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Extends the La. Enterprise Zone Act to include transit-oriented multifamily developments

Under <u>current law</u>, the Enterprise Zone program offers a contract which includes a \$2,500 income tax credit per eligible job and either a state and local sales tax rebate on construction costs or an income tax credit of 1.5% of qualified capital expenditures. Residential developments are not eligible for enterprise zone benefits.

<u>Proposed law</u> allows the residential portion of a transit-oriented development to be eligible for the Enterprise Zone program if it meets specific qualifiers, such as including 90-175 permanent dwelling units and filing an advanced notice between July 1, 2011 and January 1, 2012. The project must also be a transit oriented development defined as apportioned with at least 50% multi-family residential and at least 30% commercial or retail on one contiguous site located within a quarter mile of a multi-modal transit center. At least \$10 million in qualifying capital expenditures is required.

EXPENDITURES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
REVENUES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	(\$853,133)	(\$576,367)	\$0	(\$1,429,500)
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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This legislation will reduce state general fund revenue collections by qualifying certain multifamily residential components of projects for the Enterprise Zone program (the commercial and retail components of projects are already eligible for the program). In the legislation, a multi-modal transit center is defined as a public transit stop or exchange that includes no less than three modes of public transportation including bus, streetcar, rail, ferry or water taxi. This requirement will likely apply to the New Orleans downtown area and targets the South Market District proposed development in New Orleans.

According to data provided by the South Market District and verified by the Department of Economic Development, the project will qualify for an estimated \$1.4 million in subsidies once it becomes operational in FY 13/14 by taking advantage of the job credits based on 21 jobs (\$52,500) along with a 1.5% investment credit (\$1.38 million) over two years. Total cost to the state over the two years of qualification for this project under this scenario is \$1.4 million.

The Department of Economic Development initially calculated that this project is eligible for a greater amount of benefit if it opted for the sales tax rebates rather than the investment tax credit. Total cost to the state over the two years of qualification for this project under that scenario is \$4.7 million. However, LED also points out that the entity developing the project has opted for the investment tax credit for three other projects due to its ease of use compared to the documentation necessary to obtain all the sales tax benefit that is available.

According to Revenue Department data, Enterprise Zone jobs credits and sales tax rebates or investment credits have grown from \$17.7 million in FY06 to \$109.4 million in FY10.

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