

Senate File 2373 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2252)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying the major economic growth attraction program to
2 include incentivizing the building of a professional sports
3 stadium by a national football league franchise in the state.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 15.491, Code 2026, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. "*Business affiliate*" means an entity
4 that joins with or is an affiliate of a business and invests or
5 participates in the investment in a sports stadium.

6 NEW SUBSECTION. 24A. "*Sports stadium*" means a facility,
7 stadium, arena, or other structure where national football league
8 games are held.

9 Sec. 2. Section 15.492, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2026,
10 is amended to read as follows:

11 a. The business's proposed project must be located on a site
12 where the business has a controlling interest in, ~~or~~ a certified
13 site greater than two hundred fifty acres, or a certified
14 site where a sports stadium may be built. The authority must
15 determine a site is suitable for the project.

16 Sec. 3. Section 15.492, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code 2026,
17 is amended to read as follows:

18 d. (1) (a) The business must be primarily engaged in
19 advanced manufacturing, biosciences, or research and development,
20 or must be a business specified in subparagraph (2). The
21 business shall not be a data center business, a retail business,
22 or a business where a cover charge or membership requirement
23 restricts certain individuals from entering the business.

24 ~~(2)~~ (b) Factors the authority shall consider to determine
25 if a business is primarily engaged in advanced manufacturing,
26 biosciences, or research and development shall include but are
27 not limited to all of the following:

28 ~~(a)~~ (i) The business's North American industry
29 classification system code.

30 ~~(b)~~ (ii) The business's main sources of revenue.

31 ~~(c)~~ (iii) The business's customer base.

32 (2) The business is comprised of one or more entities
33 building a sports stadium. For purposes of this subparagraph,
34 the term "business" includes a business affiliate.

35 EXPLANATION

1 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
2 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

3 This bill modifies the major economic growth attraction (MEGA)
4 program to include incentivizing the building of a professional
5 sports stadium by a national football league franchise in the
6 state.

7 Currently, the MEGA program provides economic development
8 incentives designed to attract capital investments from
9 businesses who invest at least \$1 billion in the state and who
10 are primarily engaged in advanced manufacturing, biosciences, or
11 research and development. The bill expands the MEGA program to
12 provide economic development incentives to a national football
13 league franchise building a professional sports stadium in the
14 state. The business incentives include sales and use tax
15 refunds, qualifying investment tax credits, withholding tax
16 credits, and other state tax incentives if authorized by the
17 economic development authority.

18 The bill defines "sports stadium" to mean a facility, stadium,
19 arena, or other structure where national football league games
20 are held.

21 Currently, tax incentives under the MEGA program may not be
22 awarded for more than two eligible businesses or after January 1,
23 2027, whichever comes first.