defense, or
2023	space technology sales established under s. $\underline{212.08(5)(i)}$
2024	212.08(5)(j) .

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2.3. The Military Base Protection Program established

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- 3.4. The Manufacturing and Spaceport Investment Incentive Program formerly established under s. 288.1083.
- 5. The Quick Response Training Program established under s. 288.047.
- $\underline{4.6.}$ The Incumbent Worker Training Program established under s. 445.003.
- 7. International trade and business development programs established or funded under s. 288.826.
- $\underline{\text{(c)}}$ (d) By January 1, 2019, and every 3 years thereafter, an analysis of the grant and entrepreneur initiative programs established under s. 295.22(3)(d) and (e).
- (e) Beginning January 1, 2018, and every 3 years thereafter, an analysis of the Sports Development Program established under s. 288.11625.
- (4) Pursuant to the schedule established in subsection (2), OPPAGA shall evaluate each program over the previous 3 years for its effectiveness and value to the taxpayers of this state and include recommendations on each program for consideration by the Legislature. The analysis may include relevant economic development reports or analyses prepared by the department of Economic Opportunity, Enterprise Florida, Inc., or local or regional economic development organizations, interviews with the parties involved, or any other relevant data.

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2051	Section 40. <u>Section 288.001, Florida Statutes, is</u>
2052	repealed.
2053	Section 41. Section 288.012, Florida Statutes, is
2054	repealed.
2055	Section 42. Section 288.017, Florida Statutes, is
2056	repealed.
2057	Section 43. Subsection (4) of section 288.018, Florida
2058	Statutes, is amended to read:
2059	288.018 Regional Rural Development Grants Program
2060	(4) The department may expend up to \$750,000 each fiscal
2061	year from funds appropriated to the Rural Community Development
2062	Revolving Loan Fund for the purposes outlined in this section.
2063	The department may contract with Enterprise Florida, Inc., for
2064	the administration of the purposes specified in this section.
2065	Funds released to Enterprise Florida, Inc., for this purpose
2066	shall be released quarterly and shall be calculated based on the
2067	applications in process.
2068	Section 44. Section 288.046, Florida Statutes, is
2069	repealed.
2070	Section 45. Section 288.047, Florida Statutes, is
2071	repealed.
2072	Section 46. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 288.061,
2073	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
2074	288.061 Economic development incentive application
2075	process.—

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- (1) Upon receiving a submitted economic development incentive application, the Division of Strategic Business

 Development of the department of Economic Opportunity and designated staff of Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall review the application to ensure that the application is complete, whether and what type of state and local permits may be necessary for the applicant's project, whether it is possible to waive such permits, and what state incentives and amounts of such incentives may be available to the applicant. The department shall recommend to the executive director to approve or disapprove an applicant business. If review of the application demonstrates that the application is incomplete, the executive director shall notify the applicant business within the first 5 business days after receiving the application.
- (4) The department shall validate contractor performance and report such validation in the annual incentives report required under s. 288.0065 288.907.

Section 47. Subsection (5) of section 288.0655, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (4), and paragraph (e) of subsection (2) and subsections (3) and (4) of that section are amended to read:

288.0655 Rural Infrastructure Fund.-

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(e) To enable local governments to access the resources available pursuant to s. $\underline{403.973(17)}$ $\underline{403.973(18)}$, the department

may award grants for surveys, feasibility studies, and other activities related to the identification and preclearance review of land which is suitable for preclearance review. Authorized grants under this paragraph may not exceed \$75,000 each, except in the case of a project in a rural area of opportunity, in which case the grant may not exceed \$300,000. Any funds awarded under this paragraph must be matched at a level of 50 percent with local funds, except that any funds awarded for a project in a rural area of opportunity must be matched at a level of 33 percent with local funds. If an application for funding is for a catalyst site, as defined in s. 288.0656, the requirement for local match may be waived pursuant to the process in s. 288.06561. In evaluating applications under this paragraph, the department shall consider the extent to which the application seeks to minimize administrative and consultant expenses.

- Florida, Inc., the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing

 Corporation, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the

 Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, as

 appropriate, shall review and certify applications pursuant to

 s. 288.061. The review shall include an evaluation of the

 economic benefit of the projects and their long-term viability.

 The department shall have final approval for any grant under

 this section.
 - (4) By September 1, 2012, the department shall, in

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consultation with the organizations listed in subsection (3), and other organizations, reevaluate existing guidelines and criteria governing submission of applications for funding, review and evaluation of such applications, and approval of funding under this section. The department shall consider factors including, but not limited to, the project's potential for enhanced job creation or increased capital investment, the demonstration and level of local public and private commitment, whether the project is located in an enterprise zone, in a community development corporation service area, or in an urban high-crime area as designated under s. 212.097, the unemployment rate of the county in which the project would be located, and the poverty rate of the community.

Section 48. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) and paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (7) of section 288.0656, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

288.0656 Rural Economic Development Initiative.-

- (6) (a) By August 1 of each year, the head of each of the following agencies and organizations shall designate a deputy secretary or higher-level staff person from within the agency or organization to serve as the REDI representative for the agency or organization:
 - 1. The Department of Transportation.
 - 2. The Department of Environmental Protection.
 - 3. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

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- 5. The Department of Health.
- 6. The Department of Children and Families.
- 7. The Department of Corrections.
- 2155 8. The Department of Education.
 - 9. The Department of Juvenile Justice.
- 2157 10. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- 2158 11. Each water management district.
- 2159 <u>12. Enterprise Florida, Inc.</u>
- 2160 12.13. CareerSource Florida, Inc.
- 2161 14. VISIT Florida.
- 2162 13.15. The Florida Regional Planning Council Association.
- 2163 14.16. The Agency for Health Care Administration.
- 2164 15.17. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences 2165 (IFAS).

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An alternate for each designee shall also be chosen, and the names of the designees and alternates shall be sent to the executive director of the department.

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(a) REDI may recommend to the Governor up to three rural areas of opportunity. The Governor may by executive order designate up to three rural areas of opportunity which will establish these areas as priority assignments for REDI as well as to allow the Governor, acting through REDI, to waive

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criteria, requirements, or similar provisions of any economic development incentive. Such incentives shall include, but are not limited to, the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program under s. 288.106, the Quick Response Training Program under s. 288.047, the Quick Response Training Program for participants in the welfare transition program under s. 288.047(8), transportation projects under s. 339.2821, the brownfield redevelopment bonus refund under s. 288.107, and the rural job tax credit program under ss. 212.098 and 220.1895.

(c) Each rural area of opportunity may designate catalyst projects, provided that each catalyst project is specifically recommended by REDI, identified as a catalyst project by Enterprise Florida, Inc., and confirmed as a catalyst project by the department. All state agencies and departments shall use all available tools and resources to the extent permissible by law to promote the creation and development of each catalyst project and the development of catalyst sites.

Section 49. Section 288.0658, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.0658 Nature-based recreation; promotion and other assistance by Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.—The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is directed to assist Enterprise Florida, Inc.; the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation, doing business as VISIT Florida; convention and visitor bureaus, + tourist development councils, +

economic development organizations, and local governments through the provision of marketing advice, technical expertise, promotional support, and product development related to nature-based recreation and sustainable use of natural resources. In carrying out this responsibility, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall focus its efforts on fostering nature-based recreation in rural communities and regions encompassing rural communities. As used in this section, the term "nature-based recreation" means leisure activities related to the state's lands, waters, and fish and wildlife resources, including, but not limited to, wildlife viewing, fishing, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, camping, hunting, backpacking, and nature photography.

Section 50. Subsection (6) of section 288.075, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.075 Confidentiality of records.-

- (6) ECONOMIC INCENTIVE PROGRAMS.
- (a) The following information held by an economic development agency pursuant to the administration of an economic incentive program for qualified businesses is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution for a period not to exceed the duration of the incentive agreement, including an agreement authorizing a tax refund or tax credit, or upon termination of the incentive agreement:

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1. The percentage of the business's sales occurring	
outside this state and, for businesses applying under s.	
288.1045, the percentage of the business's gross receipts	
derived from Department of Defense contracts during the 5	years
immediately preceding the date the business's application	is
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- 2. An individual employee's personal identifying information that is held as evidence of the achievement or nonachievement of the wage requirements of the tax refund, tax credit, or incentive agreement programs or of the job creation requirements of such programs.
 - 3. The amount of:
- a. Taxes on sales, use, and other transactions paid pursuant to chapter 212;
 - b. Corporate income taxes paid pursuant to chapter 220;
- c. Intangible personal property taxes paid pursuant to chapter 199;
 - d. Insurance premium taxes paid pursuant to chapter 624;
 - e. Excise taxes paid on documents pursuant to chapter 201;
 - f. Ad valorem taxes paid, as defined in s. 220.03(1); or
- g. State communications services taxes paid pursuant to chapter 202.

However, an economic development agency may disclose in the annual incentives report required under s. 288.0065 288.907 the

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aggregate amount of each tax identified in this subparagraph and paid by all businesses participating in each economic incentive program.

- (b) 1. The following information held by an economic development agency relating to a specific business participating in an economic incentive program is no longer confidential or exempt 180 days after a final project order for an economic incentive agreement is issued, until a date specified in the final project order, or if the information is otherwise disclosed, whichever occurs first:
 - 1.a. The name of the qualified business.
- 2.b. The total number of jobs the business committed to create or retain.
- 3.e. The total number of jobs created or retained by the business.
- $\underline{4.d.}$ Notwithstanding s. 213.053(2), the amount of tax refunds, tax credits, or incentives awarded to, claimed by, or, if applicable, refunded to the state by the business.
- 5.e. The anticipated total annual wages of employees the business committed to hire or retain.
- 2. For a business applying for certification under s. 288.1045 which is based on obtaining a new Department of Defense contract, the total number of jobs expected and the amount of tax refunds claimed may not be released until the new Department of Defense contract is awarded.

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Section 51. Subsections (7) through (10) of section 288.076, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6) through (9), respectively, and paragraphs (a), (c), and (e) of subsection (1) and present subsections (6) and (7) of that section are amended to read:

288.076 Return on investment reporting for economic development programs.—

- (1) As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Jobs" means full-time equivalent positions, including, but not limited to, positions obtained from a temporary employment agency or employee leasing company or through a union agreement or coemployment under a professional employer organization agreement that result directly from a project in this state. The term does not include temporary construction jobs involved with the construction of facilities for the project or any jobs previously included in any application for tax refunds has the same meaning as provided in s. 288.106(2)(i).
- (c) "Project" means the creation of a new business or expansion of an existing business has the same meaning as provided in s. 288.106(2)(m).
- (e) "State investment" means any state grants, tax exemptions, tax refunds, tax credits, or other state incentives provided to a business under a program administered by the department, including the capital investment tax credit under s.

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(6) Annually, the department shall publish information relating to the progress of Quick Action Closing Fund projects, including the average number of days between the date the department receives a completed application and the date on which the application is approved.

(6)(7)(a) Within 48 hours after expiration of the period of confidentiality provided under s. 288.075, the department shall publish the contract or agreement described in s. 288.061, redacted to protect the participant business from disclosure of information that remains confidential or exempt by law.

(b) Within 48 hours after submitting any report of findings and recommendations made pursuant to s. 288.106(7)(d) concerning a business's failure to complete a tax refund agreement pursuant to the tax refund program for qualified target industry businesses, the department shall publish such report.

Section 52. Section 288.095, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.095 Economic Development Trust Fund.-

- (1) The Economic Development Trust Fund is created within the department of Economic Opportunity. Moneys deposited into the fund must be used only to support the authorized activities and operations of the department.
 - (2) There is created, within the Economic Development

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Trust Fund, the Economic Development Incentives Account. The Economic Development Incentives Account consists of moneys appropriated to the account for purposes of the tax incentives programs formerly authorized under ss. 288.1045 and 288.106, and local financial support provided under former ss. 288.1045 and 288.106. Moneys in the Economic Development Incentives Account shall be subject to the provisions of s. 216.301(1)(a).

- (3)(a) The department may approve applications for certification pursuant to ss. 288.1045(3) and 288.106. However, The total state share of tax refund payments may not exceed \$35 million.
- (b) The total amount of tax refund claims approved for payment by the department based on actual project performance may not exceed the amount appropriated to the Economic Development Incentives Account for such purposes for the fiscal year. Claims for tax refunds under former ss. 288.1045 and 288.106 shall be paid in the order the claims are approved by the department. In the event the Legislature does not appropriate an amount sufficient to satisfy the tax refunds under former ss. 288.1045 and 288.106 in a fiscal year, the department shall pay the tax refunds from the appropriation for the following fiscal year. By March 1 of each year, the department shall notify the legislative appropriations committees of the Senate and House of Representatives of any anticipated shortfall in the amount of funds needed to satisfy

2351	claims for tax refunds from the appropriation for the current
2352	fiscal year.
2353	(c) Moneys in the Economic Development Incentives Account
2354	may be used only to pay tax refunds and make other payments $\underline{\text{on}}$
2355	agreements executed prior to July 1, 2017, authorized under
2356	<u>former</u> s. 288.1045, s. 288.106, or s. 288.107.
2357	(d) The department may adopt rules necessary to carry out
2358	the provisions of this subsection, including rules providing for
2359	the use of moneys in the Economic Development Incentives Account
2360	and for the administration of the Economic Development
2361	Incentives Account.
2362	Section 53. Section 288.1045, Florida Statutes, is
2363	repealed.
2364	Section 54. Section 288.106, Florida Statutes, is
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2366	Section 55. Section 288.107, Florida Statutes, is
2367	repealed.
2368	Section 56. Section 288.108, Florida Statutes, is
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23/6	Section 60. <u>Section 288.1089</u> , Florida Statutes, is
2377	repealed.
2378	Section 61. Section 288.111, Florida Statutes, is amended
2379	to read:
2380	288.111 Information concerning local manufacturing
2381	development programs.—The department shall develop materials
2382	that identify each local government that establishes a local
2383	manufacturing development program under s. 163.3252. The
2384	materials, which the department may elect to develop and
2385	maintain in electronic format or in any other format deemed by
2386	the department to provide public access, must be updated at
2387	least annually. Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall, and other State
2388	agencies $\operatorname{may}_{\overline{r}}$ distribute the materials to prospective, new,
2389	expanding, and relocating businesses seeking to conduct business
2390	in this state.
2391	Section 62. Section 288.1162, Florida Statutes, is
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2393	Section 63. <u>Section 288.11621</u> , Florida Statutes, is
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2395	Section 64. Section 288.11625, Florida Statutes, is
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2397	Section 65. Section 288.11631, Florida Statutes, is
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2399	Section 66. <u>Section 288.1169</u> , Florida Statutes, is
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2401	Section 67. Section 200.1201, Fiorida Statutes, 18
2402	repealed.
2403	Section 68. (1) The State Economic Enhancement and
2404	Development Trust Fund, FLAIR number 40-2-041, within the
2405	Department of Economic Opportunity is terminated.
2406	(2) All current balances remaining in, and all revenues
2407	of, the trust fund shall be transferred to the General Revenue
2408	Fund.
2409	(3) The Department of Economic Opportunity shall pay any
2410	outstanding debts and obligations of the terminated fund as soon
2411	as practicable, and the Chief Financial Officer shall close out
2412	and remove the terminated fund from various state accounting
2413	systems using generally accepted accounting principles
2414	concerning warrants outstanding, assets, and liabilities.
2415	Section 69. Section 288.122, Florida Statutes, is
2416	repealed.
2417	Section 70. (1) The Tourism Promotional Trust Fund, FLAIR
2418	number 40-2-722, within the Department of Economic Opportunity
2419	is terminated.
2420	(2) All current balances remaining in, and all revenues
2421	of, the trust fund shall be transferred to the General Revenue
2422	Fund.
2423	(3) The Department of Economic Opportunity shall pay any
2424	outstanding debts and obligations of the terminated fund as soon
2425	as practicable, and the Chief Financial Officer shall close out

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concerning warrants outstanding, assets, and liabilities.	
Section 71. Section 288.1226, Florida Statutes, is	
repealed.	

Section 72. Section 288.12265, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.12265 Welcome centers.-

- (1) Responsibility for the welcome centers is assigned to the Department of Transportation Enterprise Florida, Inc., which shall contract with the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation to employ all welcome center staff.
- (2) The Department of Transportation Enterprise Florida,

 Inc., shall administer and operate the welcome centers and

 .Pursuant to a contract with the Department of Transportation,

 Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall be responsible for routine

 repair, replacement, or improvement and the day-to-day

 management of interior areas occupied by the welcome centers.

 All other repairs, replacements, or improvements to the welcome

 centers shall be the responsibility of the Department of

 Transportation. Enterprise Florida, Inc., may contract with the

 Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation for the

 management and operation of the welcome centers.

 Section 73. Section 288.124, Florida Statutes, is

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2451	Section 74. <u>Section 288.125, Florida Statutes, is</u>
2452	repealed.
2453	Section 75. Section 288.1251, Florida Statutes, is
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2455	Section 76. Section 288.1252, Florida Statutes, is
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2457	Section 77. Section 288.1253, Florida Statutes, is
2458	repealed.
2459	Section 78. Section 288.1258, Florida Statutes, is
2460	repealed.
2461	Section 79. Section 288.7015, Florida Statutes, is amended
2462	to read:
2463	288.7015 Appointment of rules ombudsman; duties.—The
2464	Governor shall appoint a rules ombudsman, as defined in s.
2465	288.703, in the Executive Office of the Governor, for
2466	considering the impact of agency rules on the state's citizens
2467	and businesses. In carrying out duties as provided by law, the
2468	ombudsman shall consult with Enterprise Florida, Inc., at which
2469	point the department may recommend to improve the regulatory
2470	environment of this state. The duties of the rules ombudsman are
2471	to:
2472	(1) Carry out the responsibility provided in s.
2473	120.54(3)(b), with respect to small businesses.
2474	(2) Review state agency rules that adversely or
2475	disproportionately impact businesses, particularly those

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2476 relating to small and minority businesses.

- (3) Make recommendations on any existing or proposed rules to alleviate unnecessary or disproportionate adverse effects to businesses.
- (4) Each state agency shall cooperate fully with the rules ombudsman in identifying such rules. Further, each agency shall take the necessary steps to waive, modify, or otherwise minimize such adverse effects of any such rules. However, nothing in this section authorizes any state agency to waive, modify, provide exceptions to, or otherwise alter any rule that is:
- (a) Expressly required to implement or enforce any statutory provision or the express legislative intent thereof;
- (b) Designed to protect persons against discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, handicap, or marital status; or
- (c) Likely to prevent a significant risk or danger to the public health, the public safety, or the environment of the state.
- (5) The modification or waiver of any such rule pursuant to this section must be accomplished in accordance with the provisions of chapter 120.
- Section 80. Subsection (11) of section 288.706, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 2499 288.706 Florida Minority Business Loan Mobilization 2500 Program.—

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(11) The Department of Management Services shall collaborate with Enterprise Florida, Inc., and the department to assist in the development and enhancement of black business enterprises.

Section 81. Subsection (1) of section 288.773, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.773 Florida Export Finance Corporation.—The Florida Export Finance Corporation is hereby created as a corporation not for profit, to be incorporated under the provisions of chapter 617 and approved by the Department of State. The corporation is organized on a nonstock basis. The purpose of the corporation is to expand employment and income opportunities for residents of this state through increased exports of goods and services, by providing businesses domiciled in this state information and technical assistance on export opportunities, exporting techniques, and financial assistance through guarantees and direct loan originations for sale in support of export transactions. The corporation shall have the power and authority to carry out the following functions:

(1) To coordinate the efforts of the corporation with programs and goals of the United States Export-Import Bank, the International Trade Administration of the United States

Department of Commerce, the Foreign Credit Insurance

Association, the department Enterprise Florida, Inc., and other private and public programs and organizations, domestic and

foreign, designed to provide export assistance and exportrelated financing.

Section 82. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and paragraphs (a), (c), and (g) of subsection (3) of section 288.776, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

288.776 Board of directors; powers and duties.-

- (1)(a) The corporation shall have a board of directors consisting of 15 members representing all geographic areas of the state. Minority and gender representation must be considered when making appointments to the board. The board membership must include:
- 1. A representative of the following businesses, all of which must be registered to do business in this state: a foreign bank, a state bank, a federal bank, an insurance company involved in covering trade financing risks, and a small or medium-sized exporter.
- 2. The following persons or their designee: the <u>executive</u> director of the department <u>President of Enterprise Florida</u>,

 Inc., the Chief Financial Officer, the Secretary of State, and a senior official of the United States Department of Commerce.
 - (3) The board shall:
- (a) Prior to the expenditure of funds from the export finance account, adopt bylaws, rules, and policies which are necessary to carry out the responsibilities under this part, particularly with respect to the implementation of the

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corporation's programs to insure, coinsure, lend, provide loan guarantees, and make direct, guaranteed, or collateralized loans by the corporation to support export transactions. The corporation's bylaws, rules, and policies shall be reviewed and approved by the department Enterprise Florida, Inc., prior to final adoption by the board.

- (c) Issue an annual report to the department Enterprise

 Florida, Inc., on the activities of the corporation, including an evaluation of activities and recommendations for change. The evaluation shall include the corporation's impact on the following:
- 1. Participation of private banks and other private organizations and individuals in the corporation's export financing programs.
- 2. Access of small and medium-sized businesses in this state to federal export financing programs.
- 3. Export volume of the small and medium-sized businesses in this state accessing the corporation's programs.
- 4. Other economic and social benefits to international programs in this state.
- (g) Consult with the department Enterprise Florida, Inc., or any state or federal agency, to ensure that the respective loan guarantee or working capital loan origination programs are not duplicative and that each program makes full use of, to the extent practicable, the resources of the other.

2576	Section 83.	Section 288.7771,	Florida Statutes,	is amended
2577	to read:			

288.7771 Annual report of Florida Export Finance Corporation.—The corporation shall annually prepare and submit to the department Enterprise Florida, Inc., for inclusion in its annual report required under s. 288.906, a complete and detailed report setting forth:

- (1) The report required in s. 288.776(3).
- (2) Its assets and liabilities at the end of its most recent fiscal year.

Section 84. Paragraph (d) and (i) of subsection (1) of section 288.8017, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

288.8017 Awards.-

- (1) Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., shall make awards from available earnings and principal derived under s. 288.8013(2) to projects or programs that meet the priorities for economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties, notwithstanding s. 377.43. Awards may be provided for:
- (d) Local match requirements of ss. 288.0655 and, 288.0659, 288.1045, and 288.106 for projects in the disproportionately affected counties;
- (i) Grants to the tourism entity created under s. 288.1226 for the purpose of advertising and promoting tourism, Fresh From Florida, or related content on behalf of one or all of the

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Section 85. Subsections (4) and (6) of section 288.816, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

288.816 Intergovernmental relations.-

- (4) The state protocol officer shall serve as a contact for the state with the Florida Washington Office, the Florida Congressional Delegation, and United States Government agencies with respect to laws or policies which may affect the interests of the state in the area of international relations. All inquiries received regarding international economic trade development or reverse investment opportunities shall be referred to the department Enterprise Florida, Inc. In addition, the state protocol officer shall serve as liaison with other states with respect to international programs of interest to Florida. The state protocol officer shall also investigate and make suggestions regarding possible areas of joint action or regional cooperation with these states.
- (6) The department and Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall help to contribute an international perspective to the state's development efforts.
- Section 86. <u>Section 288.826</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
- Section 87. (1) The Florida International Trade and Promotion Trust Fund, FLAIR number 40-2-338, within the Department of Economic Opportunity is terminated.

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2626	(2) All current balances remaining in, and all revenues
2627	of, the trust fund shall be transferred to the General Revenue
2628	Fund.
2629	(3) The Department of Economic Opportunity shall pay any
2630	outstanding debts and obligations of the terminated trust fund
2631	as soon as practicable, and the Chief Financial Officer shall
2632	close out and remove the terminated trust fund from various
2633	state accounting systems using generally accepted accounting
2634	principles concerning warrants outstanding, assets, and
2635	<u>liabilities.</u>
2636	Section 88. <u>Section 288.901, Florida Statutes, is</u>
2637	repealed.
2638	Section 89. <u>Section 288.9015</u> , Florida Statutes, is
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2640	Section 90. <u>Section 288.903</u> , Florida Statutes, is
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2642	Section 91. <u>Section 288.904</u> , Florida Statutes, is
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2644	Section 92. <u>Section 288.905, Florida Statutes, is</u>
2645	repealed.
2646	Section 93. <u>Section 288.906, Florida Statutes, is</u>
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2648	Section 94. Section 288.907, Florida Statutes, is
2649	transferred, renumbered as section 288.0065, Florida Statutes,
2650	and amended to read:

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288.0065 288.907 Annual incentives report.—By December 30 of each year, Enterprise Florida, Inc., in conjunction with the department, shall provide the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a detailed incentives report quantifying the economic benefits for all of the economic development incentive programs offered by the state marketed by Enterprise Florida, Inc. The annual incentives report must include:

- (1) For each incentive program:
- (a) A brief description of the incentive program.
- (b) The amount of awards granted, by year, since inception and the annual amount actually transferred from the state treasury to businesses or for the benefit of businesses for each of the previous 3 years.
- (c) The actual amount of private capital invested, actual number of jobs created, and actual wages paid for incentive agreements completed during the previous 3 years for each target industry sector.
- (2) For projects completed during the previous state fiscal year:
- (a) The number of economic development incentive applications received.
- (b) The number of recommendations made to the department by Enterprise Florida, Inc., including the number recommended for approval and the number recommended for denial.

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<u>(b) (c)</u>	The	number	of	final	decisions	issued	bу	the
department	for a	pproval	and	d for	denial.			

- (c) (d) The projects for which a tax refund, tax credit, or cash grant agreement was executed, identifying for each project:
 - 1. The number of jobs committed to be created.
 - 2. The amount of capital investments committed to be made.
 - 3. The annual average wage committed to be paid.
- 4. The amount of state economic development incentives committed to the project from each incentive program under the project's terms of agreement with the Department of Economic Opportunity.
- 5. The amount and type of local matching funds committed to the project.
- (e) Tax refunds paid or other payments made funded out of the Economic Development Incentives Account for each project.
 - $\underline{\text{(d)}}$ The types of projects supported.
- (3) For economic development projects that received tax refunds, tax credits, or cash grants under the terms of an agreement for incentives:
 - (a) The number of jobs actually created.
 - (b) The amount of capital investments actually made.
 - (c) The annual average wage paid.
- (4) For a project receiving economic development incentives approved by the department and receiving federal or local incentives, a description of the federal or local

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- (5) The number of withdrawn or terminated projects that did not fulfill the terms of their agreements with the department and, consequently, are not receiving incentives.
- (6) For any agreements signed after July 1, 2010, findings and recommendations on the efforts of the department to ascertain the causes of any business's inability to complete its agreement made under s. 288.106.
- (6)(7) The amount of tax refunds, tax credits, or other payments made to projects locating or expanding in state enterprise zones, rural communities, brownfield areas, or distressed urban communities. The report must include a separate analysis of the impact of such tax refunds on state enterprise zones designated under s. 290.0065, rural communities, brownfield areas, and distressed urban communities.
- (8) The name of and tax refund amount for each business that has received a tax refund under s. 288.1045 or s. 288.106 during the preceding fiscal year.
- $\underline{(7)}$ An identification of the target industry businesses and high-impact businesses.
- (8) (10) A description of the trends relating to business interest in, and usage of, the various incentives, and the number of minority-owned or woman-owned businesses receiving incentives.
 - (9) (11) An identification of incentive programs not used

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and recommendations for program changes or program elimination.

- (10) (12) Information related to the validation of contractor performance required under s. 288.061.
- (11) (13) Beginning in 2014, A summation of the activities related to the Florida Space Business Incentives Act.
- Section 95. <u>Section 288.911, Florida Statutes, is</u> repealed.

Section 96. Section 288.912, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 288.007, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

288.007 288.912 Inventory of communities seeking to recruit businesses.—By September 30 of each year, a county or municipality that has a population of at least 25,000 or its local economic development organization must submit to the department Enterprise Florida, Inc., a brief overview of the strengths, services, and economic development incentives that its community offers. The local government or its local economic development organization also must identify any industries that it is encouraging to locate or relocate to its area. A county or municipality having a population of 25,000 or fewer or its local economic development organization seeking to recruit businesses may submit information as required in this section and may participate in any activity or initiative resulting from the collection, analysis, and reporting of the information to the department Enterprise Florida, Inc., pursuant to this section.

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Section 288.92, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

2752 Section 98. Section 288.923, Florida Statutes, is 2753 repealed. 2754 Section 99. Section 288.95155, Florida Statutes, is 2755 repealed. 2756 Section 100. Section 288.9519, Florida Statutes, is 2757 repealed. 2758 Section 101. Section 288.9520, Florida Statutes, is 2759 amended to read: 2760 288.9520 Public records exemption.—Materials that relate 2761 to methods of manufacture or production, potential trade 2762 secrets, potentially patentable material, actual trade secrets, 2763 business transactions, financial and proprietary information, 2764 and agreements or proposals to receive funding that are 2765 received, generated, ascertained, or discovered by the 2766 department Enterprise Florida, Inc., including its affiliates or 2767 subsidiaries and partnership participants, such as private 2768 enterprises, educational institutions, and other organizations, 2769 are confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) 2770 and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, except that a 2771 recipient of department Enterprise Florida, Inc., research funds 2772 shall make available, upon request, the title and description of the research project, the name of the researcher, and the amount 2773 and source of funding provided for the project. 2774 2775 Section 102. Subsection (10) of section 288.9603, Florida

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2778 (10) "Partnership" means Enterprise Florida, Inc. 2779 Section 103. Subsection (2) of section 288.9604, Florida 2780 Statutes, is amended to read: 2781 288.9604 Creation of the authority.-2782 The Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, 2783 shall appoint the board of directors of the corporation, who shall be five in number. The terms of office for the directors 2784 shall be for 4 years from the date of their appointment. A 2785 2786 vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled for the 2787 unexpired term. A director shall be eligible for reappointment. 2788 At least three of the directors of the corporation shall be 2789 bankers who have been selected by the Governor from a list of

Section 104. Paragraph (v) of subsection (2) of section 288.9605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

of the directors shall be an economic development specialist.

bankers who were nominated by Enterprise Florida, Inc., and one

288.9605 Corporation powers.-

Statutes, is amended to read:

288.9603 Definitions.-

- (2) The corporation is authorized and empowered to:
- (v) Enter into investment agreements with Enterprise

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 of indebtedness and capital.

2799 Section 105. <u>Section 288.9614</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

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2801	Section 106. Section 288.9621, Florida Statutes, is
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2811	Section 111. Section 288.96255, Florida Statutes, is
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2815	Section 113. <u>Section 288.9627</u> , Florida Statutes, is
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2817	Section 114. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
2818	288.980, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
2819	288.980 Military base retention; legislative intent;
2820	grants program.—
2821	(1)
2822	(b) The Florida Defense Alliance, an organization within
2823	Enterprise Florida, Inc., is designated as the organization to
2824	ensure that Florida, its resident military bases and missions,
2825	and its military host communities are in competitive positions

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2826	as the United States continues its defense realignment and
2827	downsizing. The defense alliance shall serve as an overall
2828	advisory body for defense-related activity of Enterprise
2829	Florida, Inc. The Florida Defense Alliance may receive funding
2830	from appropriations made for that purpose administered by the
2831	department.
2832	Section 115. <u>Section 288.991</u> , Florida Statutes, is
2833	repealed.
2834	Section 116. Section 288.9912, Florida Statutes, is
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2836	Section 117. Section 288.9913, Florida Statutes, is
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2838	Section 118. <u>Section 288.9914</u> , Florida Statutes, is
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2840	Section 119. <u>Section 288.9915</u> , Florida Statutes, is
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2842	Section 120. <u>Section 288.9916</u> , Florida Statutes, is
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2844	Section 121. Section 288.9917, Florida Statutes, is
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2848	Section 123. <u>Section 288.9919</u> , Florida Statutes, is
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2850	Section 124. <u>Section 288.9920</u> , Florida Statutes, is
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2851	repealed.
2852	Section 125. Section 288.9921, Florida Statutes, is
2853	repealed.
2854	Section 126. Section 288.9922, Florida Statutes, is
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2856	Section 127. Subsection (4) of section 288.9932, Florida
2857	Statutes, is amended to read:
2858	288.9932 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:
2859	(4) "Network" means the Florida Small Business Development
2860	Center Network.
2861	Section 128. Paragraphs (e) and (f) of subsection (4) and
2862	paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of section 288.9934, Florida
2863	Statutes, are amended to read:
2864	288.9934 Microfinance Loan Program.—
2865	(4) CONTRACT AND AWARD OF FUNDS.—
2866	(e) Within 30 days of executing its contract with the
2867	department, the loan administrator must enter into a memorandum
2868	of understanding with the network:
2869	1. For the provision of business management training,
2870	business development training, and technical assistance to
2871	entrepreneurs and small businesses that receive microloans under
2872	this part; and
2873	2. To promote the program to underserved entrepreneurs and
2874	small businesses.
2875	(f) By September 1, 2014, the department shall review

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2876	industry best practices and determine the minimum business
2877	management training, business development training, and
2878	technical assistance that must be provided by the network to
2879	achieve the goals of this part.
2880	(8) AUDITS AND REPORTING.—
2881	(b) The loan administrator shall submit quarterly reports
2882	to the department as required by s. $288.9936(2)$ $288.9936(3)$.
2883	Section 129. Section 288.9935, Florida Statutes, is
2884	repealed.
2885	Section 130. Paragraph (p) of subsection (1) and
2886	subsection (2) of section 288.9936, Florida Statutes, are
2887	amended to read:
2888	288.9936 Annual report of the Microfinance Loan Program
2889	(1) The department shall include in the report required by
2890	s. 20.60(10) a complete and detailed annual report on the
2891	Microfinance Loan Program. The report must include:
2892	(p) A description and evaluation of the technical
2893	assistance and business management and development training
2894	provided by the network pursuant to its memorandum of
2895	understanding with the loan administrator.
2896	(2) The department shall submit the report provided to the
2897	department from Enterprise Florida, Inc., pursuant to s.

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Section 131. Section 288.9937, Florida Statutes, is

288.9935(8) for inclusion in the department's annual report

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amended to read:

288.9937 Evaluation of programs.—The Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall analyze, evaluate, and determine the economic benefits, as defined in s. 288.005, of the first 3 years of the Microfinance Loan Program and the Microfinance Guarantee Program. The analysis must also evaluate the number of jobs created, the increase or decrease in personal income, and the impact on state gross domestic product from the direct, indirect, and induced effects of the state's investment. The analysis must also identify any inefficiencies in the program programs and provide recommendations for changes to the program programs. The office shall submit a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2018. This section expires January 31, 2018.

Section 132. Paragraph (h) of subsection (8) and paragraph (a) of subsection (9) of section 290.0056, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

290.0056 Enterprise zone development agency.-

- (8) The enterprise zone development agency shall have the following powers and responsibilities:
- (h) To work with the department and Enterprise Florida, Inc., to ensure that the enterprise zone coordinator receives training on an annual basis.
- (9) The following powers and responsibilities shall be performed by the governing body creating the enterprise zone

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development agency acting as the managing agent of the enterprise zone development agency, or, contingent upon approval by such governing body, such powers and responsibilities shall be performed by the enterprise zone development agency:

(a) To review, process, and certify applications for state enterprise zone tax incentives pursuant to ss. $\underline{212.08(5)(f)}$ and (g) $\underline{212.08(5)(g)}$, (h), and (15); 212.096; 220.181; and 220.182.

Section 133. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) and subsection (7) of section 290.0065, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

290.0065 State designation of enterprise zones.-

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- (b) In consultation with Enterprise Florida, Inc., The department shall, based on the enterprise zone profile and the grounds for redesignation expressed in the resolution, determine whether the enterprise zone merits redesignation. The department may also examine and consider the following:
- 1. Progress made, if any, in the enterprise zone's strategic plan.
- 2. Use of enterprise zone incentives during the life of the enterprise zone.

If the department determines that the enterprise zone merits redesignation, the department shall notify the governing body in writing of its approval of redesignation.

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(7) Upon approval by the department of a resolution authorizing an area to be an enterprise zone pursuant to this section, the department shall assign a unique identifying number to that resolution. The department shall provide the Department of Revenue and Enterprise Florida, Inc., with a copy of each resolution approved, together with its identifying number.

Section 134. Section 290.00677, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

290.00677 Rural enterprise zones; special qualifications.-

- (1) Notwithstanding the enterprise zone residency requirements set out in s. 212.096(1)(c), eligible businesses as defined in s. 212.096(1)(a) located in rural enterprise zones as defined in s. 290.004 may receive the basic minimum credit provided under s. 212.096 for creating a new job and hiring a person residing within the jurisdiction of a rural community as defined in s. 288.106(2). All other provisions of s. 212.096, including, but not limited to, those relating to the award of enhanced credits, apply to such businesses.
- (2) Notwithstanding the enterprise zone residency requirements set out in s. 220.03(1) (q), businesses as defined in s. 220.03(1) (c) located in rural enterprise zones as defined in s. 290.004 may receive the basic minimum credit provided under s. 220.181 for creating a new job and hiring a person residing within the jurisdiction of a rural community as defined in s. 288.106(2). All other provisions of s. 220.181, including,

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- (3) As used in this section, the term "rural community" means:
 - (a) A county having a population of 75,000 or fewer.
- (b) A county having a population of 125,000 or fewer that is contiguous to a county having a population of 75,000 or fewer.
- (c) A municipality within a county described in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).

For purposes of this subsection, population shall be determined in accordance with the most recent official estimate pursuant to s. 186.901.

Section 135. Subsections (4),(5), and (6) of section 290.007, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

290.007 State incentives available in enterprise zones.—
The following incentives are provided by the state to encourage the revitalization of enterprise zones:

- (4) The sales tax exemption for building materials used in the rehabilitation of real property in enterprise zones provided in s. 212.08(5)(f) $\frac{212.08(5)(g)}{(g)}$.
- (5) The sales tax exemption for business equipment used in an enterprise zone provided in s. 212.08(5)(g) $\frac{212.08(5)(h)}{h}$.
 - (6) The sales tax exemption for electrical energy used in

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an enterprise zone provided in s. 212.08(14) $\frac{212.08(15)}{15}$.

Section 136. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 290.053, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

290.053 Response to economic emergencies in small communities.—

- (3) A local government entity shall notify the Governor and, the Department of Economic Opportunity, and Enterprise Florida, Inc., when one or more of the conditions specified in subsection (2) have occurred or will occur if action is not taken to assist the local governmental entity or the affected community.
- (4) Upon notification that one or more of the conditions described in subsection (2) exist, the Governor or his or her designee shall contact the local governmental entity to determine what actions have been taken by the local governmental entity or the affected community to resolve the economic emergency. The Governor may waive the eligibility criteria of any program or activity administered by the Department of Economic Opportunity or Enterprise Florida, Inc., to provide economic relief to the affected community by granting participation in such programs or activities. The Governor shall consult with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and shall take other action, as necessary, to resolve the economic emergency in the most expedient manner possible. All actions taken pursuant to this

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section shall be within current appropriations and shall have no annualized impact beyond normal growth.

Section 137. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (3) and paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of section 295.21, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

- 295.21 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.-
- (3) DUTIES.—The corporation shall:
- (a) Conduct research to identify the target market and the educational and employment needs of those in the target market. The corporation shall contract with at least one entity pursuant to the competitive bidding requirements in s. 287.057 and the provisions of s. 295.187 to perform the research. Such entity must have experience conducting market research on the veteran demographic. The corporation shall seek input from the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation on the scope, process, and focus of such research.
- (b) Advise the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation, pursuant to s. 295.23, on:
 - 1. The target market as identified in paragraph (a).
- 2. Development and implementation of a marketing campaign to encourage members of the target market to remain in the state or to make the state their permanent residence.
- 3. Methods for disseminating information to the target market that relates to the interests and needs of veterans of all ages and facilitates veterans' knowledge of and access to

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- (8) ANNUAL REPORT.—The corporation shall submit an annual progress report and work plan by December 1 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report must include:
- (b) Status of the marketing campaign, delivery systems of the marketing campaign, and outreach to the target market.
- Section 138. Paragraphs (a), (d), and (e) of subsection (3) and subsection (4) of section 295.22, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
 - 295.22 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program.-
- (3) ADMINISTRATION.—Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., shall administer the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program and perform all of the following functions:
- (a) Conduct marketing and recruiting efforts directed at veterans who reside in or who have an interest in relocating to this state and who are seeking employment. Marketing must include information related to how a veteran's military experience can be valuable to a business. Such efforts may include attending veteran job fairs and events, hosting events for veterans or the business community, and using digital and social media and direct mail campaigns. The corporation shall also include such marketing as part of its main marketing campaign.
 - (d) Create a grant program to provide funding to assist

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veterans in meeting the workforce-skill needs of businesses seeking to hire veterans, establish criteria for approval of requests for funding, and maximize the use of funding for this program. Grant funds may be used only in the absence of available veteran-specific federally funded programs. Grants may fund specialized training specific to a particular business.

- 1. Grant funds may be allocated to any training provider selected by the business, including a career center, a Florida College System institution, a state university, or an in-house training provider of the business. If grant funds are used to provide a technical certificate, a licensure, or a degree, funds may be allocated only upon a review that includes, but is not limited to, documentation of accreditation and licensure. Instruction funded through the program terminates when participants demonstrate competence at the level specified in the request but may not exceed 48 months. Preference shall be given to target industry businesses, as defined in s. 288.106, and to businesses in the defense supply, cloud virtualization, or commercial aviation manufacturing industries.
- 2. Costs and expenditures for the grant program must be documented and separated from those incurred by the training provider. Costs and expenditures shall be limited to \$8,000 per veteran trainee. Eligible costs and expenditures include:
 - a. Tuition and fees.
 - b. Curriculum development.

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- 3101 c. Books and classroom materials.
 - d. Rental fees for facilities at public colleges and universities, including virtual training labs.
 - e. Overhead or indirect costs not to exceed 5 percent of the grant amount.
 - 3. Before funds are allocated for a request pursuant to this section, the corporation shall prepare a grant agreement between the business requesting funds, the educational institution or training provider receiving funding through the program, and the corporation. Such agreement must include, but need not be limited to:
 - a. Identification of the personnel necessary to conduct the instructional program, the qualifications of such personnel, and the respective responsibilities of the parties for paying costs associated with the employment of such personnel.
 - b. Identification of the match provided by the business, including cash and in-kind contributions, equal to at least 50 percent of the total grant amount.
 - c. Identification of the estimated duration of the instructional program.
 - d. Identification of all direct, training-related costs.
 - e. Identification of special program requirements that are not otherwise addressed in the agreement.
 - f. Permission to access aggregate information specific to the wages and performance of participants upon the completion of

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instruction for evaluation purposes. The agreement must specify that any evaluation published subsequent to the instruction may not identify the employer or any individual participant.

- 4. A business may receive a grant under the Quick-Response Training Program created under s. 288.047 and a grant under this section for the same veteran trainee. If a business receives funds under both programs, one grant agreement may be entered into with CareerSource Florida, Inc., as the grant administrator.
- (e) Contract with one or more entities to administer an entrepreneur initiative program for veterans in this state which connects business leaders in the state with veterans seeking to become entrepreneurs.
- 1. The corporation shall award each contract in accordance with the competitive bidding requirements in s. 287.057 to one or more public or private universities that:
- a. Demonstrate the ability to implement the program and the commitment of university resources, including financial resources, to such programs.
 - b. Have a military and veteran resource center.
- c. Have a regional small business development center in the Florida Small Business Development Center Network.
- $\underline{\text{c.d.}}$ As determined by the corporation, have been nationally recognized for commitment to the military and veterans.

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2. Each contract must include performance metrics,
including a focus on employment and business creation. Each
university must coordinate with any entrepreneurship center
located at the university. The university may also work with an
entity offering related programs to refer veterans or to provide
services. The entrepreneur initiative program may include
activities and assistance such as peer-to-peer learning
sessions, mentoring, technical assistance, business roundtables,
networking opportunities, support of student organizations,
speaker series, or other tools within a virtual environment.

(4) DUTIES OF ENTERPRISE FLORIDA, INC. Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall provide information about the corporation and its services to prospective, new, expanding, and relocating businesses seeking to conduct business in this state. Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall, to the greatest extent possible, collaborate with the corporation to meet the employment needs, including meeting the job-creation requirements, of any business receiving assistance or services from Enterprise Florida, Inc.

Section 139. <u>Section 295.23</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 140. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6), paragraph (b) of subsection (9), paragraph (a) of subsection (35), subsection (60), and paragraph (b) of subsection (64) of section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

320.08058 Specialty license plates.-

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- (6) FLORIDA UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE LICENSE PLATES.—
- Because the United States Olympic Committee has (a) selected this state to participate in a combined fundraising program that provides for one-half of all money raised through volunteer giving to stay in this state and be administered by Enterprise Florida, Inc., to support amateur sports, and because the United States Olympic Committee is a and Enterprise Florida, Inc., are nonprofit organization organizations dedicated to providing athletes with support and training and preparing athletes of all ages and skill levels for sports competition, and because Enterprise Florida, Inc., assists in the bidding for sports competitions that provide significant impact to the economy of this state, and the Legislature supports the efforts of the United States Olympic Committee and Enterprise Florida, Inc., the Legislature establishes a Florida United States Olympic Committee license plate for the purpose of providing a continuous funding source to support this worthwhile effort. Florida United States Olympic Committee license plates must contain the official United States Olympic Committee logo and must bear a design and colors that are approved by the department. The word "Florida" must be centered at the top of the plate.
 - (9) FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM LICENSE PLATES.-
 - (b) The license plate annual use fees are to be annually

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distributed as follows:

- 1. Fifty-five percent of the proceeds from the Florida Professional Sports Team plate must be deposited into the Professional Sports Development Trust Fund within the Department of Economic Opportunity. These funds must be used solely to attract and support major sports events in this state. As used in this subparagraph, the term "major sports events" means, but is not limited to, championship or all-star contests of Major League Baseball, the National Basketball Association, the National Football League, the National Hockey League, Major League Soccer, the men's and women's National Collegiate Athletic Association Final Four basketball championship, or a horseracing or dogracing Breeders' Cup. All funds must be used to support and promote major sporting events, and the uses must be approved by the Department of Economic Opportunity.
- 2. The remaining proceeds of the Florida Professional Sports Team license plate must be allocated to the Florida Sports Foundation Enterprise Florida, Inc. These funds must be deposited into the Professional Sports Development Trust Fund within the Department of Economic Opportunity. These funds must be used by the Florida Sports Foundation Enterprise Florida, Inc., to promote the economic development of the sports industry; to distribute licensing and royalty fees to participating professional sports teams; to promote education programs in Florida schools that provide an awareness of the

benefits of physical activity and nutrition standards; to partner with the Department of Education and the Department of Health to develop a program that recognizes schools whose students demonstrate excellent physical fitness or fitness improvement; to institute a grant program for communities bidding on minor sporting events that create an economic impact for the state; to distribute funds to Florida-based charities designated by the Florida Sports Foundation Enterprise Florida, Inc., and the participating professional sports teams; and to fulfill the sports promotion responsibilities of the Department of Economic Opportunity.

- 3. The Florida Sports Foundation Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall provide an annual financial audit in accordance with s. 215.981 of its financial accounts and records by an independent certified public accountant pursuant to the contract established by the Department of Economic Opportunity. The auditor shall submit the audit report to the Department of Economic Opportunity for review and approval. If the audit report is approved, the Department of Economic Opportunity shall certify the audit report to the Auditor General for review.
- 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs 1. and 2., proceeds from the Professional Sports Development Trust Fund may also be used for operational expenses of the Florida Sports Foundation Enterprise Florida, Inc., and financial support of the Sunshine State Games.

- (35) FLORIDA GOLF LICENSE PLATES.-
- (a) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall develop a Florida Golf license plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida" must appear at the bottom of the plate. The Dade Amateur Golf Association, following consultation with the Florida Sports Foundation and the PGA TOUR, Enterprise Florida, Inc., the LPGA, and the PGA of America may submit a revised sample plate for consideration by the department.
 - (60) FLORIDA NASCAR LICENSE PLATES.-
- (a) The department shall develop a Florida NASCAR license plate as provided in this section. Florida NASCAR license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the term "NASCAR" must appear at the bottom of the plate. The National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, following consultation with the Florida Sports Foundation Enterprise Florida, Inc., may submit a sample plate for consideration by the department.
- (b) The license plate annual use fees shall be distributed to the Florida Sports Foundation Enterprise Florida, Inc. The license plate annual use fees shall be annually allocated as follows:
- 1. Up to 5 percent of the proceeds from the annual use fees may be used by the Department of Economic Opportunity

 Enterprise Florida, Inc., for the administration of the NASCAR license plate program.

- 2. The National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing shall receive up to \$60,000 in proceeds from the annual use fees to be used to pay startup costs, including costs incurred in developing and issuing the plates. Thereafter, 10 percent of the proceeds from the annual use fees shall be provided to the association for the royalty rights for the use of its marks.
- 3. The remaining proceeds from the annual use fees shall be distributed to the Florida Sports Foundation Enterprise Florida, Inc. The Florida Sports Foundation Enterprise Florida, Inc., will retain 15 percent to support its regional grant program, attracting sporting events to Florida; 20 percent to support the marketing of motorsports-related tourism in the state; and 50 percent to be paid to the NASCAR Foundation, a s. 501(c)(3) charitable organization, to support Florida-based charitable organizations.
- (c) The Florida Sports Foundation Enterprise Florida,

 Inc., shall provide an annual financial audit in accordance with
 s. 215.981 of its financial accounts and records by an
 independent certified public accountant pursuant to the contract
 established by the Department of Economic Opportunity. The
 auditor shall submit the audit report to the Department of
 Economic Opportunity for review and approval. If the audit
 report is approved, the Department of Economic Opportunity shall
 certify the audit report to the Auditor General for review.
 - (64) FLORIDA TENNIS LICENSE PLATES.-

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- (b) The department shall distribute the annual use fees to the Florida Sports Foundation Enterprise Florida, Inc. The license plate annual use fees shall be annually allocated as follows:
- 1. Up to 5 percent of the proceeds from the annual use fees may be used by the Florida Sports Foundation Enterprise Florida, Inc., to administer the license plate program.
- 2. The United States Tennis Association Florida Section Foundation shall receive the first \$60,000 in proceeds from the annual use fees to reimburse it for startup costs, administrative costs, and other costs it incurs in the development and approval process.
- 3. Up to 5 percent of the proceeds from the annual use fees may be used for promoting and marketing the license plates. The remaining proceeds shall be available for grants by the United States Tennis Association Florida Section Foundation to nonprofit organizations to operate youth tennis programs and adaptive tennis programs for special populations of all ages, and for building, renovating, and maintaining public tennis courts.
- Section 141. Subsections (2), (3), (5) and (6) of section 331.3051, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
 - 331.3051 Duties of Space Florida.—Space Florida shall:
- 3324 (2) Enter into agreement with the Department of Education, 3325 the Department of Transportation, Enterprise Florida, Inc., and

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3326 CareerSource Florida, Inc., for the purpose of implementing this 3327 act.

- (3) In cooperation with Enterprise Florida, Inc., Develop a plan to retain, expand, attract, and create aerospace industry entities, public or private, which results in the creation of high-value-added businesses and jobs in this state.
- (5) Consult with the <u>Department of Economic Opportunity</u>

 Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation in developing a space tourism marketing plan. Space Florida and the Florida

 Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation may enter into a mutually beneficial agreement that provides funding to the corporation for its services to implement this subsection.
- (6) Develop, in cooperation with Enterprise Florida, Inc., a plan to provide financing assistance to aerospace businesses. The plan may include the following activities:
- (a) Assembling, publishing, and disseminating information concerning financing opportunities and techniques for aerospace projects, programs, and activities; sources of public and private aerospace financing assistance; and sources of aerospace-related financing.
- (b) Organizing, hosting, and participating in seminars and other forums designed to disseminate information and technical assistance regarding aerospace-related financing.
- (c) Coordinating with programs and goals of the Department of Defense, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration,

the Export-Import Bank of the United States, the International Trade Administration of the United States Department of Commerce, the Foreign Credit Insurance Association, and other private and public programs and organizations, domestic and foreign.

- (d) Establishing a network of contacts among those domestic and foreign public and private organizations that provide information, technical assistance, and financial support to the aerospace industry.
- (e) Financing aerospace business development projects or initiatives using funds provided by the Legislature.

Section 142. Section 331.3081, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

331.3081 Board of directors.—Space Florida shall be governed by a 13-member independent board of directors. The Governor, or his or her designee, shall serve as an ex officio voting member and chair of the board. The other 12 members shall be appointed from the private sector, 6 of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, 3 of whom shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, and 3 of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives that consists of the members appointed to the board of directors of Enterprise Florida, Inc., by the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to s.

3376 who may appoint a designee to serve, as the chair and a voting 3377 member of the board.

Section 143. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section 339.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 339.08 Use of moneys in State Transportation Trust Fund.-
- (1) The department shall expend moneys in the State
 Transportation Trust Fund accruing to the department, in
 accordance with its annual budget. The use of such moneys shall
 be restricted to the following purposes:
- (f) To pay the cost of economic development transportation projects in accordance with s. 339.2821.
- Section 144. <u>Section 339.2821, Florida Statutes, is</u> repealed.

Section 145. Subsection (2) of section 364.0135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

364.0135 Promotion of broadband adoption.-

- (2) The Department of Management Services is authorized to work collaboratively with, and to receive staffing support and other resources from, Enterprise Florida, Inc., state agencies, local governments, private businesses, and community organizations to:
- (a) Monitor the adoption of broadband Internet service in collaboration with communications service providers, including, but not limited to, wireless and wireline Internet service providers, to develop geographical information system maps at

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3401 the census tract level that will:

- 1. Identify geographic gaps in broadband services, including areas unserved by any broadband provider and areas served by a single broadband provider;
- 2. Identify the download and upload transmission speeds made available to businesses and individuals in the state, at the census tract level of detail, using data rate benchmarks for broadband service used by the Federal Communications Commission to reflect different speed tiers; and
- 3. Provide a baseline assessment of statewide broadband deployment in terms of percentage of households with broadband availability.
- (b) Create a strategic plan that has goals and strategies for increasing the use of broadband Internet service in the state.
- (c) Build and facilitate local technology planning teams or partnerships with members representing cross-sections of the community, which may include, but are not limited to, representatives from the following organizations and industries: libraries, K-12 education, colleges and universities, local health care providers, private businesses, community organizations, economic development organizations, local governments, tourism, parks and recreation, and agriculture.
- (d) Encourage the use of broadband Internet service, especially in the rural, unserved, and underserved communities

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of the state through grant programs having effective strategies to facilitate the statewide deployment of broadband Internet service. For any grants to be awarded, priority must be given to projects that:

- 1. Provide access to broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to libraries, schools, colleges and universities, health care providers, and community support organizations.
- 2. Encourage the sustainable adoption of broadband in primarily unserved areas by removing barriers to entry.
- 3. Work toward encouraging investments in establishing affordable and sustainable broadband Internet service in unserved areas of the state.
- 4. Facilitate the development of applications, programs, and services, including, but not limited to, telework, telemedicine, and e-learning to increase the usage of, and demand for, broadband Internet service in the state.

Section 146. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 376.82, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

376.82 Eligibility criteria and liability protection.-

(1) ELIGIBILITY.—Any person who has not caused or contributed to the contamination of a brownfield site on or after July 1, 1997, is eligible to participate in the brownfield program established in ss. 376.77-376.85, subject to the following:

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(d) After July 1, 1997, petroleum and drycleaning contamination sites shall not receive both restoration funding assistance available for the discharge under this chapter and any state assistance available under s. 288.107. Nothing in this act shall affect the cleanup criteria, priority ranking, and other rights and obligations inherent in petroleum contamination and drycleaning contamination site rehabilitation under ss. 376.30-376.317, or the availability of economic incentives otherwise provided for by law.

Section 147. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2) of section 377.703, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 377.703 Additional functions of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.—
- (2) DUTIES.—The department shall perform the following functions, unless as otherwise provided, consistent with the development of a state energy policy:
- (h) The department shall promote the development and use of renewable energy resources, in conformance with chapter 187 and s. 377.601, by:
- 1. Establishing goals and strategies for increasing the use of renewable energy in this state.
- 2. Aiding and promoting the commercialization of renewable energy resources, in cooperation with the Florida Energy Systems Consortium, the Florida Solar Energy Center, Enterprise Florida, Inc., and any other federal, state, or local governmental agency

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that may seek to promote research, development, and the demonstration of renewable energy equipment and technology.

- 3. Identifying barriers to greater use of renewable energy resources in this state, and developing specific recommendations for overcoming identified barriers, with findings and recommendations to be submitted annually in the report to the Governor and Legislature required under paragraph (f).
- 4. In cooperation with the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Economic Opportunity, Enterprise Florida, Inc., the Florida Energy Systems Consortium, the Florida Solar Energy Center, and the Florida Solar Energy Industries Association, investigating opportunities, pursuant to the national Energy Policy Act of 1992, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, and any subsequent federal legislation, for renewable energy resources, electric vehicles, and other renewable energy manufacturing, distribution, installation, and financing efforts that enhance this state's position as the leader in renewable energy research, development, and use.
- 5. Undertaking other initiatives to advance the development and use of renewable energy resources in this state.

In the exercise of its responsibilities under this paragraph, the department shall seek the assistance of the renewable energy industry in this state and other interested parties and may

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enter into contracts, retain professional consulting services, and expend funds appropriated by the Legislature for such purposes.

Section 148. Subsection (5) of section 377.804, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

377.804 Renewable Energy and Energy-Efficient Technologies Grants Program.—

(5) The department shall solicit the expertise of state agencies, Enterprise Florida, Inc., and state universities, and may solicit the expertise of other public and private entities it deems appropriate, in evaluating project proposals. State agencies shall cooperate with the department and provide such assistance as requested.

Section 149. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 377.809, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

377.809 Energy Economic Zone Pilot Program.-

(4)(a) Beginning July 1, 2012, all the incentives and benefits provided for enterprise zones pursuant to state law shall be available to the energy economic zones designated pursuant to this section on or before July 1, 2010. In order to provide incentives, by March 1, 2012, each local governing body that has jurisdiction over an energy economic zone must, by local ordinance, establish the boundary of the energy economic zone, specify applicable energy-efficiency standards, and determine eligibility criteria for the application of state and

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local incentives and benefits in the energy economic zone. However, in order to receive benefits provided under s. 288.106, a business must be a qualified target industry business under 288.106 for state purposes. An energy economic zone's boundary may be revised by local ordinance. Such incentives and benefits include those in ss. 212.08, 212.096, 220.181, 220.182, 220.183, 288.106, and 624.5105 and the public utility discounts provided in s. 290.007(8). The exemption provided in s. 212.08(5)(c) shall be for renewable energy as defined in s. 377.803. For purposes of this section, any applicable requirements for employee residency for higher refund or credit thresholds must be based on employee residency in the energy economic zone or an enterprise zone. A business in an energy economic zone may also be eligible for funding under s. ss. 288.047 and 445.003, and a transportation project in an energy economic zone shall be provided priority in funding under s. 339.2821. Other projects shall be given priority ranking to the extent practicable for grants administered under state energy programs.

Section 150. Subsection (24) of section 380.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 380.06 Developments of regional impact.-
- (24) STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS.-
- (a) Any proposed hospital is exempt from this section.
- (b) Any proposed electrical transmission line or electrical power plant is exempt from this section.

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- (c) Any proposed addition to an existing sports facility complex is exempt from this section if the addition meets the following characteristics:
- 1. It would not operate concurrently with the scheduled hours of operation of the existing facility.
- 2. Its seating capacity would be no more than 75 percent of the capacity of the existing facility.
- 3. The sports facility complex property is owned by a public body before July 1, 1983.

This exemption does not apply to any pari-mutuel facility.

- (d) Any proposed addition or cumulative additions subsequent to July 1, 1988, to an existing sports facility complex owned by a state university is exempt if the increased seating capacity of the complex is no more than 30 percent of the capacity of the existing facility.
- (e) Any addition of permanent seats or parking spaces for an existing sports facility located on property owned by a public body before July 1, 1973, is exempt from this section if future additions do not expand existing permanent seating or parking capacity more than 15 percent annually in excess of the prior year's capacity.
- (f) Any increase in the seating capacity of an existing sports facility having a permanent seating capacity of at least 50,000 spectators is exempt from this section, provided that

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such an increase does not increase permanent seating capacity by more than 5 percent per year and not to exceed a total of 10 percent in any 5-year period, and provided that the sports facility notifies the appropriate local government within which the facility is located of the increase at least 6 months before the initial use of the increased seating, in order to permit the appropriate local government to develop a traffic management plan for the traffic generated by the increase. Any traffic management plan shall be consistent with the local comprehensive plan, the regional policy plan, and the state comprehensive plan.

- (g) Any expansion in the permanent seating capacity or additional improved parking facilities of an existing sports facility is exempt from this section, if the following conditions exist:
- 1.a. The sports facility had a permanent seating capacity on January 1, 1991, of at least 41,000 spectator seats;
- b. The sum of such expansions in permanent seating capacity does not exceed a total of 10 percent in any 5-year period and does not exceed a cumulative total of 20 percent for any such expansions; or
- c. The increase in additional improved parking facilities is a one-time addition and does not exceed 3,500 parking spaces serving the sports facility; and
 - 2. The local government having jurisdiction of the sports

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facility includes in the development order or development permit approving such expansion under this paragraph a finding of fact that the proposed expansion is consistent with the transportation, water, sewer and stormwater drainage provisions of the approved local comprehensive plan and local land development regulations relating to those provisions.

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Any owner or developer who intends to rely on this statutory exemption shall provide to the department a copy of the local government application for a development permit. Within 45 days after receipt of the application, the department shall render to the local government an advisory and nonbinding opinion, in writing, stating whether, in the department's opinion, the prescribed conditions exist for an exemption under this paragraph. The local government shall render the development order approving each such expansion to the department. The owner, developer, or department may appeal the local government development order pursuant to s. 380.07, within 45 days after the order is rendered. The scope of review shall be limited to the determination of whether the conditions prescribed in this paragraph exist. If any sports facility expansion undergoes development-of-regional-impact review, all previous expansions which were exempt under this paragraph shall be included in the development-of-regional-impact review.

(h) Expansion to port harbors, spoil disposal sites,

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navigation channels, turning basins, harbor berths, and other related inwater harbor facilities of ports listed in s. 403.021(9)(b), port transportation facilities and projects listed in s. 311.07(3)(b), and intermodal transportation facilities identified pursuant to s. 311.09(3) are exempt from this section when such expansions, projects, or facilities are consistent with comprehensive master plans that are in compliance with s. 163.3178.

- (i) Any proposed facility for the storage of any petroleum product or any expansion of an existing facility is exempt from this section.
- (j) Any renovation or redevelopment within the same land parcel which does not change land use or increase density or intensity of use.
- (k) Waterport and marina development, including dry storage facilities, are exempt from this section.
- (1) Any proposed development within an urban service boundary established under s. 163.3177(14), Florida Statutes (2010), which is not otherwise exempt pursuant to subsection (29), is exempt from this section if the local government having jurisdiction over the area where the development is proposed has adopted the urban service boundary and has entered into a binding agreement with jurisdictions that would be impacted and with the Department of Transportation regarding the mitigation of impacts on state and regional transportation facilities.

- (m) Any proposed development within a rural land stewardship area created under s. 163.3248.
- (n) The establishment, relocation, or expansion of any military installation as defined in s. 163.3175, is exempt from this section.
- (o) Any self-storage warehousing that does not allow retail or other services is exempt from this section.
- (p) Any proposed nursing home or assisted living facility is exempt from this section.
- (q) Any development identified in an airport master plan and adopted into the comprehensive plan pursuant to s. 163.3177(6)(b)4. is exempt from this section.
- (r) Any development identified in a campus master plan and adopted pursuant to s. 1013.30 is exempt from this section.
- (s) Any development in a detailed specific area plan which is prepared and adopted pursuant to s. 163.3245 is exempt from this section.
- (t) Any proposed solid mineral mine and any proposed addition to, expansion of, or change to an existing solid mineral mine is exempt from this section. A mine owner will enter into a binding agreement with the Department of Transportation to mitigate impacts to strategic intermodal system facilities pursuant to the transportation thresholds in subsection (19) or rule 9J-2.045(6), Florida Administrative Code. Proposed changes to any previously approved solid mineral

mine development-of-regional-impact development orders having vested rights are is not subject to further review or approval as a development-of-regional-impact or notice-of-proposed-change review or approval pursuant to subsection (19), except for those applications pending as of July 1, 2011, which shall be governed by s. 380.115(2). Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, pursuant to s. 380.115(1), previously approved solid mineral mine development-of-regional-impact development orders shall continue to enjoy vested rights and continue to be effective unless rescinded by the developer. All local government regulations of proposed solid mineral mines shall be applicable to any new solid mineral mine or to any proposed addition to, expansion of, or change to an existing solid mineral mine.

- (u) Notwithstanding any provisions in an agreement with or among a local government, regional agency, or the state land planning agency or in a local government's comprehensive plan to the contrary, a project no longer subject to development-of-regional-impact review under revised thresholds is not required to undergo such review.
- (v) Any development within a county with a research and education authority created by special act and that is also within a research and development park that is operated or managed by a research and development authority pursuant to part V of chapter 159 is exempt from this section.
 - (w) Any development in an energy economic zone designated

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pursuant to s. 377.809 is exempt from this section upon approval by its local governing body.

(x) Any proposed development that is located in a local government jurisdiction that does not qualify for an exemption based on the population and density criteria in paragraph (29) (a), that is approved as a comprehensive plan amendment adopted pursuant to s. 163.3184(4), and that is the subject of an agreement pursuant to s. 288.106(5) is exempt from this section. This exemption shall only be effective upon a written agreement executed by the applicant, the local government, and the state land planning agency. The state land planning agency shall only be a party to the agreement upon a determination that the development is the subject of an agreement pursuant to s. 288.106(5) and that the local government has the capacity to adequately assess the impacts of the proposed development. The local government shall only be a party to the agreement upon approval by the governing body of the local government and upon providing at least 21 days' notice to adjacent local governments that includes, at a minimum, information regarding the location, density and intensity of use, and timing of the proposed development. This exemption does not apply to areas within the boundary of any area of critical state concern designated pursuant to s. 380.05, within the boundary of the Wekiva Study Area as described in s. 369.316, or within 2 miles of the boundary of the Everglades Protection Area as defined in s.

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 If a use is exempt from review as a development of regional impact under paragraphs (a)-(u), but will be part of a larger project that is subject to review as a development of regional impact, the impact of the exempt use must be included in the review of the larger project, unless such exempt use involves a development of regional impact that includes a landowner, tenant, or user that has entered into a funding agreement with the Department of Economic Opportunity under the Innovation Incentive Program and the agreement contemplates a state award of at least \$50 million.

Section 151. Subsections (1) and (5) of section 380.0657, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

380.0657 Expedited permitting process for economic development projects.—

appropriate, the water management districts created under chapter 373 shall adopt programs to expedite the processing of wetland resource and environmental resource permits for economic development projects that have been identified by a municipality or county as meeting the definition of target industry businesses under s. 288.106, or any intermodal logistics center receiving or sending cargo to or from Florida ports, with the exception of those projects requiring approval by the Board of

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Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, permit applications for projects to be located in a charter county that has a population of 1.2 million or more and has entered into a delegation agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection or the applicable water management district to process environmental resource permits, wetland resource management permits, or surface water management permits pursuant to chapter 373 are eligible for expedited permitting under this section only upon designation by resolution of the charter county's governing board. Before the governing board decides that a project is eligible for expedited permitting, it may require the county's economic development agency, or such other agency that provides advice to the governing board on economic matters, to review and recommend whether the project meets the definition of a target industry business as defined in s. 288.106 and to identify the tangible benefits and impacts of the project. The governing board's decision shall be made without consideration of the project's geographic location within the charter county. If the governing board designates the project as a target industry business, the permit application for the project shall be approved or denied within the timeframe provided in subsection (4).

Section 152. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 403.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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3777	(3) CLEAN FUEL FLORIDA ADVISORY BOARD ESTABLISHED;
3778	MEMBERSHIP; DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
3779	(b)1. The advisory board shall consist of the Executive
3780	Director of the Department of Economic Opportunity, the
3781	Secretary of Environmental Protection, or a designee from that
3782	department, the Commissioner of Education, or a designee from
3783	that department, the Secretary of Transportation, or a designee
3784	from that department, the Commissioner of Agriculture, or a
3785	designee from that department, the Secretary of Management
3786	Services, or a designee from that department, and a
3787	representative of each of the following, who shall be appointed
3788	by the Secretary of Environmental Protection:
3789	a. The Florida biodiesel industry.
3790	b. The Florida electric utility industry.
3791	c. The Florida natural gas industry.
3792	d. The Florida propane gas industry.
3793	e. An automobile manufacturers' association.
3794	f. A Florida Clean Cities Coalition designated by the
3795	United States Department of Energy.
3796	g. Enterprise Florida, Inc.
3797	g.h. EV Ready Broward.
3798	$\underline{\text{h.i.}}$ The Florida petroleum industry.
3799	<u>i.j.</u> The Florida League of Cities.
3800	j.k. The Florida Association of Counties.

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- 3801 k.l. Floridians for Better Transportation.
 - 1.m. A motor vehicle manufacturer.
 - m.n. Florida Local Environment Resource Agencies.
 - n.o. Project for an Energy Efficient Florida.
 - o.p. Florida Transportation Builders Association.
 - 2. The purpose of the advisory board is to serve as a resource for the department and to provide the Governor, the Legislature, and the Secretary of Environmental Protection with private sector and other public agency perspectives on achieving the goal of increasing the use of alternative fuel vehicles in this state.
 - 3. Members shall be appointed to serve terms of 1 year each, with reappointment at the discretion of the Secretary of Environmental Protection. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.
 - 4. The board shall annually select a chairperson.
 - 5.a. The board shall meet at least once each quarter or more often at the call of the chairperson or the Secretary of Environmental Protection.
 - b. Meetings are exempt from the notice requirements of chapter 120, and sufficient notice shall be given to afford interested persons reasonable notice under the circumstances.
 - 6. Members of the board are entitled to travel expenses while engaged in the performance of board duties.

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7. The board shall terminate 5 years after the effective date of this act.

Section 153. Subsection (5) of section 403.7032, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.7032 Recycling.-

- create the Recycling Business Assistance Center by December 1, 2010. In carrying out its duties under this subsection, the department shall consult with state agency personnel appointed to serve as economic development liaisons under s. 288.021 and seek technical assistance from Enterprise Florida, Inc., to ensure the Recycling Business Assistance Center is positioned to succeed. The purpose of the center shall be to serve as the mechanism for coordination among state agencies and the private sector in order to coordinate policy and overall strategic planning for developing new markets and expanding and enhancing existing markets for recyclable materials in this state, other states, and foreign countries. The duties of the center must include, at a minimum:
- (a) Identifying and developing new markets and expanding and enhancing existing markets for recyclable materials.
 - (b) Pursuing expanded end uses for recycled materials.
- (c) Targeting materials for concentrated market development efforts.
 - (d) Developing proposals for new incentives for market

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development, particularly focusing on targeted materials.

- (e) Providing guidance on issues such as permitting, finance options for recycling market development, site location, research and development, grant program criteria for recycled materials markets, recycling markets education and information, and minimum content.
- (f) Coordinating the efforts of various governmental entities having market development responsibilities in order to optimize supply and demand for recyclable materials.
- (g) Evaluating source-reduced products as they relate to state procurement policy. The evaluation shall include, but is not limited to, the environmental and economic impact of source-reduced product purchases to the state. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "source-reduced" means any method, process, product, or technology that significantly or substantially reduces the volume or weight of a product while providing, at a minimum, equivalent or generally similar performance and service to and for the users of such materials.
- (h) Providing evaluation of solid waste management grants, pursuant to s. 403.7095, to reduce the flow of solid waste to disposal facilities and encourage the sustainable recovery of materials from Florida's waste stream.
- (i) Providing below-market financing for companies that manufacture products from recycled materials or convert recyclable materials into raw materials for use in manufacturing

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pursuant to the Florida Recycling Loan Program as administered by the Florida First Capital Finance Corporation.

- (j) Maintaining a continuously updated online directory listing the public and private entities that collect, transport, broker, process, or remanufacture recyclable materials in the state.
- (k) Providing information on the availability and benefits of using recycled materials to private entities and industries in the state.
- (1) Distributing any materials prepared in implementing this subsection to the public, private entities, industries, governmental entities, or other organizations upon request.
- (m) Coordinating with the Department of Economic Opportunity and its partners to provide job placement and job training services to job seekers through the state's workforce services programs.

Section 154. Subsections (16) through (19) of section 403.973, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (15) through (18), respectively, and present subsections (15) and (17) of that section are amended to read:

- 403.973 Expedited permitting; amendments to comprehensive plans.—
- (15) The Department of Economic Opportunity, working with the agencies providing cooperative assistance and input regarding the memoranda of agreement, shall review sites

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proposed for the location of facilities that the Department of Economic Opportunity has certified to be eligible for the Innovation Incentive Program under s. 288.1089. Within 20 days after the request for the review by the Department of Economic Opportunity, the agencies shall provide to the Department of Economic Opportunity a statement as to each site's necessary permits under local, state, and federal law and an identification of significant permitting issues, which if unresolved, may result in the denial of an agency permit or approval or any significant delay caused by the permitting process.

(16)(17) The Department of Economic Opportunity shall be responsible for certifying a business as eligible for undergoing expedited review under this section. Enterprise Florida, Inc., A county or municipal government, or the Rural Economic Development Initiative may recommend to the Department of Economic Opportunity that a project meeting the minimum job creation threshold undergo expedited review.

Section 155. Paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of section 413.801, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 413.801 Florida Unique Abilities Partner Program.—
- (8) INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION. -
- (b) On a quarterly basis, the department shall provide the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation with a current list of all businesses that are designated as Florida Unique

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Abilities Partners. The Florida Tourism Industry Marketing
Corporation must consider the Florida Unique Abilities Partner
Program in the development of marketing campaigns, and
specifically in any targeted marketing campaign for individuals
who have a disability or their families.

Section 156. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 443.091, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

443.091 Benefit eligibility conditions.-

- (1) An unemployed individual is eligible to receive benefits for any week only if the Department of Economic Opportunity finds that:
- (c) To make continued claims for benefits, she or he is reporting to the department in accordance with this paragraph and department rules. Department rules may not conflict with s. 443.111(1)(b), which requires that each claimant continue to report regardless of any pending appeal relating to her or his eligibility or disqualification for benefits.
- 1. For each week of unemployment claimed, each report must, at a minimum, include the name, address, and telephone number of each prospective employer contacted, or the date the claimant reported to a one-stop career center, pursuant to paragraph (d).
- 2. The department shall offer an online assessment aimed at identifying an individual's skills, abilities, and career aptitude. The skills assessment must be voluntary, and the

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department shall allow a claimant to choose whether to take the skills assessment. The online assessment shall be made available to any person seeking services from a local workforce development board or a one-stop career center.

- a. If the claimant chooses to take the online assessment, the outcome of the assessment shall be made available to the claimant, local workforce development board, and one-stop career center. The department, local workforce development board, or one-stop career center shall use the assessment to develop a plan for referring individuals to training and employment opportunities. Aggregate data on assessment outcomes may be made available to CareerSource Florida, Inc., and Enterprise Florida, Inc., for use in the development of policies related to education and training programs that will ensure that businesses in this state have access to a skilled and competent workforce.
- b. Individuals shall be informed of and offered services through the one-stop delivery system, including career counseling, the provision of skill match and job market information, and skills upgrade and other training opportunities, and shall be encouraged to participate in such services at no cost to the individuals. The department shall coordinate with CareerSource Florida, Inc., the local workforce development boards, and the one-stop career centers to identify, develop, and use best practices for improving the skills of individuals who choose to participate in skills upgrade and

other training opportunities. The department may contract with an entity to create the online assessment in accordance with the competitive bidding requirements in s. 287.057. The online assessment must work seamlessly with the Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits Information System.

Section 157. Paragraphs (b) through (g) of subsection (6) of section 445.004, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (a) through (f), respectively, and paragraph (d) of subsection (3), paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (5), and paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of that section are amended to read:

445.004 CareerSource Florida, Inc.; creation; purpose; membership; duties and powers.—

(3)

- (d) The board must include the vice chairperson of the board of directors of Enterprise Florida, Inc., and one member representing each of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act partners, including the Division of Career and Adult Education, and other entities representing programs identified in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, as determined necessary.
- (5) CareerSource Florida, Inc., shall have all the powers and authority not explicitly prohibited by statute which are necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate its purposes as determined by statute, Pub. L. No. 113-128, and the Governor,

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as well as its functions, duties, and responsibilities, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (b) Providing oversight and policy direction to ensure that the following programs are administered by the department in compliance with approved plans and under contract with CareerSource Florida, Inc.:
- 1. Programs authorized under Title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Pub. L. No. 113-128, with the exception of programs funded directly by the United States Department of Labor under Title I, s. 167.
- 2. Programs authorized under the Wagner-Peyser Act of 1933, as amended, 29 U.S.C. ss. 49 et seq.
- 3. Activities authorized under Title II of the Trade Act of 2002, as amended, 19 U.S.C. ss. 2272 et seq., and the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program.
- 4. Activities authorized under 38 U.S.C. chapter 41, including job counseling, training, and placement for veterans.
- 5. Employment and training activities carried out under funds awarded to this state by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- 6. Welfare transition services funded by the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, created under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, as amended, Pub. L. No. 104-193, and Title IV, s. 403, of the Social Security Act, as amended.

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- 7. Displaced homemaker programs, provided under s. 446.50.
- 8. The Florida Bonding Program, provided under Pub. L. No. 97-300, s. 164(a)(1).
- 9. The Food Assistance Employment and Training Program, provided under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. ss. 2011-2032; the Food Security Act of 1988, Pub. L. No. 99-198; and the Hunger Prevention Act, Pub. L. No. 100-435.
- 10. The Quick-Response Training Program, provided under ss. 288.046-288.047. Matching funds and in-kind contributions that are provided by clients of the Quick-Response Training Program shall count toward the requirements of s. 288.904, pertaining to the return on investment from activities of Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- 10.11. The Work Opportunity Tax Credit, provided under the Tax and Trade Relief Extension Act of 1998, Pub. L. No. 105-277, and the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Pub. L. No. 105-34.
- $\underline{11.12.}$ Offender placement services, provided under ss. 944.707-944.708.
- (d) Contracting with public and private entities as necessary to further the directives of this section. All contracts executed by CareerSource Florida, Inc., must include specific performance expectations and deliverables. All CareerSource Florida, Inc., contracts, including those solicited, managed, or paid by the department pursuant to s. $20.60(5)(b) \frac{20.60(5)(c)}{c}$ are exempt from s. 112.061, but shall be

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4051 governed by subsection (1).

- (6) CareerSource Florida, Inc., may take action that it deems necessary to achieve the purposes of this section, including, but not limited to:
- (a) Creating a state employment, education, and training policy that ensures that programs to prepare workers are responsive to present and future business and industry needs and complement the initiatives of Enterprise Florida, Inc.

Section 158. Subsection (5) of section 445.045, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

445.045 Development of an Internet-based system for information technology industry promotion and workforce recruitment.—

(5) In furtherance of the requirements of this section that the website promote and market the information technology industry by communicating information on the scope of the industry in this state, CareerSource Florida, Inc., shall coordinate its efforts with the high-technology industry marketing efforts of Enterprise Florida, Inc., under s. 288.911. Through links or actual content, the website developed under this section shall serve as a forum for distributing the marketing campaign developed by Enterprise Florida, Inc., under s. 288.911. In addition, CareerSource Florida, Inc., shall solicit input from the not-for-profit corporation created to advocate on behalf of the information technology industry as an

outgrowth of the Information Service Technology Development Task Force created under chapter 99-354, Laws of Florida.

Section 159. Subsections (2) and (5) of section 446.44, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

446.44 Duties of Rural Workforce Services Program.—It shall be the direct responsibility of the Rural Workforce Services Program to promote and deliver employment and workforce services and resources to the rural undeveloped and underdeveloped counties of the state in an effort to:

- (2) Assist Enterprise Florida, Inc., in attracting light, pollution-free industry to the rural counties.
- $\underline{(4)}$ Develop rural workforce programs that will be evaluated, planned, and implemented through communications and planning with appropriate:
 - (a) Departments of state and federal governments.
 - (b) Units of Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- (b)(c) Agencies and organizations of the public and private sectors at the state, regional, and local levels.
- Section 160. Subsection (5) of section 477.0135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 477.0135 Exemptions.-
- (5) A license is not required of any individual providing makeup, special effects, or cosmetology services to an actor, stunt person, musician, extra, or other talent during a production recognized by the Office of Film and Entertainment as

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a qualified production as defined in s. 288.1254(1). Such
services are not required to be performed in a licensed salon.
Individuals exempt under this subsection may not provide such
services to the general public.

- Section 161. Subsection (1) of section 570.81, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 570.81 Agricultural Economic Development Project Review Committee; powers and duties.—
- (1) There is created an Agricultural Economic Development Project Review Committee consisting of five members appointed by the commissioner. The members shall be appointed based upon the recommendations submitted by each entity represented on the committee and shall include:
 - (a) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee.
 - (b) One representative from the Farm Credit Service.
- (c) One representative from the Department of Economic Opportunity Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- (d) One representative from the Florida Farm Bureau Federation.
- (e) One agricultural economist from the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences or from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.
- Section 162. Subsection (2) of section 570.85, Florida 4124 Statutes, is amended to read:
- 4125 570.85 Agritourism.—

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(2) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may provide marketing advice, technical expertise, promotional support, and product development related to agritourism to assist the following in their agritourism initiatives:

Enterprise Florida, Inc.; convention and visitor bureaus,; tourist development councils,; economic development organizations,; and local governments. In carrying out this responsibility, the department shall focus its agritourism efforts on rural and urban communities.

Section 163. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 624.5105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

624.5105 Community contribution tax credit; authorization; limitations; eligibility and application requirements; administration; definitions; expiration.—

- (1) AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT TAX CREDITS; LIMITATIONS.-
- (c) The total amount of tax credit which may be granted for all programs approved under this section and ss.
 212.08(5)(0) 212.08(5)(p) and 220.183 is \$18.4 million in the 2015-2016 fiscal year, \$21.4 million in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, and \$21.4 million in the 2017-2018 fiscal year for projects that provide housing opportunities for persons with special needs as defined in s. 420.0004 or homeownership opportunities for low-income or very-low-income households as defined in s. 420.9071 and \$3.5 million annually for all other projects.

4151	Section	164.	Section	625.3255,	Florida	Statutes,	is
4152	repealed.						

Section 165. Subsection (4) of section 657.042, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 657.042 Investment powers and limitations.—A credit union may invest its funds subject to the following definitions, restrictions, and limitations:
- (4) INVESTMENT SUBJECT TO LIMITATION OF ONE PERCENT OF CAPITAL OF THE CREDIT UNION.—Up to 1 percent of the capital of the credit union may be invested in any of the following:
- (a) Corporate obligations of any one corporation which is an affiliate or subsidiary of the credit union or a service corporation, except that the total investment in all such corporate obligations shall not exceed 10 percent of the capital of the credit union.
- (b) Any capital participation instrument or evidence of indebtedness issued by Enterprise Florida, Inc., pursuant to the Florida Small and Minority Business Assistance Act.
- Section 166. Paragraph (f) of subsection (4) of section 658.67, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 658.67 Investment powers and limitations.—A bank may invest its funds, and a trust company may invest its corporate funds, subject to the following definitions, restrictions, and limitations:
 - (4) INVESTMENTS SUBJECT TO LIMITATION OF TEN PERCENT OR

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4176 LESS OF CAPITAL ACCOUNTS.

(f) Up to 10 percent of the capital accounts of a bank or trust company may be invested in any capital participation instrument or evidence of indebtedness issued by Enterprise Florida, Inc., pursuant to the Florida Small and Minority Business Assistance Act.

Section 167. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2) of section 1004.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1004.015 Higher Education Coordinating Council.-

- (2) Members of the council shall include:
- (h) The <u>secretary of the Department of Economic</u>

 Opportunity, or his or her designee <u>president of Enterprise</u>

 Florida, Inc., or a designated member of the Stakeholders

 Council appointed by the president.

Section 168. Paragraph (d) of subsection (5) of section 1004.65, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1004.65 Florida College System institutions; governance, mission, and responsibilities.—

- (5) The primary mission and responsibility of Florida College System institutions is responding to community needs for postsecondary academic education and career degree education. This mission and responsibility includes being responsible for:
- (d) Promoting economic development for the state within each Florida College System institution district through the provision of special programs, including, but not limited to,

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4201 the:

- 1. Enterprise Florida-related programs.
- 4203 1.2. Technology transfer centers.
- 4204 2.3. Economic development centers.
- 3.4. Workforce literacy programs.

Section 169. Paragraph (b) of subsection (10) of section 4207 1004.78, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1004.78 Technology transfer centers at Florida College System institutions.—

- (10) The State Board of Education may award grants to Florida College System institutions, or consortia of public and private colleges and universities and other public and private entities, for the purpose of supporting the objectives of this section. Grants awarded pursuant to this subsection shall be in accordance with rules of the State Board of Education. Such rules shall include the following provisions:
- appropriated specifically for technology transfer activities shall be reviewed and approved by the State Board of Education using proposal solicitation, evaluation, and selection procedures established by the state board in consultation with the Department of Economic Opportunity Enterprise Florida, Inc. Such procedures may include designation of specific areas or applications of technology as priorities for the receipt of funding.

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Section 170. Subsection (4) of section 1011.76, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1011.76 Small School District Stabilization Program.-

district a stabilization grant intended to protect the district from continued financial reductions. The amount of the grant will be determined by the Department of Education and may be equivalent to the amount of the decline in revenues projected for the next fiscal year. In addition, the Department of Economic Opportunity may implement a rural economic development initiative to identify the economic factors that are negatively impacting the community and may consult with Enterprise Florida, Inc., in developing a plan to assist the county with its economic transition. The grant will be available to the school district for a period of up to 5 years to the extent that funding is provided for such purpose in the General Appropriations Act.

Section 171. Paragraph (c) of subsection (6) of section 1011.80, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1011.80 Funds for operation of workforce education programs.—

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4248 (c) A program is established to assist school districts
4249 and Florida College System institutions in responding to the
4250 needs of new and expanding businesses and thereby strengthening

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the state's workforce and economy. The program may be funded in the General Appropriations Act. The district or Florida College System institution shall use the program to provide customized training for businesses which satisfies the requirements of s. 288.047. Business firms whose employees receive the customized training must provide 50 percent of the cost of the training. Balances remaining in the program at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund, but shall be carried over for 1 additional year and used for the purpose of serving incumbent worker training needs of area businesses with fewer than 100 employees. Priority shall be given to businesses that must increase or upgrade their use of technology to remain competitive.

Section 172. Subsection (1) of section 1011.94, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1011.94 University Major Gifts Program.-

(1) There is established a University Major Gifts Program. The purpose of the program is to enable each university to provide donors with an incentive in the form of matching grants for donations for the establishment of permanent endowments and sales tax exemption matching funds received pursuant to s. 212.08(5)(i) 212.08(5)(j), which must be invested, with the proceeds of the investment used to support libraries and instruction and research programs, as defined by the Board of Governors.

Section 173. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

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