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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 92

BY SENATOR BROWN

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Directs the secretary of the Department of Economic Development and the executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission to provide contractual and employment information relative to business and employers pursuant to the Gulf Opportunity Zone and Quality Jobs Programs and to report the information to the Senate Local and Municipal Affairs Committee.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct the secretary of the Department of Economic Development and the
3 executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission to provide contractual
4 and employment information relative to businesses and employers pursuant to the
5 Gulf Opportunity Zone and Quality Jobs Programs for the past three years.

6 WHEREAS, economic incentive contract programs provide tax relief and grants to
7 businesses in order to develop businesses; and

8 WHEREAS, such tax relief and grants divert much needed funds from valuable
9 services performed for local governments, communities and entities, especially when the
10 loss of local revenue has a substantial impact on local governments balancing their budgets;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, recent reports have shown that sometimes there is a lack of sufficient
13 management controls over economic incentive contracts and that the data provided in order
14 to receive credits, refunds, and rebates are sometimes incomplete and inaccurate and contain
15 employee data that is not consistent with program requirements; and

16 WHEREAS, the Quality Jobs Program and the Gulf Opportunity Zone Program are
17 major incentive programs; and

18 WHEREAS, many incentive agreements with the state have not produced a

1 significant number of contracts, jobs nor the projected revenue anticipated for local citizens
2 and municipalities.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
4 does direct the secretary of the Department of Economic Development and the executive
5 director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission to provide contractual and employment
6 information relative to businesses and employers pursuant to the Gulf Opportunity Zone and
7 Quality Jobs Programs for the past three years; including but not limited to data outlining
8 details of ongoing revenue, contracts and jobs.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the Department of Economic
10 Development and the executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission report the
11 information to the Senate Local and Municipal Affairs Committee.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
13 secretary of the Department of Economic Development and the executive director of the
14 Louisiana Workforce Commission.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

DIGEST

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