

Economic Development

- HB1020** **STUDY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES (KOCH E)** Requires the commission on state tax and financing policy to review, analyze, and evaluate state and local tax incentives that are provided to encourage economic development or to alter, reward, or subsidize a particular action or behavior by a tax incentive recipient.
- Current Status:* 3/13/2014 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore
Recent Status: 3/13/2014 - Signed by the Speaker
3/12/2014 - Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call 403: yeas 48 and nays 0
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- HB1035** **REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (BRAUN S)** Requires the Indiana economic development corporation to conduct an assessment of Indiana's regional metropolitan areas. Provides that the assessment must analyze the economic potential of each of Indiana's regional cities and provide a report on the needs of each regional city along with recommendations on initiatives and improvements in each regional city that will lead to regional economic growth.
- Current Status:* 3/12/2014 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore
Recent Status: 3/4/2014 - Returned to the House without amendments
3/4/2014 - Third reading Passed: Roll Call 280: yeas 48 and nays 0
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- HB1266** **LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ISSUES (LEONARD D)** Provides that public utility property tax returns shall be filed in the manner prescribed by the department of local government finance (DLGF). Allows a railroad car company to file its return by July 1 (rather than May 1). Authorizes a public utility company to file an amended return. Provides that the penalty assessed on a public utility company for filing a late return may not exceed \$1,000. Deletes from current law the authority of the DLGF to extend the due date for a public utility company to file a return with the DLGF. Provides that if the DLGF assesses the property of a public utility company because the public utility company does not file a return, the public utility company may file a return with the DLGF and the DLGF may amend its assessment. Provides that if, after an assessment date, an exempt property is transferred or its use is changed resulting in its ineligibility for an exemption, the county assessor shall terminate the exemption for that assessment date. Specifies that if the property remains eligible for an exemption following the transfer or change in use, the exemption shall be left in place for that assessment date. Provides that for the following assessment date, the person that obtained the exemption or the current owner of the property shall file an application with the county assessor. Requires applications for certain property tax deductions to be completed and dated in the calendar year for which the taxpayer wishes to obtain the deduction and to be filed with the county auditor on or before January 5 of the immediately succeeding calendar year. Provides that a petition to correct an error must be filed within three years after the taxes were first due. Requires a political subdivision to submit to the DLGF information concerning the adoption of budgets and tax levies using the DLGF's computer gateway. Provides that publication requirements in current law continue in 2014 for 2015 budgets (along with the new requirements added in the bill concerning submission of budget and levy information to the DLGF's computer

gateway). Requires the DLGF to make this information available to taxpayers through its computer gateway and provide a telephone number through which taxpayers may request copies of a political subdivision's information. Specifies that for taxes due and payable in 2015 and 2016, each county shall publish a notice stating the Internet address at which the budget information is available and the telephone number through which taxpayers may request copies of a political subdivision's budget information. Allows counties to seek reimbursement from the political subdivisions in the county for the cost of the notice. Provides that if a political subdivision timely submits the budget information to the DLGF's computer gateway but subsequently discovers the information contains a typographical error, the political subdivision may request permission from the DLGF to submit amended information. Specifies the conditions under which the DLGF shall increase a political subdivision's tax levy to an amount that exceeds the amount originally advertised or adopted by the political subdivision. Provides that if the DLGF increases a tax levy under this provision, the DLGF shall (unless the department finds extenuating circumstances) reduce the levy below the maximum allowable levy by the lesser of: (1) 5% of the difference between the advertised or adopted levy and the increased levy; or (2) \$100,000. Allows DeKalb County and the towns of Middlebury, Lewisville, and Mooreland to borrow money to offset levy reductions made by the DLGF because budget and property tax levy information were not properly advertised. Eliminates the provision added in 2013 that specifies that the exemption from the property tax levy limits for property taxes to pay debt does not apply to property taxes imposed by a township to repay money borrowed under the emergency loan provisions. Specifies that the balance maintained by the provider unit of a fire protection territory may not exceed 120% of the budgeted expenses of the territory. Deletes current law requiring certain specified reporting of other post employment benefits (OPEB) information, and adds a provision requiring a political subdivision to annually report information and data on its retiree benefits and expenditures.

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Recent Status: 3/12/2014 - Rules Suspended. Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call 467: yeas 97 and nays 0
3/10/2014 - , (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

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SB118

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES (MILLER P) Provides that a redevelopment commission may not enter into any obligation payable from public funds without first obtaining the approval of the legislative or fiscal body of the unit that established the commission. Provides an exception if the obligation is for the acquisition of real property and the payments are for three years or less or the purchase price is less than \$5,000,000. Specifies that the approving ordinance or resolution must include certain items. Provides that a redevelopment commission and a department of redevelopment are subject to oversight by the legislative body of the unit, including review by the legislative body of annual budgets. Specifies that a redevelopment commission and a department of redevelopment are subject to the same laws, rules, and ordinances of a general nature that apply to all other commissions or departments of the unit. Specifies that a redevelopment commission, a department of redevelopment, and a redevelopment authority are subject to audit by the state board of accounts and covered by the public meetings and public records laws. Requires a redevelopment commission to provide to the legislative body of the unit at a public meeting all the information supporting the action the redevelopment commission proposes to take regarding the sale, transfer, or other disposition of property. Provides that if the amount of excess assessed value determined by the commission is expected to

generate more than 200% of the amount of allocated tax proceeds necessary to carry out the commission's plan, a determination of the amount of the excess available to other taxing units by the commission must be approved by the legislative body of the unit. Permits the legislative body of the unit to modify the commission's determination with respect to the amount of excess assessed value. Requires the treasurer of a redevelopment commission outside Indianapolis and the secretary-treasurer of a redevelopment authority outside Indianapolis to report annually to the fiscal body of the unit that established the commission or authority. Provides that the Indianapolis controller is the fiscal officer of the redevelopment commission and redevelopment authority in Indianapolis. Authorizes the Indianapolis controller to obtain financial services on a contractual basis. Prohibits redevelopment commissions and certain other redevelopment entities from owning, leasing, or holding a single family dwelling or condominium unit that is leased for purposes of leasing for the use by individuals as a dwelling. Requires the department of local government finance, with the assistance of the state board of accounts, to prepare a report on redevelopment by redevelopment commissions, authorities, and departments and to submit and present the report to the commission on state tax and financing policy during the 2014 legislative interim. Provides that the power of eminent domain for redevelopment purposes belongs to the legislative body in counties other than Marion County. Requires legislative body approval of any amendment of a plan or of a resolution establishing an allocation area. Requires a declaratory resolution or amendment that establishes an allocation provision to include a specific finding of fact that the adoption of the allocation provision will result in new property taxes in the area that would not have been generated but for the adoption of the allocation provision. Provides, in the case of an allocation area that was initially established before July 1, 1995, that the expiration date of any allocation provisions for the allocation area is June 30, 2025, or the last date of any obligations outstanding on July 1, 2015, whichever is later. Provides that the consolidated allocation area in downtown Indianapolis is exempt from the expiration date.

Current Status: 3/13/2014 - Motion to Concur in House Amendments: prevailed;
Roll Call 434: yeas 28 and nays 20

Recent Status: 3/12/2014 - Motion to Withdraw Dissent: prevailed
3/12/2014 - Motion to Rescind Dissent: prevailed

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SB367

VARIOUS TAX MATTERS (HERSHMAN B) Specifies that the county auditor (rather than the county treasurer, under current law) makes certain requested advances to political subdivisions within the county. Specifies that an active duty military member who maintains ownership of a home in Indiana and is ordered to deploy outside of Indiana may maintain eligibility for a homestead deduction. Provides that for purposes of the circuit breaker credit, residential property: (1) includes a single family dwelling that is under construction and the land, not exceeding one acre, on which the dwelling will be located; and (2) excludes real property that consists of a commercial hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, or tourist cabin. Requires the state board of finance to make a loan to a school corporation from the rainy day fund, if the school corporation's petition for a loan from the fund was denied in October 2013 and a general fund referendum was not passed in 2014 by the voters in the school corporation. Specifies that delinquent penalties, fees, and interest are included in the amounts due for determining whether a parcel is included on the delinquency list for purposes of the tax sale law. Makes the 2012 maximum property tax levy adjustment for Fairfield Township in Tippecanoe County permanent. Restores the requirement deleted by SEA 207-2014 that the department of local government finance (DLGF) must approve the ballot language proposed by a school corporation for a school general fund referendum and

restores the related certification procedures. Removes the requirement added by SEA 207-2014 that the county election board of the county or counties in which the school corporation is located must either approve or revise the proposed ballot language and removes related changes. Provides that the sales tax rate on a motor vehicle that a purchaser intends to transport outside Indiana within 30 days and title or register for use in another state or country is the rate of that state or country. Extends the sales and use tax exemption for aircraft repair and maintenance. Authorizes a shareholder, partner, or member of a pass through entity to claim the industrial recovery tax credit. Specifies that contributions to organizations that provide services to individuals who are ex-offenders are eligible for the neighborhood assistance credit. Provides that beginning in 2015, the office of community and rural affairs administers the historic rehabilitation income tax credits. Changes the schedule of maximum property tax rates that may be imposed by an airport authority. Includes a maximum tax rate calculation that provides that the tax rate is not decreased to a level where the airport authority would initially lose tax revenue as the assessed value increases. Provides that if a taxpayer fails to make a payment under a property tax payment arrangement, the county treasurer and the taxpayer may enter into a subsequent arrangement and avoid the penalties otherwise due. Makes changes to the income tax credit for property taxes paid on homesteads in Lake County. Provides that if the cost of the credit is less than \$8,500,000, riverboat admissions tax revenue equal to the difference between \$8,500,000 and the cost of the credits shall be paid to the northwest Indiana regional development authority and used for public mass rail transportation in Lake County. Requires electronic filings for cigarette and alcoholic beverage taxes. Makes changes to the membership requirements for the Madison County visitor and convention commission. Requires township trustees to publish the annual abstract of receipts and expenditures within four weeks after the third Tuesday following the first Monday in February. Requires redevelopment commissions, authorities, and departments to submit certain information to the DLGF before July 1, 2014. Provides that the DLGF shall deliver the report required by SEA 118-2014 by October 1, 2014 (rather than August 1, 2014). Requires the office of management and budget to prepare certain studies.

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3/13/2014 - Representative T. Brown added as conferee

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