

THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE



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President of the Senate



Will Weatherford

*Speaker of the House of
Representatives*

May 1, 2013

The Honorable Don Gaetz
President of the Senate

The Honorable Will Weatherford
Speaker, House of Representatives

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Your Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on CS/SB 406, 1st Eng., same being:

An act relating to economic development.

having met, and after full and free conference, do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

1. That the House of Representatives recede from its Amendment 128631.
2. That the Senate and House of Representatives adopt the Conference Committee Amendment attached hereto, and by reference made a part of this report.

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The Conference Committee Amendment for CS/SB 406, 1st Eng., relating to economic development, provides for the following:

Oversight of Economic Development Incentives

The bill creates a rotating, 3-year review schedule for state incentives and economic development programs to be evaluated by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR) and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA). The bill directs that all applicants for an incentive be evaluated for “economic benefits” in the same manner, and streamlines the reports and reporting dates that must be submitted by agencies administering economic development programs. The Department of Economic Opportunity is directed to publish on its website project-specific information about economic development incentives provided to businesses.

Brownfields

The bill limits where a project can be located in order to receive a sales tax refund for building materials and the brownfield redevelopment bonus refunds for jobs created. The project must be located on a site that has entered into a site rehabilitation agreement with DEP (or a local government delegated by DEP) or on a parcel of property that abuts the site.

Cigarette Tax Distribution

The bill delays the sunset date of the 1 percent cigarette tax distribution to the Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute from June 30, 2021, to June 30, 2033.

Exemption for Natural Gas Used in Fuel Cells

Natural gas used to generate electricity in a non-combustion fuel cell is exempt from sales tax.

Rotary Wing Aircraft Sales Tax Exemption

The bill reduces the maximum takeoff weight threshold for rotary wing aircraft to qualify for an exemption from sales and use tax on the parts and labor used in repair and maintenance.

Spring Training Franchise Retention

The bill creates a sales tax distribution to local governments for the purpose of constructing or renovating Major League Baseball spring training facilities.

Qualified Target Industry and Qualified Defense and Space Contractor Tax Refunds

The bill removes the individual company lifetime limit for both the Qualified Target Industry and Qualified Defense and Space Contractor tax refund programs.

Enterprise Zone Tax Credit

The bill provides that the cap on the enterprise zone tax credit for property taxes paid is applied at each eligible location rather than at the business entity level.

Sales Tax Holiday

The bill creates a three-day sales tax holiday beginning August 2, exempting certain clothing and shoes valued at \$75 or less, school supplies valued at \$15 or less, and personal computers for non-commercial use valued at \$750 or less.

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New Markets Development Program

The bill increases the amount of tax credits that can be awarded by \$15 million.