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SYNOPSIS

Concerns development subsidies and employment of undocumented aliens.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning development subsidies and certain employment 2 practices. 3 4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. For the purposes of this act: 8 "Development subsidy" means the providing to a recipient 9 enterprise of an amount of funds from a public body for the purpose 10 of stimulating economic development in New Jersey, including, but 11 not limited to, any bond, grant, loan, loan guarantee, tax increment 12 financing, fee waiver, land price subsidy, matching fund or any tax 13 expenditure. "Development subsidy" does not refer to any contract 14 under which a public body purchases or otherwise procures goods, 15 services or construction on an unsubsidized basis, including any contract solely for the construction or renovation of a facility owned 16 17 by a public body. 18 "Granting body" means a public body that provides a 19 development subsidy and, in the case of a tax expenditure related to 20 any tax paid to the State, means the State Treasurer. 21 "Public body" means the State or any political subdivision of the 22 State and any agency, instrumentality or authority of the political 23 subdivision. 24 "Recipient enterprise" means any non-governmental person, 25 association, corporation, joint venture, partnership or other entity 26 that receives a development subsidy. 27 "State" means the State of New Jersey and any agency, 28 instrumentality or authority of the State, but not any political 29 subdivision of the State. 30 "Tax expenditure" means the amount of uncollected tax revenues 31 from any abatement, reduction, exemption or credit against any 32 State or local tax, including, but not limited to, taxes on real 33 property, raw materials, inventories or other assets, taxes on gross 34 receipts, income or sales, and any use, excise or utility tax. "Tax 35 expenditure" does not refer to any credit against any tax liability of 36 an employee or any personal exemption, homestead rebate, credit or 37 deduction for the expenses of a household or individual, or other 38 reduction of the tax liability of an individual or household. 39 40 2. a. A Recipient enterprise shall not employ any employees 41 who are aliens unless they were lawfully admitted for permanent 42 residence at the time the employment was performed, were lawfully 43 present for the purpose of performing the employment, or otherwise 44 were permanently residing in the United States under color of law at 45 the time the employment was performed (including aliens who were 46 lawfully present in the United States as a result of the application of 47 the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 48 U.S.C.1101 et seq.).

1 b. If the requirements of subsection a. of this section are not 2 fulfilled, any granting body which provided a development subsidy 3 shall require the recipient enterprise to repay the value of any development subsidy awarded during the five year period prior to 4 5 the violation of the provisions of subsection a. of this section. The granting body shall provide notice to the recipient enterprise of the 6 7 amount to be repaid, and the recipient enterprise shall remit to the 8 governing body that amount not more than 60 calendar days after 9 the date of the notice.

10 Any development subsidy which a recipient enterprise is c. 11 required to repay pursuant to this section shall be regarded as a tax 12 liability of the recipient enterprise to the granting body. If the 13 recipient enterprise fails to pay that tax liability when it becomes 14 due, the recipient enterprise shall be subject to the penalties and 15 interest provisions of the State Uniform Tax Procedure Law, 16 R.S.54:48-1 et seq. Any recipient enterprise which considers any 17 decision or declaration of a granting body to recapture any part of a 18 development subsidy to be inconsistent with the provisions of this 19 act, excessive or otherwise unjust, may appeal to the tax court in 20 accordance with the provisions of the State Uniform Tax Procedure 21 Law, R.S.54:48-1 et seq.

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3. If a granting body or the State Treasurer fails to enforce any
provision of this act, any individual who paid taxes to the State
during the State fiscal year in dispute or the preceding year, or any
organization representing any of those taxpayers, shall be entitled to
bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction to compel
enforcement of this act. The court shall award reasonable attorneys'
fees and costs to the prevailing taxpayer or organization.

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31 4. A recipient enterprise that knowingly makes a false material 32 misrepresentation in any disclosure that the recipient enterprise is 33 required to make pursuant to this act shall be deemed to have 34 knowingly made a false material representation in connection with 35 the negotiation, award or performance of a government contract for 36 the purposes of subsection b. of section 97 of P.L.1999, c.440 37 (C.2C:21-34) and shall be guilty of a crime as specified in that 38 section.

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5. The State Treasurer shall, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

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45 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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1 STATEMENT 2 This bill provides that any business which receives a 3 4 development subsidy from a State or local governmental entity is 5 required to repay the subsidy if the business employs any 6 employees who are aliens unless they were: 1. Lawfully admitted for permanent residence at the time the 7 8 employment was performed; 9 2. Were lawfully present for the purpose of performing the 10 employment; or 3. Were otherwise permanently residing in the United States 11

12 under color of law at the time the employment was performed.