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2003 SENATE BILL 501

February 26, 2004 – Introduced by Senators Lassa, Hansen, Roessler, Carpenter and Wirch, cosponsored by Representatives Van Akkeren, Richards, Turner, Plouff, Taylor, Hebl, Loeffelholz, Krug, Miller, J. Lehman, Shilling, Hubler, Balow and Staskunas. Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation and Housing.

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

This bill requires the Department of Commerce to create a website that allows

access to information concerning every economic development program available in this state. In addition, the department must develop a website template which chambers of commerce in this state may customize to meet the needs of the areas that they serve and which is directly linked to a statewide data base.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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:

- **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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2	20.143 Commerce, department of		
3	(1) ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT		
4	(bn) Economic development programs		
5	website GPR A	-0-	250,000
6	SECTION 2. 20.143 (1) (bn) of the statutes is created	to read:	
7	20.143 (1) (bn) Economic development programs web	site. The amo	ounts in the
8	schedule to develop the economic development programs we	bsite under s.	560.03 (24)
9	Section 3. 560.03 (24) of the statutes is created to r	ead:	
10	560.03 (24) Make information about all economic d	evelopment p	rograms in
11	this state available on a website that is accessible through	igh the Inter	net by any
12	member of the public. The information shall cover any	economic d	evelopment
13	program established under state or federal law or municipa	l ordinances a	and shall be
14	organized in a manner that enhances the accessibility of	of the informa	ation. The
15	website shall be organized in a manner that allows a use	r to search fo	r a general
16	listing of available programs and also for specific progra	ms based on	the type of
17	business, how long a business has been operating, the finance	cial needs of th	ne business,

the numbers of persons employed by a business, and other related information. The

website 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 which includes access to information regarding

managerial training, business plans, and financing; and an interface for businesses

that may expand their operations in this state and which includes access to

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information regarding state assistance and economic development programs that are relevant to that business. The department shall develop a website template for use by chambers of commerce in this state, which a chamber of commerce may customize to meet the needs of the area served by the chamber of commerce, including providing links to local units of government and local economic development programs, and which is directly linked to a statewide data base that may be searched for a general listing of available programs and for specific programs based on specific business information as described in this subsection.

9 (END)