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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 88

BY SENATOR BROWN

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. To direct the secretary of the Department of Economic Development to provide advance notice to legislators on projects within their districts.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the secretary of the Department of Economic Development to provide advance notice containing certain information about economic development projects to legislators within their respective districts.

WHEREAS, the Department of Economic Development is responsible for fostering the growth of industry and other commercial enterprises in Louisiana that will contribute to the overall improvement of the economy of the state; and

WHEREAS, the primary mission of the department is to promote the advantages of Louisiana to out-of-state business and industry, facilitate the retention and expansion of existing enterprises, and coordinate with other state agencies and units of local government plans and programs aimed at developing optimum conditions for new and expanding industrial and commercial enterprises in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in meeting its obligations, the department successfully provides for the attraction, retention and expansion of industrial and investment projects in all regions of the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens who reside in proximity to the site of future retention, expansion, or relocation projects, that the department works in cooperation and collaboration with regional and local economic development interests in the state and

adequately inform legislators who serve those respective districts of such future projects.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the secretary of the Department of Economic Development to develop and implement a policy to achieve the goal of ensuring appropriate and proactive advance notice of economic development project announcements to legislators within their respective districts, and maintain continuous communication as to amendments and changes that evolve during the preliminary stages of project implentation, as part of procedures designed to ensure that legislators are well informed as to economic development projects in order to provide leadership to the people of Louisiana in pursuit of better opportunities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the notice of economic development project announcements shall contain, at a minimum, the following information as required in the cooperative endeavor agreement: a general description of the project, the number of net new permanent jobs, the number of retained permanent jobs, the number of construction jobs, the amount of associated capital investment by the business, and the total amount of any state and local incentives provided to the business.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Economic Development.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. Ashley Mitchell Carter.

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