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ECONOMIC GROWTH

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the confidentiality of certain local  
2 government negotiations regarding economic development  
3 projects.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 21.5, subsection 1, Code 2003, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. 1. When a city or county governmental body  
4 wishes to discuss and negotiate economic development projects.

5 Sec. 2. Section 22.7, subsection 8, Code Supplement 2003,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 8. Iowa department of economic development and city or  
8 county information on an industrial or business prospect with  
9 which the department or a city or county is currently  
10 negotiating.

11 EXPLANATION

12 Code chapter 21, the open meetings law, allows a  
13 governmental body to hold a closed session, pursuant to a two-  
14 thirds vote, for a series of reasons. The bill allows a  
15 meeting of a city or county governmental body to be closed to  
16 discuss and negotiate certain economic development projects.

17 Code section 22.7, subsection 8, allows Iowa department of  
18 economic development information on an industrial prospect to  
19 be closed to public inspection. The bill expands this  
20 provision to include information concerning a business as well  
21 as an industrial prospect and to make the exemption applicable  
22 to a city or county as well as to the department of economic  
23 development.

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