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Substitute Senate Bill No. 751

Senate, April 10, 2001

The Committee on Commerce reported through SEN. LEBEAU of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN E-COMMERCE PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) The Commissioner of Economic and Community
2 Development shall establish an e-commerce program that provides
3 developers engaged in the redevelopment of industrial properties or
4 brownfields with (1) tax credits for the redevelopment of such
5 properties into smart buildings or other office space providing high-
6 speed Internet access; and (2) assistance in petitioning the Department
7 of Public Utility Control for fast-track connections to the local
8 telecommunications digital network for such projects.

9 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

CE JOINT FAVORABLE SUBST.

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Indeterminate

Affected Agencies: Department of Economic and Community Development

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

Since the tax credits are not specific to what taxes they are applicable to, and the requirement concerning the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) providing assistance to developers in petitioning the Department of Public Utility Control has no specifications or definitions, the fiscal impact is indeterminate.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN E-COMMERCE PROGRAM.**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the economic and community development commissioner to establish an e-commerce program that provides developers with (1) tax credits for redeveloping brownfields and other industrial properties into "smart buildings" or other office space with high-speed Internet access and (2) assistance in petitioning the Department of Public Utility Control for expedited connections to telecommunications digital networks.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2001

BACKGROUND***Smart Buildings***

The law defines a "smart building" as a building with an information or communications capability that tenants can use to (1) transmit digital video, voice, and data over high-speed wired, wireless, or other communications intranet and (2) deliver and receive high-speed digital video, voice, and data transmissions over the Internet.

An intranet is an Internet-like system that is available for a limited pool of people such as the employees of a business or the members of an association (e.g., the General Assembly's cgalites system).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 0

