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.

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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.

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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1	2003-04 2004-05
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) <i>Economic development programs website.</i> The amounts in the
8	schedule to develop the economic development programs website under s. 560.03 (24)
9	SECTION 3. 560.03 (24) of the statutes is created to read:
10	560.03 (24) Make information about all economic development programs in

11 this state available on a website that is accessible through the Internet by any 12 member of the public. The information shall cover any economic development 13 program established under state or federal law or municipal ordinances and shall be 14 organized in a manner that enhances the accessibility of the information. The 15 website shall be organized in a manner that allows a user to search for a general 16 listing of available programs and also for specific programs based on the type of 17 business, how long a business has been operating, the financial needs of the business, 18 the numbers of persons employed by a business, and other related information. The 19 website shall include an interface for out-of-state businesses that may relocate to 20 this state and shall provide a means by which an out-of-state business may receive 21 information specific to that business; an interface for entrepreneurs who may start 22 a business in this state and which includes access to information regarding 23 managerial training, business plans, and financing; and an interface for businesses 24 that may expand their operations in this state and which includes access to 2003 – 2004 Legislature

1 information regarding state assistance and economic development programs that 2 are relevant to that business. The department shall develop a website template for 3 use by chambers of commerce in this state, which a chamber of commerce may 4 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 5 6 development programs, and which is directly linked to a statewide data base that 7 may be searched for a general listing of available programs and for specific programs 8 based on specific business information as described in this subsection.

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(END)