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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1003

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BILL AMENDED: Jan 10, 2005

SUBJECT: Economic Development.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Borrer

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill consolidates various provisions related to the Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) into one article of the Indiana Code. The bill provides that the Governor is the chairperson of the IEDC Board. The bill reduces the membership of the IEDC Board from 23 to 12 members.

The bill also abolishes the Department of Commerce, the Steel Industry Advisory Commission, the Enterprise Zone Board, the Twenty-First Century Research and Technology Fund Board, the Small Business Development Corporation, the Film Commission, the Business Modernization and Technology Corporation, and the Economic Development Council. The bill transfers the duties and powers of these entities to the IEDC.

The bill specifies that certain programs related to tourism, community development, and energy that are currently administered by the Department of Commerce shall be administered by the Lieutenant Governor. It repeals provisions related to functions of the Department of Commerce that are transferred to the IEDC. It abolishes the Office of Tourism and Community Development and the Office of Energy Policy, which were to take over certain duties of the Department of Commerce on July 1, 2005.

The bill specifies that when making appointments to the IEDC Board, the Governor shall appoint at least five members belonging to the same political party as the Governor and at least three members who belong to a major political party other than the party of which the Governor is a member. The bill provides that members of the IEDC Board may not vote by proxy.

The bill also provides that the IDEC Board and employees of the IEDC are under the jurisdiction of the State Ethics Commission and are subject to ethics rules that apply to the executive branch of state government. It

also allows the IEDC Board to adopt additional ethics rules that are more stringent than those adopted by the State Ethics Commission. The bill authorizes the IEDC to adopt emergency rules. The bill specifies explicitly that the IEDC and the IEDC Board are subject to the Open Door Law and the Public Records Law. The bill also makes conforming changes.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill implements the reorganization of economic development, community development, tourism, and energy programs outlined and scheduled to occur July 1, 2005, under current statute. However, the timetable for the reorganization is being moved up as the bill is effective upon passage. Under current statute, the Indiana Department of Commerce is abolished effective July 1, 2005, and at that time the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) is established to administer the state's economic development programs. In addition, a Department of Tourism and Community Development is established July 1, 2005, to administer tourism and community development programs; and an Office of Energy Policy is established to administer energy programs (see *Background* discussion below).

The bill makes the following alterations to the reorganization specified under current statute.

(1) The bill establishes the position of Secretary of Commerce who is appointed by, and serves at the pleasure of, the Governor. The bill requires the Secretary of Commerce to be the chief executive officer of the IEDC. Current statute unchanged by the bill provides that the IEDC determine compensation and terms of service of IEDC employees.

(2) The bill establishes the position of President of the IEDC who is appointed by, and serves at the pleasure of, the Governor. The bill requires the President to report to the Secretary of Commerce. Current statute unchanged by the bill provides that the IEDC determine compensation and terms of service of IEDC employees.

(3) The bill changes the membership of the IEDC Board. The bill reduces the IEDC Board from 23 to 12 members, makes the Governor a member and chairperson of the Board, and removes the Lt. Governor as a member of the Board. The bill also provides that the Governor appoint the remaining 11 members of the IEDC Board, with these members serving at the pleasure of the Governor. (See *Background* discussion below for the IEDC Board membership specified under current statute.) Current statute unchanged by the bill provides that the IEDC Board members are entitled to a salary per diem equal to the per diem for members of the General Assembly for attending meetings. In addition, Board members are to be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses on the same basis as state employees.

(4) The bill eliminates the following Boards and Commissions while moving the programmatic duties of these entities to the IEDC Board.

- (a) Indiana Economic Development Council Board.
- (b) Business Modernization and Technology Board.
- (c) 21st Century Research and Technology Fund Board.
- (d) Small Business Development Corporation Board.
- (e) Steel Industry Advisory Commission.
- (f) Indiana Film Commission.
- (g) Indiana Enterprise Zone Board.

(5) The bill repeals current statute requiring the establishment of a Department of Tourism and Community Development, and an Office of Energy Policy effective July 1, 2005. The bill transfers all duties, functions, and responsibilities for tourism, community development, and energy programs to the Lt. Governor.

(6) The bill repeals current statute making the Indiana Development Finance Authority a subsidiary of the IEDC.

(7) The bill repeals current statute authorizing the IEDC to incur debt.

(8) The bill specifically provides that the IEDC Board and employees are under the jurisdiction of the State Ethics Commission, and are subject to the executive branch ethics rules.

(9) The bill specifically provides that the IEDC is subject to the Open Door Law and the Public Records Law.

(10) The bill authorizes the IEDC to adopt emergency rules.

Background: P. L. 224-2003 established the IEDC and the IEDC Board, and transferred the responsibilities of the Indiana Department of Commerce (IDOC) relating to economic development in Indiana to the IEDC as of July 1, 2005. P. L. 224-2003 provided that the IEDC is a body politic and corporate, an independent instrumentality and not a state agency. P. L. 224-2003 transferred the current duties of the IDOC relating to economic development to the IEDC on July 1, 2005. P. L. 224-2003 also made the entities listed below subsidiaries of the IEDC with oversight of the subsidiaries beginning on July 1, 2005. [Note: P. L. 224-2003 also made the Indiana Venture Fund, which does not exist, a subsidiary of the IEDC.]

- (1) Indiana Small Business Development Corporation.
- (2) Indiana Economic Development Council.
- (3) Indiana Development Finance Authority.
- (4) Indiana 21st Century Research and Technology Fund.

P. L. 224-2003 also transferred the current duties of the IDOC relating to energy policy to a newly created Office of Energy Policy on July 1, 2005. P. L. 224-2003 established a Department of Tourism and Community Development on July 1, 2005, and transferred the current IDOC duties relating to tourism and community development to this agency.

Under P. L. 224-2003, as changed by P. L. 63-2004, the IEDC Board beginning July 1, 2005, is to be comprised of the following members: (1) the Lt. Governor; (2) 15 members appointed by the Governor who are employed in, or retired from, the private or nonprofit sector; and (3) 7 members appointed by the Governor who are employed in, or retired from, the private or nonprofit sector, or from academia. For one appointment each under (2) above, the Governor must consider the recommendation of Speaker of the House of Representatives, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, House Minority Leader, and Senate Minority Leader. For one appointment each under (3) above, the Governor must consider the recommendation of the presidents of Indiana University, Purdue University, Indiana State University, Ball State University, Ivy Tech State College, Vincennes University, and the University of Southern Indiana. Under P. L. 224-2003, IEDC Board members are entitled to a salary per diem equal to the per diem for members of the General Assembly for attending meetings. In addition, Board members are to be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses on the same basis as state employees.

Explanation of State Revenues:

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State Agencies Affected: Governor; Lt. Governor; Indiana Economic Development Corporation; Indiana Department of Commerce; Indiana Economic Development Council Board; Business Modernization and Technology Board; 21st Century Research and Technology Fund Board; Small Business Development Corporation Board; Steel Industry Advisory Commission; Indiana Film Commission; Indiana Enterprise Zone Board; Indiana Development Finance Authority; EDGE Board.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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