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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO PREPARE AND UPDATE ANNUALLY A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO ESTABLISH A PLANNING UNIT TO SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD'S ONGOING ROLE IN ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLANNING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The General Assembly finds that:

- (1) The Department of Commerce's Economic Development Board is a 25-member advisory board charged, in part, with advising the Secretary of Commerce on formulating a program for the economic development of the State.
- (2) The Economic Development Board has published a strategic business plan for quality growth, that sets out a series of strategies and initiatives to be taken by the State in economic development.
- (3) North Carolina has received wide recognition for its economic development successes, although it has some development weaknesses.

- 1 (4) The Economic Development Board of the Department of Commerce,
2 the Governor's Commission on Workforce Preparedness, the Rural
3 Economic Development Center, and other organizations and agencies
4 have developed strategic plans related to economic development.
- 5 (5) The economic development policy currently stated in G.S. 143B-428
6 and the resulting plan developed by the Economic Development Board
7 are lacking key elements necessary for a truly comprehensive and
8 effective economic development plan.
- 9 (6) North Carolina needs a statewide economic development plan that
10 would do all of the following:
- 11 a. Identify the roles and responsibilities of the many diverse
12 agencies and organizations involved in economic development.
- 13 b. Provide measurable objectives or performance indicators to
14 assess the State's economic development progress.
- 15 c. Set out broad vision and mission statements and general goals
16 and policies of the State with regard to economic development.
- 17 d. Reflect the input of all parties involved in economic
18 development as well as the input of the public.
- 19 (7) The lack of an integrated, comprehensive statewide economic
20 development plan creates several inefficiencies as follows:
- 21 a. Agencies involved in economic development have little
22 direction regarding the types of programs and priorities they
23 should focus on.
- 24 b. The General Assembly has limited guidance as to which
25 economic development appropriations are the most effective.
- 26 c. There are no explicit performance indicators against which
27 agencies' effectiveness can be measured.
- 28 d. Various agencies may be duplicating one another's programs or
29 even serving at cross purposes.
- 30 (8) The Economic Development Board should be modified and
31 empowered with additional responsibility for planning and authority to
32 recommend economic development policy to the Secretary of
33 Commerce, the Governor, and the General Assembly on a variety of
34 issues. The Department of Commerce, through the Economic
35 Development Board, should be the lead agency in coordinating all
36 affected parties in developing and updating an integrated,
37 comprehensive economic development plan.

38 Sec. 2. G.S. 143B-434 reads as rewritten:

39 **"§ 143B-434. Economic Development Board – creation, duties, membership.**

40 (a) Creation and Duties. – There is created within the Department of
41 Commerce an Economic Development Board. ~~The Board shall advise the Secretary of~~
42 ~~Commerce on:~~ The Board shall have the following duties:

- 43 (1) To provide economic and community development planning for the
44 State.

- 1 (2) To recommend economic development policy to the Secretary of
 2 Commerce, the General Assembly, and the Governor. The
 3 recommendations may cover the following issues as well as any other
 4 economic development policy issues:
- 5 a. Use of tax abatements and other incentives to motivate
 6 economic development.
- 7 b. Definition of which specific activities and programs should be
 8 considered economic development activities and programs for
 9 the purpose of receiving State appropriations.
- 10 c. The role of institutions of higher education in economic
 11 development.
- 12 d. The use of State funds to leverage private nonprofit economic
 13 development initiatives.
- 14 f. The linkage of workforce preparedness activities and initiatives,
 15 and economic development planning.
- 16 (3) To recommend annually to the Governor biennial and annual
 17 appropriations for economic development programs.
- 18 (4) To develop and update annually a comprehensive strategic economic
 19 development plan, as provided in G.S. 143B-434.1.
- 20 ~~(1) The formulation of a program for the economic development of the~~
 21 ~~State of North Carolina; and~~
- 22 ~~(2) The formulation of a budget and the hiring of the head of each division~~
 23 ~~of the Department of Commerce concerned with the expansion of the~~
 24 ~~travel and tourism industry.~~

25 ~~The Secretary shall prepare the budget of the Department and shall hire the heads of the~~
 26 ~~above mentioned divisions who shall serve at his pleasure. The Board shall meet at least~~
 27 ~~quarterly at the call of its chairman chair or the Secretary. Each quarter the Secretary~~
 28 ~~shall report to the Board on the program and progress of this State's economic~~
 29 ~~development.~~

30 (b) Membership. – The Economic Development Board shall consist of 26–34
 31 members. The Secretary of Commerce shall serve ex officio as a member and as the
 32 secretary of the Economic Development Board. Four members of the House of
 33 Representatives appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the
 34 Speaker of the House of Representatives, four members of the Senate appointed by the
 35 General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the
 36 Senate, the President of The University of North Carolina, or designee, and the
 37 President of the North Carolina Community College System, or designee, shall serve as
 38 members of the Board. The Governor shall appoint the remaining 23 members of the
 39 Board, provided that effective with the terms beginning July 1, 1997, one of those
 40 appointees shall be a representative of a nonprofit organization involved in economic
 41 development and two of those appointees shall be county economic development
 42 representatives. The Governor shall designate a chair and a vice-chair from among the
 43 members of the Board. Appointments to the Board made by the Governor for terms
 44 beginning July 1, 1997, and appointments to the Board made by the General Assembly

1 for terms beginning July 1, 1993, should reflect the ethnic and gender diversity of the
2 State as nearly as practical.

3 ~~The Secretary of Commerce, the President of the Senate or his appointee, and the~~
4 ~~Speaker of the House of Representatives or his appointee, shall be members of the~~
5 ~~Board. The Governor shall appoint 23 members of the Board. Of his appointees, the~~
6 ~~Governor shall appoint at least one member residing in each congressional district of the~~
7 ~~State.~~

8 ~~The initial appointments by the Governor shall be made on or after the date of~~
9 ~~ratification, 11 terms to expire July 1, 1979, and 11 terms to expire on July 1, 1981.~~
10 ~~Thereafter, at the expiration of each stipulated term of office all appointments made by~~
11 ~~the Governor shall be for a term of four years. The initial term of the person appointed~~
12 ~~to represent the 12th Congressional District shall commence January 3, 1993, and expire~~
13 ~~June 30, 1995. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Economic~~
14 ~~Development Board appointed by the Governor shall be filled by the Governor for the~~
15 ~~unexpired term. The Governor shall have the authority to remove any member of the~~
16 ~~Economic Development Board appointed by the Governor.~~

17 ~~The Governor shall designate from among the members of the Economic~~
18 ~~Development Board a chairman and a vice chairman. The Secretary of Commerce or his~~
19 ~~designee shall serve as Secretary of the Economic Development Board. If a vacancy~~
20 ~~occurs in the office of the Lieutenant Governor, the President pro tempore shall fill the~~
21 ~~vacancy. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Speaker of the House of~~
22 ~~Representatives, the Speaker pro tempore shall fill the vacancy.~~

23 The initial appointments to the Board shall be for terms beginning July 1, 1993. Of
24 the initial appointments made by the Governor, the terms shall expire July 1, 1997. Of
25 the initial appointments made by the General Assembly, two terms made upon the
26 recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and two terms made
27 upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be
28 designated to expire on July 1, 1995; the remaining terms shall expire July 1, 1997.
29 Thereafter, all appointments shall be for a term of four years.

30 The Governor shall make a replacement appointment to serve for the unexpired term
31 in the case of a vacancy, provided that a vacancy in a term appointed by the General
32 Assembly shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 120-122.

33 ~~The members of the Economic Development Board appointed by the Governor shall~~
34 ~~receive per diem and necessary travel and subsistence expenses payable to members of~~
35 ~~State Boards and agencies generally pursuant to G.S. 138-5 and 138-6, as the case may~~
36 ~~be; provided, however, that the chairman of the Economic Development Board and the~~
37 ~~Lieutenant Governor shall not be entitled to receive per diem in addition to salary. be.~~
38 ~~The members of the Economic Development Board who are members of the General~~
39 ~~Assembly shall not receive per diem but shall receive necessary travel and subsistence~~
40 ~~expenses at rates prescribed by G.S. 120-3.1.~~

41 (c) Advice and Staff. – The Secretaries of Administration, State, and
42 Transportation, the Commissioners of Agriculture and Labor, and the State Treasurer, or
43 their designees, shall advise the Board on economic development activities within the
44 responsibility of their respective departments. Clerical and professional staff support to

1 the Economic Development Board shall be provided by an Interagency Economic
2 Development Group composed of representatives of the following State agencies:

- 3 (1) The Department of Administration.
- 4 (2) The Department of Agriculture.
- 5 (3) The Employment Security Commission.
- 6 (4) The Department of Labor.
- 7 (5) The Department of Transportation.

8 The Department of Commerce shall have the responsibility for coordinating the
9 activities and efforts of the Interagency Economic Development Group.

10 ~~(b) All clerical and other services required by the Economic Development Board~~
11 ~~shall be supplied by the Secretary of Commerce.~~

12 ~~(e) It shall be the duty of the chairman of the Economic Development Board:~~

- 13 ~~(1) To organize the work of the Economic Development Board into~~
14 ~~committees with respect to the divisions of the Department of~~
15 ~~Commerce concerned with the expansion of existing industry, the~~
16 ~~recruitment of new industry and the expansion of the travel and~~
17 ~~tourism industries and~~
- 18 ~~(2) To assign responsibilities to each committee."~~

19 Sec. 3. G.S. 143B-433(a) reads as rewritten:

- 20 "(a) (1) The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control
21 Commission,
- 22 (2) The North Carolina Utilities Commission,
 - 23 (3) The Employment Security Commission,
 - 24 (4) The North Carolina Industrial Commission,
 - 25 (5) State Banking Commission,
 - 26 (6) Savings and Loan Association Division,
 - 27 (7) The State Savings Institutions Commission,
 - 28 (8) Credit Union Commission,
 - 29 (9) The North Carolina Milk Commission,
 - 30 (10) The North Carolina Mutual Burial Association Commission,
 - 31 (11) North Carolina Cemetery Commission,
 - 32 (12) The North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority,
 - 33 (13) Repealed by Session Laws 1985, c. 757, s. 179(d),
 - 34 (14) North Carolina Science and Technology Research Center,
 - 35 (15) The North Carolina State Ports Authority,
 - 36 (16) North Carolina National Park, Parkway and Forests Development
37 Board,
 - 38 (17) Economic Development Board,
 - 39 (18) Labor Force Development Board,
 - 40 (19) Energy Policy Board,
 - 41 (20) Energy Division,
 - 42 (21) Navigation and Pilotage Commissions established by Chapter 76 of
43 the General Statutes, ~~Statutes.~~
 - 44 ~~(22) The North Carolina Technological Development Authority."~~

1 Sec. 4. Part 2 of Article 10 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is
2 amended by adding a new section to read:

3 **"§ 143B-434.1. Comprehensive Strategic Economic Development Plan.**

4 (a) Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this section:

5 (1) Board. – The Economic Development Board.

6 (2) Department. – The Department of Commerce.

7 (3) Economic distress. – The presence of at least one trend indicator or at
8 least one status indicator:

9 a. Trend indicators:

10 1. Weighted average age of industrial plants exceeding
11 statewide average age.

12 2. Loss of population over the most recent three- to five-
13 year period.

14 3. Below average job growth over the most recent three- to
15 five-year period.

16 4. Outmigration over the most recent three- to five-year
17 period.

18 4. Decline in real wages over the most recent three- to five-
19 year period.

20 6. Above average rate of business failures over the most
21 recent three- to five-year period.

22 b. Status indicators:

23 1. Per capita income below the State average.

24 2. Earnings or wages per job below the State average.

25 3. Unemployment above the State average.

26 4. Poverty rate above the State average.

27 5. Below average fiscal capacity.

28 (4) Plan. – The Comprehensive Strategic Economic Development Plan.

29 (5) Region. – One of the major geographic regions of the State defined in
30 the Plan as an economic region based on compatible economic
31 development factors.

32 (b) Board to Prepare Plan. – The Board shall prepare the Plan by April 1, 1994.
33 The Board shall review and update this Plan by April 1 of each year. The original Plan
34 shall cover a period of four years and each annual update shall extend the time frame by
35 one year so that a four-year plan is always in effect. The Board shall provide copies of
36 the Plan and each annual update to the Governor and the Joint Legislative Commission
37 on Governmental Operations. The Plan shall encompass all of the components set out
38 in this section.

39 (c) Purpose. – The purpose of this section is to require the Board to apply
40 strategic planning principles to its economic development efforts. This requirement is
41 expected to result in:

42 (1) The selection of a set of priority development objectives that
43 recognizes the increasingly competitive economic environment and

1 addresses the changing needs of the State in a more comprehensive
2 manner.

3 (2) The effective utilization of available and limited resources.

4 (3) A commitment to achieve priority objectives and to sustain the
5 process.

6 (d) Public and Private Input. – At each stage as it develops and updates the Plan,
7 the Board shall solicit input from all parties involved in economic development in North
8 Carolina, including:

9 (1) Each of the programs and organizations that, for State budget
10 purposes, identifies economic development as one of its global goals.

11 (2) Local economic development departments and regional economic
12 development organizations.

13 (3) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina.

14 The Board shall also hold hearings in each of the Regions to solicit public input on
15 economic development before the initial Plan is completed. The purposes of the public
16 hearings are to:

17 (1) Assess the strengths and weaknesses of recent regional economic
18 performance.

19 (2) Examine the status and competitive position of the regional resource
20 base.

21 (3) Identify and seek input on issues that are key to improving the
22 economic well-being of the Region.

23 The Board shall hold additional hearings from time to time to solicit public input
24 regarding economic development activities.

25 Each component of the Plan shall be based on this broad input and, to the extent
26 possible, upon a consensus among all affected parties. The Board shall coordinate its
27 planning process with any State capital development planning efforts affecting State
28 infrastructure such as roads and water and sewer facilities.

29 (e) Environmental Scan. – The first step in developing the Plan shall be to
30 develop an environmental scan based on the input from economic development parties
31 and the public and on information about the economic environment in North Carolina.
32 To prepare the scan, the Board shall gather the following information. Thereafter, the
33 information shall be updated periodically.

34 (1) Compilation of the latest economic and demographic data on North
35 Carolina by State, Region, and county including population,
36 population projections, employment, and employment projections,
37 income and earnings status and outlook, migration and commuting
38 patterns, unemployment, poverty, and other similar data.

39 (2) Compilation of the latest data on the strength of the business
40 environment by State, Region, and county with emphasis on the
41 dynamics of job creation: start-ups, expansions, locations,
42 contractions, and failures. Special assessments are to be made of rural,
43 small, and minority business components of overall activity.

- 1 (3) Compilation of the latest data on labor compensation, construction
2 costs, utility rates, payroll costs, taxes, and other cost data normally
3 considered by manufacturing firms and new businesses and shall be
4 tabulated by State, Region, and county.
- 5 (4) Compilation of data on assets within the State and by Region and
6 county to include the following:
- 7 a. Available buildings, bona fide industrial parks, and sites.
8 b. Characteristics of the available labor force (number,
9 demographic attributes, skill levels, etc.).
- 10 c. Special labor situations, such as military base discharges and
11 large plant closings.
- 12 d. Available infrastructure capacities by county and Region
13 including water, sewer, electrical, natural gas,
14 telecommunication, highway access, and other pertinent
15 services.
- 16 e. The fiscal capacity of counties and localities within counties to
17 support the infrastructure development necessary to participate
18 in the development process.
- 19 f. Analyses of assimilative capacity of riverine, estuarine, or
20 ocean outfalls, or other environmental cost considerations.
- 21 g. Proximity analyses of counties in close alignment with major
22 urban areas in bordering states.
- 23 h. Special educational and research capabilities.
24 i. Special transportation situations such as major airports, ports,
25 and railyards.
- 26 j. Available data on the performance, contribution, and impact
27 each economic sector (including, but not limited to, agriculture,
28 finance, manufacturing, public utilities, trade, services, tourism,
29 and government) is having on individual counties, Regions, and
30 the State.
- 31 k. Available tourist and service assets.
32 l. Analyses of seasonal population and absentee ownership in
33 resort and tourism areas and their impact on the delivery of
34 public services.
- 35 m. Cost and availability of natural gas and electricity.
- 36 (5) Compilation and analyses of data on economic and industrial changes
37 in competitor states by Region, as applicable. This data shall be
38 entered into a database and kept current. It shall include, specifically,
39 all new plant location information such as origin of the plant, Standard
40 Industrial Classification Code, employment, and investment.
- 41 (6) Compilation of cost data, policies, and strategies in competitive
42 Southeastern states as well as other United States regions and foreign
43 countries.

- 1 (7) Compilation of incentives and special programs being offered by other
2 states.
- 3 (8) Compilation and analyses of other data relating to economic
4 development such as regulatory or legal matters, structural problems,
5 and social considerations, e.g. unemployment, underemployment,
6 poverty, support services, equity concerns, etc.
- 7 (9) The cost of doing business in North Carolina and other competing
8 states, as it may affect decisions by firms to locate in this State.
- 9 (10) Competitive assets within the State and by Region and county,
10 including infrastructure, tourist assets, natural resources, labor,
11 educational and research resources, and transportation.
- 12 (11) Other information relating to economic development such as
13 regulatory or legal matters and social considerations.

14 (f) Needs Assessment. – The Board, using data from the public input sessions
15 and the environmental scan, shall prepare an assessment of economic development
16 strengths, weaknesses, threats, and opportunities within the State by Region and by
17 county. An assessment shall also be conducted of each county to determine distressed
18 areas existing within the county. The assessment will include the identification of key
19 development issues within each geographic area and options available to address each
20 issue.

21 (g) Vision and Mission Statements. – The Board shall develop a vision statement
22 for economic development that would describe the preferred future for North Carolina
23 and what North Carolina would be like if all economic development efforts were
24 successful. The Board shall then develop a mission statement that outlines the basic
25 purpose of each of North Carolina's economic development programs. Because special
26 purpose nonprofit organizations are uniquely situated to conduct the entrepreneurial and
27 high-risk activity of investing in and supporting new business creation in the State, they
28 should be assigned a dominant role in this key component of economic development
29 activity.

30 (h) Goals and Objectives. – The Board using data from the public input and the
31 environmental scan, shall formulate a list of goals and objectives. Goals shall be long-
32 range, four years or more, and shall address both needs of economically distressed
33 Regions and counties as well as opportunities for Regions and counties not distressed.
34 The goals shall be developed with realism but should also be selected so as to encourage
35 every Region and county within the State to develop to its maximum potential.
36 Objectives shall be one year or less in scope and shall, if achieved, lead to the
37 realization of the goals formulated by the Board as provided in this section.

38 Both goals and objectives should be stated largely in economic terms, that is, they
39 should be related to specific population, employment, demographic targets, or economic
40 sector targets. Both efficiency and equity considerations are to be addressed and
41 balanced with special emphasis placed on the needs of disadvantaged or economically
42 distressed populations and communities. The goals and objectives should not state how
43 the economic targets are to be reached, but rather what the economic conditions will be
44 if they are obtained. So that the progress of North Carolina's economic development

1 efforts can be monitored, the Board shall set objectives for each goal that allow
2 measurement of progress toward the goal. Objectives should be quantifiable and time-
3 specific in order to serve as performance indicators.

4 (i) Formulation of Economic Development Strategy. – The Plan shall have as its
5 action component a strategy set forth in a blueprint for directing resources of time and
6 dollars toward the satisfaction of the goals and objectives stated in subsection (h) of this
7 section. As a practical consequence of the economic environment, a focus on the
8 competitiveness of indigenous industries and entrepreneurial development is required.
9 The Plan shall include a strategy for the coordination of initiatives and activities for
10 workforce preparedness, funded by federal or State sources, including, but not limited
11 to, vocational education, applied technology education, remedial education, and job
12 training, and the achievement of the economic development goals of the Plan. A
13 balance of opportunity between rural and urban regions and between majority and
14 minority populations should be an overriding consideration. Equity of opportunity for
15 counties and communities across the State will involve the explicit consideration of
16 local fiscal capacity and the fiscal ability to support development activities.

17 The concept of differentiation should be employed. The Plan should recognize the
18 various strengths and weaknesses of the State and its component regions, subregions,
19 and, in some cases, individual counties. The concept of market segmentation should be
20 employed. Different Regions and subregions of the State should be promoted to
21 different markets.

22 (j) Implementation Plan. – Based upon all of the foregoing steps, the Board shall
23 establish an implementation plan assigning to the appropriate parties specific
24 responsibilities for meeting measurable objectives. The implementation plan shall
25 contain all necessary elements so that it may be used as a means to monitor
26 performance, guide appropriations, and evaluate the outcomes of the parties involved in
27 economic development in the State.

28 (k) Annual Report. – The Plan shall contain a section devoted to measuring
29 results, to be called 'An Annual Report on Economic Development for the State of
30 North Carolina'. The Annual Report shall contain a comparison of actual results with
31 stated goals and objectives and significant and meaningful statistics to allow
32 policymakers to adjust strategy and tactics as necessary to achieve the formulated goals.

33 The Annual Report shall break down data by Regions and counties including:

- 34 (1) The net job change (expansions minus contractions) by the various
35 economic sectors of the county, Region, and State.
- 36 (2) Realized capital investment in plants and equipment by new and
37 expanding industry in each county, Region, and State.
- 38 (3) Manufacturing changes by county, Region, and State that affect the
39 value of firms, total payrolls, average wages, value of shipments,
40 contributions to gross State product, and value added.
- 41 (4) The net change in the number of firms by county, Region, and State
42 with statistics on the dynamics of change: relocations in versus
43 relocations out; births versus deaths; and expansions versus
44 contractions.

- 1 (5) A measure of the status and performance of all sectors of the county,
2 Region, and State economy including, but not limited to,
3 manufacturing, agriculture, trade, finance, communications,
4 transportation, utilities, services, and travel and tourism.
- 5 (6) An assessment of the relative status and performance of rural business
6 development as opposed to that in urban areas.
- 7 (7) An analysis of the status of minority-owned businesses throughout the
8 State.
- 9 (8) An assessment of the development capability of the various Regions of
10 the State in terms of their environmental, fiscal, and administrative
11 capacity. Those areas that are handicapped by barriers to development
12 should be highlighted.
- 13 (9) An evaluation of the State's economic performance as indicated by the
14 above statistics with the goals and objectives outlined in the Plan.

15 (1) Accountability. – The Board shall make all data, plans, and reports available
16 to the General Assembly and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
17 Operations at appropriate times and upon request. The Board shall prepare and make
18 available on an annual basis public reports on each of the major sections of the Plan and
19 the Annual Report indicating the degree of success in attaining each development
20 objective."

21 Sec. 5. The Department of Commerce shall establish a planning unit within
22 its executive offices to support the Economic Development Board's ongoing role in
23 economic and community development planning. The unit should consist of two
24 professional staff plus necessary support staff. The planning unit shall assist the Board
25 in coordinating the planning process, monitoring and updating the plan, and collecting
26 and analyzing the data necessary for planning.

27 Sec. 6. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
28 Commerce the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal
29 year and the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal
30 year for the Economic Development Board created in this act. It is the intent of the
31 General Assembly that this will be a continuing appropriation.

32 Sec. 7. Part 2 of Article 10 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is
33 amended by adding a new section to read:

34 **"§ 143B-437C. Allocation of economic development responsibilities.**

35 The Economic Development Board created in G.S. 143B-434 shall coordinate
36 economic development efforts among the various agencies and entities, including those
37 created by executive order of the Governor, that receive economic development
38 appropriations and the Board shall recommend to the Governor and to the General
39 Assembly the assignment of key responsibilities for different aspects of economic
40 development. The Board shall recommend to the Governor and to the General
41 Assembly resource allocation and planning designed to encourage each agency to focus
42 on its area of primary responsibility and not diffuse its resources by conducting
43 activities assigned to other agencies."

1 Sec. 8. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993. The terms of all current
2 members of the Economic Development Board shall expire July 1, 1993.