

Senate Study Bill 2041

Bill Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section [15E.193](#), subsection 1, paragraph b,
1 2 Code Supplement 1997, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 b. Pays at least eighty percent of the cost of a standard
1 4 medical and dental insurance plan, or an equivalent benefit
1 5 plan, for all full-time employees.

1 6 Sec. 2. Section [15E.195](#), subsection 1, Code Supplement
1 7 1997, is amended to read as follows:

1 8 1. A county which designates an enterprise zone pursuant
1 9 to section 15E.194, subsection 1, and in which an eligible
1 10 enterprise zone is certified shall establish an enterprise
1 11 zone commission to review applications from qualified
1 12 businesses located within or requesting to locate within an
1 13 enterprise zone designated pursuant to section 15E.194,
1 14 subsection 1, to receive incentives or assistance as provided
1 15 in section 15E.196. The commission shall consist of nine
1 16 members. Five of these members shall consist of one
1 17 representative of the board of supervisors, one member with
1 18 economic development expertise chosen by the department of
1 19 economic development, one representative of the county zoning
1 20 board, one member of the local community college board of
1 21 directors, and one representative of the local workforce
1 22 development center. These five members shall select the
1 23 remaining four members. If the enterprise zone consists of an
1 24 area meeting the requirements for eligibility for an urban or
1 25 rural enterprise community under Title XIII of the federal
1 26 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, one of the
1 27 remaining four members shall be a representative of that

~~zone~~

1 28 community.

~~However, if the enterprise zone qualifies under~~

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~~the city criteria, one of the four members shall be a~~

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~~representative of an international labor organization and if~~

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~~an enterprise zone is located in any city, a representative,~~

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~~chosen by the city council, of each such city may be a member~~

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~~of the commission.~~

- A county shall have only one enterprise

1 34 zone commission to review applications for incentives and
1 35 assistance for businesses located within or requesting to

2 1 locate within a certified enterprise zone designated pursuant
2 2 to section 15E.194, subsection 1.

2 3 Sec. 3. Section 15E.195, Code Supplement 1997, is amended
2 4 by adding the following new subsection:

2 5 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. A city with a population of twenty-
2 6 four thousand or more which designates an enterprise zone
2 7 pursuant to section 15E.194, subsection 2, and in which an
2 8 eligible enterprise zone is certified shall establish an
2 9 enterprise zone commission to review applications from
2 10 qualified businesses located within or requesting to locate
2 11 within an enterprise zone to receive incentives or assistance
2 12 as provided in section 15E.196. The commission shall consist
2 13 of nine members. Six of these members shall consist of one
2 14 representative of an international labor organization, one
2 15 member with economic development expertise chosen by the
2 16 department of economic development, one representative of the
2 17 city council, one member of the local community college board
2 18 of directors, one member of the city planning and zoning
2 19 commission, and one representative of the local workforce
2 20 development center. These six members shall select the
2 21 remaining three members. If the enterprise zone consists of
2 22 an area meeting the requirements for eligibility for an urban
2 23 enterprise community under Title XIII of the federal Omnibus
2 24 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, one of the remaining three
2 25 members shall be a representative of that community. A city
2 26 in which an eligible enterprise zone is certified shall have
2 27 only one enterprise zone commission. If a city has
2 28 established an enterprise zone commission prior to the
2 29 effective date of this Act, the city may petition to the
2 30 department of economic development to change the structure of
2 31 the existing commission.

2 32 Sec. 4. Section 15E.196, subsection 5, Code Supplement
2 33 1997, is amended to read as follows:

2 34 5. The county or city for which an eligible enterprise
2 35 zone is certified may exempt from all property taxation all or
3 1 a portion of the value added to the property upon which an
3 2 eligible business locates or expands in an enterprise zone and
3 3 which is used in the operation of the eligible business. The
3 4 amount of value added for purposes of this subsection shall be
3 5 the amount of the increase in assessed valuation of the
3 6 property following the location or expansion of the business
3 7 in the enterprise zone. If an exemption provided pursuant to
3 8 this subsection is made applicable to only a portion of the
3 9 property within an enterprise zone, the definition of that
3 10 subset of eligible property must be by uniform criteria which
3 11 further some planning objective established by the city or
3 12 county enterprise zone commission and approved by the eligible
3 13 city or county. The exemption may be allowed for a period not
3 14 to exceed ten years beginning the year the eligible business
3 15 enters into an agreement with the county or city to locate or
3 16 expand operations in an enterprise zone.

3 17 EXPLANATION

3 18 This bill provides changes in the economic development
3 19 enterprise zone legislation which was passed by the general
3 20 assembly in the 1997 legislative session.

3 21 In order to be considered an eligible business within an
3 22 enterprise zone, a business must meet a number of criteria
3 23 which includes paying at least 80 percent of the cost of a
3 24 standard medical and dental insurance plan for all full-time
3 25 employees. The bill amends this provision to allow a business
3 26 to pay at least 80 percent of the cost of a standard medical
3 27 and dental insurance plan or an equivalent benefit plan.

3 28 Currently, the Code only requires a county to establish an
3 29 enterprise zone commission. The bill amends this requirement
3 30 by requiring counties to establish a commission only if the
3 31 county designated the enterprise zone and the enterprise zone
3 32 is certified. The bill provides that a county shall have only

3 33 one commission to review applications for incentives and
3 34 assistance for businesses located within or requesting to
3 35 locate within a certified enterprise zone designated by the
4 1 county.

4 2 The bill requires a city which designates an enterprise
4 3 zone and in which an eligible enterprise zone is certified to
4 4 establish an enterprise zone commission to review applications
4 5 from qualified businesses to receive incentives or assistance
4 6 under the program. A commission shall consist of nine
4 7 members, six of which are identified with the remaining three
4 8 members being selected by the named six members. If an urban
4 9 enterprise community is included in the enterprise zone, one
4 10 of the three remaining members shall be a representative of
4 11 that community. The bill provides that a city shall only have
4 12 one enterprise zone and if a city has established an
4 13 enterprise zone prior to the effective date of this Act, the
4 14 city may petition the department to change the structure of
4 15 the existing commission.

4 16 The bill requires a county or city which provides an
4 17 eligible business in a certified enterprise zone with a
4 18 property tax exemption to define the particular eligible
4 19 property by a set of uniform criteria which further a planning
4 20 objective established by the enterprise commission and are
4 21 approved by the eligible county or city.

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