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## DIGEST

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HB 1048 Reengrossed

2022 Regular Session

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**Abstract:** Requires the Department of Economic Development (LED) to provide for a program designed to bring manufacturing facilities to the state.

Present law declares the policy of LED and provides these four individual purposes intended to effectuate that policy:

- (1) A program designed to make a non-political department with professional staff.
- (2) A continuing program of economic and industrial planning.
- (3) A continuing program designed to furnish information
- (4) A continuing program of commercial and industrial planning.

Proposed law retains present law and adds one additional purpose to effectuate the policy.

The purpose added in proposed law tasks LED with providing a continuing program designed to attract manufacturing facilities to this state.

Proposed law instructs LED to focus on economic incentives, necessary infrastructure, workforce development, job creation, wages, community investment, and quality of life.

Proposed law further provides that the LED shall do all of the following regarding manufacturing:

- (1) Develop and implement a state strategic plan for attracting manufacturers to the state.
- (2) Monitor the implementation of the state strategic plan to attract manufacturers to the state.
- (3) Develop a plan to identify areas of land for future manufacturing use.
- (4) Identify manufacturing sites that are ready for development.
- (5) Develop a plan in conjunction with the office of workforce development and Technical College System for the training of skilled workers to ensure a scalable workforce.
- (6) Develop a plan for locating and identifying property for potential workforce housing.

Proposed law provides that LED is required to promote the development of the manufacturing industry and is allowed to do all of the following:

- (1) Contract with and direct trade or industry representatives for the purpose of promoting the state as a site for the development of future manufacturing facilities.
- (2) Serve as an informational clearinghouse and provide technical assistance to individuals and entities engaged in manufacturing by compiling, producing, publishing, and updating a comprehensive directory on sites, facilities, services, tax incentives, and permitting practices for the state.
- (3) Participate in regional, national, and international manufacturing conferences and networking opportunities.
- (4) Sponsor workshops and seminars on topics including but not limited to legal and financial aspects of locating manufacturers in the state.

Proposed law requires all departments, commissions, boards, agencies, officers, and institutions of this state and all subdivisions to cooperate with LED in carrying out the purposes of proposed law.

Proposed law provides that LED is designated as the applicant, administrative body, and recipient for accepting and administering any and all state, federal, and private funds awarded to and allocated by this state for any purpose covered by proposed law.

Proposed law requires LED to provide to the legislature an annual report regarding the provisions of proposed law at least 30 days before the convening of the regular legislative session.

(Amends R.S. 51:922; Adds R.S. 51:938.2)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

##### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add provisions establishing additional duties for the Dept. of Economic Development to develop a state strategic plan for attracting manufacturers to Louisiana.
2. Add requirements that the Dept. of Economic Development develop a plan to identify areas of land for manufacturing sites and housing of workforce and to develop a plan for training workers.
3. Require LED to promote the development of the manufacturing industry.
4. Give LED the authority to be the applicant and recipient for accepting and administering state, federal, and private funds awarded to and allocated by this state for proposed law.

5. Require LED to provide an annual report to the legislature regarding proposed law.