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Delete General Business and Industrial Development Duties (Commerce and Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation)

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GOVERNOR

The bill would eliminate the Department of Commerce and the associated economic and community development functions performed by the Department. Most statutory provisions governing economic development programs and community development functions would be repealed. Included in the provisions that would be repealed would be the statutory provisions that require Commerce to provide specific leadership in certain business and industrial development functions. However, a statutory provision that relates to performing industrial development functions directed by the Governor would inadvertently remain [s. 560.02(7)].

MODIFICATION

Delete the statutory provision under Commerce industrial development functions that requires Commerce to perform such other functions as the Governor may direct to aid in the industrial development of the state [s. 560.03(7)].

Explanation: Retaining the business and industrial development function that relates to industrial activities directed by the Governor was an error, and should have been deleted along with all of the other business and industrial development provisions. This modification would delete that statutory provision.

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