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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; requiring the state to maintain searchable databases
1.3 on tax increment financing and JOBZ; appropriating money; proposing coding
1.4 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 6; 116J.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[6.756] WEB SITE WITH SEARCHABLE DATABASE ON TIF.**

1.7 (a) The state auditor shall develop and maintain a Web site with a searchable database
1.8 providing the public information on the use of tax increment financing by political
1.9 subdivisions. The auditor shall create the database from annual financial reports filed with
1.10 the auditor. The auditor may add to the database data obtained from the commissioner of
1.11 revenue and other information that the auditor determines appropriate. The database must
1.12 be searchable by, at least, the development authority, municipality, and district name. The
1.13 database must include the following information for each tax increment financing district
1.14 and each development authority for at least the most recently available year:

- 1.15 (1) the name of the district;
- 1.16 (2) district type;
- 1.17 (3) the certification date;
- 1.18 (4) the year of the first receipt of increment;
- 1.19 (5) the captured tax capacity;
- 1.20 (6) the total amount of increment collected;
- 1.21 (7) the amount of increment collected for the most recent year;
- 1.22 (8) the amount of debt obligations issued to finance the district;
- 1.23 (9) the amount of outstanding obligations of the district;

2.1 (10) the purposes for which increments have been expended by category, including
 2.2 the amount spent on administrative expenses;

2.3 (11) the amount of increment transferred to other districts; and

2.4 (12) other items the auditor determines would be useful or of interest to the public.

2.5 (b) The Web site must also be designed to permit the user to extract aggregate
 2.6 information by municipality, type of district, and home county for the municipality.

2.7 (c) The auditor may pay for the cost of implementing this section with the revenues
 2.8 provided by section 469.176, subdivision 11. The commissioner of revenue may increase
 2.9 the percent under that section by up to ... percent, for one or more years, if the auditor
 2.10 certifies that is necessary to cover the cost of implementing this section.

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
 2.12 The Web site must be operational by

2.13 **Sec. 2. [116J.996] WEB SITE WITH SEARCHABLE DATABASE ON JOBZ**
 2.14 **AND BUSINESS SUBSIDIES.**

2.15 (a) The commissioner shall develop and maintain a Web site with a searchable
 2.16 database providing the public information on business subsidies, including the use of job
 2.17 opportunity building zones. The database must be searchable by, at least, the name of the
 2.18 business and the governmental entity entering into the business subsidy agreement, as well
 2.19 as the program under which the business subsidy is provided. The database must include
 2.20 the following information for each business subsidy agreement:

2.21 (1) the business receiving the subsidy or tax benefits;

2.22 (2) the line of business;

2.23 (3) the city in which the business is located;

2.24 (4) the capital investment, both the amount required by the business subsidy
 2.25 agreement and the confirmed or reported amount actually made to the extent available;

2.26 (5) whether the business was an expansion or relocation;

2.27 (6) the number of new jobs, both the amount required by the business subsidy
 2.28 agreement and the confirmed or reported amount actually made to the extent available;

2.29 (7) the number of retained jobs, both the amount required by the business subsidy
 2.30 agreement and the confirmed or reported amount actually made to the extent available;

2.31 (8) the average hourly wages and benefits, both the amount required by the business
 2.32 subsidy agreement and the confirmed or reported amount actually made to the extent
 2.33 available;

2.34 (9) to the extent publicly available, the amount of the subsidy or tax benefits
 2.35 provided to the business; and

3.1 (10) other information that the commissioner determines appropriate.

3.2 (b) The Web site must be designed to permit the user to extract aggregate information
3.3 by business, governmental entity granting the subsidy, and the program under which
3.4 the subsidy was granted.

3.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
3.6 The Web site must be operational by

3.7 **Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION.**

3.8 \$..... is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of employment
3.9 and economic development for fiscal years 2008 and 2009 to implement the provisions of
3.10 section 2.