

SENATE BILL No. 500

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-28-6-2.

Synopsis: Incentives for an inclusive workforce. Requires the Indiana economic development corporation to review and evaluate the terms and conditions of job creation incentives to encourage and ensure an inclusive workforce that offers opportunities for people with different skills and abilities.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning business and other associations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-28-6-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.130-2018,
2 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2. (a) The corporation shall develop and promote
4 programs designed to make the best use of Indiana resources to ensure
5 a balanced economy and continuing economic growth for Indiana, and,
6 for those purposes, may do the following:

- 7 (1) Cooperate with federal, state, and local governments and
8 agencies in the coordination of programs to make the best use of
9 Indiana resources, based on a statewide study to determine
10 specific economic sectors that should be emphasized by the state
11 and by local economic development organizations within
12 geographic regions in Indiana, and encourage collaboration with
13 local economic development organizations within geographic
14 regions in Indiana and with the various state economic
15 development organizations within the states contiguous to
16 Indiana.
- 17 (2) Receive and expend funds, grants, gifts, and contributions of



1 money, property, labor, interest accrued from loans made by the
2 corporation, and other things of value from public and private
3 sources, including grants from agencies and instrumentalities of
4 the state and the federal government. The corporation:

5 (A) may accept federal grants for providing planning
6 assistance, making grants, or providing other services or
7 functions necessary to political subdivisions, planning
8 commissions, or other public or private organizations;

9 (B) shall administer these grants in accordance with the terms
10 of the grants; and

11 (C) may contract with political subdivisions, planning
12 commissions, or other public or private organizations to carry
13 out the purposes for which the grants were made.

14 (3) Direct that assistance, information, and advice regarding the
15 duties and functions of the corporation be given to the corporation
16 by an officer, agent, or employee of the executive branch of the
17 state. The head of any other state department or agency may
18 assign one (1) or more of the department's or agency's employees
19 to the corporation on a temporary basis or may direct a division
20 or an agency under the department's or agency's supervision and
21 control to make a special study or survey requested by the
22 corporation.

23 (b) The corporation shall perform the following duties:

24 (1) Develop and implement industrial development programs to
25 encourage expansion of existing industrial, commercial, and
26 business facilities in Indiana and to encourage new industrial,
27 commercial, and business locations in Indiana.

28 (2) Assist businesses and industries in acquiring, improving, and
29 developing overseas markets and encourage international plant
30 locations in Indiana. The corporation, with the approval of the
31 governor, may establish foreign offices to assist in this function.

32 (3) Promote the growth of minority business enterprises by doing
33 the following:

34 (A) Mobilizing and coordinating the activities, resources, and
35 efforts of governmental and private agencies, businesses, trade
36 associations, institutions, and individuals.

37 (B) Assisting minority businesses in obtaining governmental
38 or commercial financing for expansion or establishment of
39 new businesses or individual development projects.

40 (C) Aiding minority businesses in procuring contracts from
41 governmental or private sources, or both.

42 (D) Providing technical, managerial, and counseling assistance



- 1 to minority business enterprises.
- 2 (4) Assist the office of the lieutenant governor in:
- 3 (A) community economic development planning;
- 4 (B) implementation of programs designed to further
- 5 community economic development; and
- 6 (C) the development and promotion of Indiana's tourist
- 7 resources.
- 8 (5) Assist the secretary of agriculture and rural development in
- 9 promoting and marketing of Indiana's agricultural products and
- 10 provide assistance to the director of the Indiana state department
- 11 of agriculture.
- 12 (6) With the approval of the governor, implement federal
- 13 programs delegated to the state to carry out the purposes of this
- 14 article.
- 15 (7) Promote the growth of small businesses by doing the
- 16 following:
- 17 (A) Assisting small businesses in obtaining and preparing the
- 18 permits required to conduct business in Indiana.
- 19 (B) Serving as a liaison between small businesses and state
- 20 agencies.
- 21 (C) Providing information concerning business assistance
- 22 programs available through government agencies and private
- 23 sources.
- 24 (8) Establish a public information page on its current Internet site
- 25 on the world wide web. The page must provide the following:
- 26 (A) By program, cumulative information on the total amount
- 27 of incentives awarded, the total number of companies that
- 28 received the incentives and were assisted in a year, and the
- 29 names and addresses of those companies.
- 30 (B) A mechanism on the page whereby the public may request
- 31 further information online about specific programs or
- 32 incentives awarded.
- 33 (C) A mechanism for the public to receive an electronic
- 34 response.
- 35 (D) Access to any information or report that is required by
- 36 statute to be included in the economic incentives and
- 37 compliance report submitted under IC 5-28-28.
- 38 **(9) Conduct regular reviews and evaluations of the terms and**
- 39 **conditions of job creation incentives to encourage and ensure**
- 40 **an inclusive workforce that offers opportunities for people**
- 41 **with different skills and abilities.**
- 42 (c) The corporation may do the following:



- 1 (1) Disseminate information concerning the industrial,
- 2 commercial, governmental, educational, cultural, recreational,
- 3 agricultural, and other advantages of Indiana.
- 4 (2) Plan, direct, and conduct research activities.
- 5 (3) Assist in community economic development planning and the
- 6 implementation of programs designed to further community
- 7 economic development.

