



2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 845

November 29, 2005 - Introduced by Representatives VAN AKKEREN, GRIGSBY, LOEFFELHOLZ, BENEDICT, FIELDS, MOLEPSKE, BOYLE, POCAN, HAHN, KREUSER, SEIDEL, SHERIDAN, SHILLING, LEHMAN, BERCEAU, VRUWINK and DAVIS, cosponsored by Senators ERPENBACH and LASSA. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.143 (1) (bn) and 560.03 (24) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 creating an economic development program Web site and making an
3 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Commerce (department) to create a Web site that allows access to information concerning every economic development program available in this state. In addition, the department must develop a Web site template that chambers of commerce in this state may customize to meet the needs of the areas that they serve and that is directly linked to a statewide database.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
5 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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SECTION 1

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(1) ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(bn) Economic development programs

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SECTION 2. 20.143 (1) (bn) of the statutes is created to read:

20.143 (1) (bn) *Economic development programs Web site.* The amounts in the schedule to develop the economic development programs Web site under s. 560.03 (24).

SECTION 3. 560.03 (24) of the statutes is created to read:

560.03 (24) Make information about all economic development programs in this state available on a Web site that is accessible through the Internet by any member of the public. The information shall cover any economic development program established under state or federal law or municipal ordinances and shall be organized in a manner that enhances the accessibility of the information. The Web site shall be organized in a manner that allows a user to search for a general listing of available programs and also for specific programs based on the type of business, how long a business has been operating, the financial needs of the business, the numbers of persons employed by a business, and other related information. The Web site shall include an interface for out-of-state businesses that may relocate to this state and shall provide a means by which an out-of-state business may receive information specific to that business; an interface for entrepreneurs who may start a business in this state and that includes access to information regarding managerial training, business plans, and financing; and an interface for businesses that may

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1 expand their operations in this state and that includes access to information
2 regarding state assistance and economic development programs that are relevant to
3 that business. The department shall develop a Web site template for use by
4 chambers of commerce in this state, which a chamber of commerce may customize
5 to meet the needs of the area served by the chamber of commerce, including providing
6 links to local units of government and local economic development programs, and
7 which is directly linked to a statewide database that may be searched for a general
8 listing of available programs and for specific programs based on specific business
9 information as described in this subsection.

10 **SECTION 4. Effective date.**

11 (1) The treatment of section 20.143 (1) (bn) of the statutes takes effect on July
12 1, 2005, or on the day after publication of the 2005-07 biennial budget act, whichever
13 is later.

14 (END)