



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 476

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1 **AN ACT relating to:** requiring the Department of Commerce to study and report
2 on methods to retain businesses at risk of relocating or expanding outside the
3 state and to encourage business relocations and expansions in the state and to
4 create an emergency response team.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Commerce to study and report to the Joint Committee on Finance on methods the department currently uses, and methods the department could use in the future, to identify businesses that are at risk of relocating or expanding outside the state or that could be encouraged to relocate or expand inside the state. The bill also requires the department to create a team to contact prospects for relocating or expanding within 24 hours after notification.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

5 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

6 (1) REPORT ON AT-RISK BUSINESSES AND CREATION OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM.
7 Not later than 30 days after the effective date of this subsection, the department of

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1 commerce shall submit to the cochairpersons of the joint committee on finance a
2 report that identifies retention methods the department currently uses, and
3 retention methods the department could use in the future, to identify companies at
4 risk for relocation or expansion outside of this state and that includes a plan to
5 identify businesses outside of this state that are seeking to relocate or expand, or that
6 could be encouraged to relocate or expand through the use of incentives. The
7 department of commerce shall also develop an emergency response team that could
8 contact prospects for expansion or relocation within 24 hours after notification.

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(END)