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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1	AN ACT								
2	relating to certain state fiscal matters.								
3	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:								
4	SECTION 1. Section 404.024, Government Code, is amended by								
5	amending Subsections (b) and (l) and adding Subsections (n) and (o)								
6	to read as follows:								
7	(b) State funds not deposited in state depositories shall be								
8	invested by the comptroller in:								
9	(1) direct security repurchase agreements;								
10	(2) reverse security repurchase agreements;								
11	(3) direct obligations of or obligations the principal								
12	and interest of which are guaranteed by the United States;								
13	(4) direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by								
14	agencies or instrumentalities of the United States government;								
15	(5) bankers' acceptances that:								
16	(A) are eligible for purchase by the Federal								
17	Reserve System;								
18	(B) do not exceed 270 days to maturity; and								
19	(C) are issued by a bank whose other comparable								
20	short-term obligations are rated in [that has received] the highest								
21	short-term [ <del>credit</del> ] rating <u>category</u> , within which there may be								
22	subcategories or gradations, including such subcategories or								
23	gradations as "rating category" or "rated," indicating relative								

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standing by a nationally recognized statistical rating

- organization, as defined by Rule 2a-7 (17 C.F.R. Section 270.2a-7),
- 2 promulgated under the Investment Company Act of 1940 by the
- 3 Securities and Exchange Commission [investment rating firm];
- 4 (6) commercial paper that:
- 5 (A) does not exceed 270 days to maturity; and
- 6 (B) except as provided by Subsection (i),  $\underline{is}$
- 7 <u>issued by an entity whose other comparable short-term obligations</u>
- 8 are rated in [has received] the highest short-term [credit] rating
- 9 <u>category</u> by a nationally recognized <u>statistical rating</u>
- 10 organization [investment rating firm];
- 11 (7) contracts written by the treasury in which the
- 12 treasury grants the purchaser the right to purchase securities in
- 13 the treasury's marketable securities portfolio at a specified price
- over a specified period and for which the treasury is paid a fee and
- 15 specifically prohibits naked-option or uncovered option trading;
- 16 (8) direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by
- 17 the Inter-American Development Bank, the International Bank for
- 18 Reconstruction and Development (the World Bank), the African
- 19 Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the International
- 20 Finance Corporation that have received the highest long-term
- 21 [credit] rating categories for debt obligations by a nationally
- 22 recognized statistical rating organization [investment rating
- 23 **firm**];
- 24 (9) bonds issued, assumed, or guaranteed by the State
- 25 of Israel;
- 26 (10) obligations of a state or an agency, county,
- 27 city, or other political subdivision of a state;

- 1 (11) mutual funds secured by obligations that are
- described by Subdivisions (1) through (6), including pooled funds:
- 3 (A) established by the Texas Treasury
- 4 Safekeeping Trust Company;
- 5 (B) operated like a mutual fund; and
- 6 (C) with portfolios consisting only of
- 7 dollar-denominated securities; [and]
- 8 (12) foreign currency for the sole purpose of
- 9 facilitating investment by state agencies that have the authority
- 10 to invest in foreign securities;
- 11 (13) asset-backed securities, as defined by the
- 12 <u>Securities and Exchange Commission in Rule 2a-7 (17 C.F.R. Section</u>
- 13 270.2a-7), that are rated at least A or its equivalent by a
- 14 nationally recognized statistical rating organization and that
- have a weighted-average maturity of five years or less; and
- 16 (14) corporate debt obligations that are rated at
- 17 least A or its equivalent by a nationally recognized statistical
- 18 rating organization and mature in five years or less from the date
- on which the obligations were "acquired," as defined by the
- 20 Securities and Exchange Commission in Rule 2a-7 (17 C.F.R. Section
- 21 <u>270.2a-7)</u>.
- 22 (1) The comptroller may lend securities under procedures
- 23 established by the comptroller. The procedures must be consistent
- 24 with industry practice and must include a requirement to fully
- 25 secure the loan with cash, obligations described by Subsections
- (b)(1)-(6), or a combination of cash and the described obligations.
- 27 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, cash may be

- 1 reinvested in the items permitted under Subsection (b) or mutual
- 2 funds secured by the items permitted under Subsection (b) [In this
- 3 subsection, "obligation" means an item described by Subsections
- 4  $\frac{(b)(1)-(6)}{(b)}$ ].
- 5 (n) In entering into a direct security repurchase agreement
- 6 or a reverse security repurchase agreement, the comptroller may
- 7 agree to accept cash on an overnight basis in lieu of the
- 8 <u>securities</u>, obligations, or participation certificates identified
- 9 <u>in Section 404.001(3)</u>. Cash held by the state under this subsection
- 10 is not a deposit of state or public funds for purposes of any
- 11 statute, including this subchapter or Subchapter D, that requires a
- 12 deposit of state or public funds to be collateralized by eligible
- 13 securities.
- 14 (o) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any
- 15 government investment pool created to function as a money market
- 16 <u>mutual fund and managed by the comptroller or the Texas Treasury</u>
- 17 Safekeeping Trust Company may invest the funds it receives in
- 18 investments that are "eligible securities," as defined by the
- 19 Securities and Exchange Commission in Rule 2a-7 (17 C.F.R. Section
- 20 270.2a-7), if it maintains a dollar-weighted average portfolio
- 21 <u>maturity of 90 days or less, with the maturity of each portfolio</u>
- 22 <u>security calculated in accordance with Rule 2a-7 (17 C.F.R. Section</u>
- 23 <u>270.2a-7</u>), and meets the diversification requirements of Rule 2a-7.
- SECTION 2. (a) Section 2107.003, Government Code, is
- 25 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 2107.003. COLLECTION BY ATTORNEY GENERAL,
- 27 COMPTROLLER, OR OUTSIDE AGENT. (a) Except as provided by <u>Section</u>

- 2107.004 [Subsection (c)], a state agency shall report an 2 uncollected and delinquent obligation to [request] the attorney general for collection. The state agency must report the 3
- 4 obligation on or before the 120th day after the date the obligation
- becomes past due or delinquent [to collect an obligation before the 5
- 6 agency may employ, retain, or contract with a person other than a
- 7 full-time employee of the state agency to collect the obligation].
- 8 (b) The attorney general:

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- 9 (1) shall provide legal services for collection of the 10 obligation;
- (2) may authorize the requesting state agency to 11 employ, retain, or contract, subject to approval by the attorney 12 general, with one or more persons to collect the obligation; or 13
  - (3) if the attorney general determines it to be economical and in the best interest of the state, may contract with one or more persons [a person other than a full-time employee of the agency] to collect the [an] obligation [that the attorney general cannot collect].
  - The comptroller may employ, retain, or contract with a person other than a full-time state employee to collect delinquent obligations that are owed the comptroller in the comptroller's official capacity, are not collected through normal collection procedures, and do not meet the guidelines adopted for collection by the attorney general. A proposed contract under this subsection shall be reviewed by the attorney general and may include a collection fee computed on the amounts collected under the contract.

1	(d) The agency contracting under Subsection (b) is entitled
2	to recover from the obligor, in addition to the amount of the
3	obligation, the costs incurred in undertaking the collection,
4	including the costs of a contract under this section. The obligor
5	is liable for costs of recovery under this section in an amount not
6	to exceed 30 percent of the sum of the amount of the obligation and
7	any penalty and interest due on the obligation.
8	(e) A contract formed under Subsection (b) must provide for
9	the compensation due to the contractor. The amount of the
10	compensation may not exceed 30 percent of the sum of the collected
11	<pre>amount of:</pre>
12	(1) the obligation;
13	(2) any penalty; and
14	(3) any interest.
15	(f) A contract formed under Subsection (b) or (c) may permit
16	or require the contractor to pursue a judicial action to collect the
17	amount of the obligation in a proper court in or outside of this
18	state.
19	(g) In a suit in a Texas state court brought by a contractor
20	to collect an obligation under this section, the state is not:
21	(1) required to post security for costs;
22	(2) liable for costs; and
23	(3) liable for fees for:
24	(A) service of process;
25	(B) attorneys ad litem;
26	(C) arbitration; or
27	(D) mediation.

(h) An amount collected under a contract formed under Subsection (b), including the costs of recovery and court costs or other costs, shall be deposited in the fund or account to which the obligation was required to be deposited. The contracting agency shall pay the compensation due under the contract to the contractor and shall pay to the applicable court any court costs collected.

- (i) The contracting agency shall require a person contracting under Subsection (b) to post a bond or other security in an amount the contracting agency determines is sufficient to cover all revenue or other property of the state that is expected to come into the possession or control of the contractor in the course of providing contract services.
  - (j) A person who contracts under Subsection (b) is an agent of this state for purposes of determining priority of a claim to be collected under the contract with respect to claims of other creditors. The contractor does not exercise any sovereign power of the state.
- (k) The contracting state agency may provide a person contracting under Subsection (b) any information, including confidential information, that the agency is not prohibited from sharing under an agreement with another state or with the United States and that is:
- (1) in the custody of the agency holding the claim; and
   (2) necessary to the collection of the obligation.
- (1) A person acting under a contract formed under Subsection

  (b) or (c) and each employee or agent of that person is subject to

  all prohibitions against the disclosure of confidential

- 1 information obtained from the contracting agency, the reporting
- 2 state agency, or their employees. A contractor or the contractor's
- 3 employee or agent who discloses confidential information in
- 4 violation of the prohibition is subject to the same penalties for
- 5 that disclosure as would apply to the contracting agency or its
- 6 employees.
- 7 (m) The contracting agency shall require a person who
- 8 <u>contracts under Subsection (b) to obtain and maintain insurance</u>
- 9 adequate to provide reasonable coverage for damages negligently,
- 10 recklessly, or intentionally caused by the contractor or the
- 11 contractor's employee or agent in the course of collecting an
- 12 obligation under the contract and to protect this state from
- 13 liability for those damages. The state is not liable for and may
- 14 not indemnify a person acting under a contract under Subsection (b)
- for damages negligently, recklessly, or intentionally caused by the
- 16 contractor or the contractor's employee or agent in the course of
- 17 collecting an obligation under the contract.
- 18 (n) In addition to grounds for termination provided by the
- 19 contract terms, the attorney general or the contracting agency, as
- 20 applicable, may terminate a contract formed under Subsection (b) if
- 21 the contractor or the contractor's employee or agent:
- 22 (1) violates the federal Fair Debt Collection
- 23 Practices Act (15 U.S.C. Section 1692 et seq.);
- 24 (2) discloses confidential information to a person not
- 25 authorized to receive the information; or
- 26 (3) performs any act that results in a final judgment
- 27 for damages against this state.

- 1 (b) Section 2254.102(c), Government Code, is amended to
- 2 read as follows:
- 3 (c) This subchapter does not apply to a contract:
- 4 (1) with an agency to collect an obligation under
- 5 Section 2107.003(b); or
- 6 (2) for legal services entered into by an institution
- of higher education under Section 153.006, Education Code.
- 8 SECTION 3. (a) The heading to Section 2303.504, Government
- 9 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 10 Sec. 2303.504. STATE TAX REFUNDS AND CREDITS; REPORT.
- 11 (b) Section 2303.504, Government Code, is amended by adding
- 12 Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsection (c) to read as follows:
- 13 (a-1) Subject to Section 2303.516, an enterprise project is
- 14 entitled to a franchise tax credit under Subchapter P-1 or Q-1,
- 15 Chapter 171, Tax Code, but only if the enterprise project:
- 16 (1) is owned by a corporation that was obligated to pay
- 17 the franchise tax under Chapter 171, Tax Code, as that chapter
- 18 existed on December 31, 2004;
- 19 (2) is not located in an enterprise zone;
- 20 (3) was designated as an enterprise project on or
- 21 <u>after September 1, 2004; and</u>
- 22 (4) was approved as a triple jumbo enterprise project
- 23 as described by Section 2303.407 on or after September 1, 2004, and
- on or before November 30, 2004.
- (c) Not later than the 60th day after the last day of each
- 26 fiscal year, the comptroller shall report to the bank the statewide
- 27 total of actual jobs created, actual jobs retained, and the tax

- 1 refunds <u>and credits</u> made under this section during that fiscal
- 2 year.
- 3 (c) Chapter 171, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subchapters
- 4 P-1 and Q-1 to read as follows:
- 5 SUBCHAPTER P-1. TAX CREDITS FOR ENTERPRISE PROJECTS FOR CERTAIN
- 6 <u>JOB CREATION ACTIVITIES</u>
- 7 Sec. 171.781. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:
- 8 <u>(1) "Enterprise project" means a person designated as</u>
- 9 an enterprise project under Chapter 2303, Government Code.
- 10 (2) "Qualified business" means an establishment that:
- 11 (A) is owned by a corporation that was obligated
- 12 to pay the franchise tax under this chapter as it existed on
- 13 December 31, 2004;
- 14 (B) is not located in an enterprise zone;
- 15 (C) was designated as an enterprise project on or
- after September 1, 2004; and
- 17 (D) was approved as a triple jumbo enterprise
- 18 project as described by Section 2303.407, Government Code, on or
- 19 after September 1, 2004, and on or before November 30, 2004.
- 20 (3) "Qualifying job" means a new permanent full-time
- job created by an enterprise project.
- Sec. 171.7811. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This
- 23 <u>subchapter applies only to an enterprise project that:</u>
- 24 (1) is owned by a corporation that was obligated to pay
- 25 the franchise tax under this chapter as it existed on December 31,
- 26 2004;
- 27 (2) is not located in an enterprise zone;

- 1 (3) was designated as an enterprise project on or
- 2 after September 1, 2004; and
- 3 (4) was approved as a triple jumbo enterprise project
- 4 as described by Section 2303.407, Government Code, on or after
- 5 September 1, 2004, and on or before November 30, 2004.
- 6 Sec. 171.782. ELIGIBILITY. An enterprise project is
- 7 <u>eligible for a credit against the tax imposed under this chapter if</u>
- 8 the enterprise project is a qualified business as defined in
- 9 Section 171.781.
- Sec. 171.783. CALCULATION OF CREDIT. (a) An enterprise
- 11 project that is eligible for a credit under this subchapter may
- 12 establish a credit equal to 25 percent of the total wages and
- 13 salaries paid or to be paid by the enterprise project for qualifying
- jobs created during the period beginning on the date the project is
- designated as an enterprise project through December 31, 2009.
- (b) Subject to Sections 171.784 and 171.785, the enterprise
- 17 project may claim:
- 18 (1) the entire amount of the credit established under
- 19 Subsection (a) on the first report originally due on or after
- 20 <u>September 1, 2006; or</u>
- 21 (2) an equal portion of the total credit established
- 22 under Subsection (a) on each report originally due on or after
- 23 September 1, 2006, and before December 31, 2010.
- 24 (c) An enterprise project that is eligible for and
- 25 establishes the credit authorized by Subsection (a) shall provide
- 26 to the comptroller an estimate of the total wages and salaries on
- 27 which the enterprise project establishes the credit. The

- 1 enterprise project shall provide the estimate on the first report
- 2 originally due on or after September 1, 2006.
- 3 Sec. 171.784. LIMITATIONS. (a) The total credit claimed
- 4 under this subchapter for a report, including the amount of any
- 5 carryforward credit under Section 171.785, may not exceed 50
- 6 percent of the amount of franchise tax due for the report before any
- 7 <u>other applicable tax credits.</u>
- 8 (b) The total credit claimed under this subchapter and
- 9 Subchapter Q-1 for a report, including the amount of any
- 10 carryforward credits, may not exceed the amount of franchise tax
- 11 <u>due for the report after any other applicable credits.</u>
- Sec. 171.785. CARRYFORWARD. (a) If an enterprise project
- is eligible for a credit that exceeds the limitations under Section
- 14 171.784, the enterprise project may carry the unused credit forward
- for not more than five consecutive reports.
- 16 (b) A carryforward is considered the remaining portion of a
- 17 credit that cannot be claimed in the current year because of a tax
- 18 limitation under Section 171.784. A carryforward is added to the
- 19 next year's credit in determining the tax limitation for that year.
- 20 A credit carryforward from a previous report is considered to be
- 21 <u>used before the current year credit.</u>
- 22 Sec. 171.786. CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY. (a) For the
- 23 <u>initial and each succeeding report in which a credit is claimed</u>
- 24 under this subchapter, the enterprise project shall file with its
- 25 report, on a form provided by the comptroller, information that
- 26 sufficiently demonstrates that the enterprise project is eligible
- for the credit and is in compliance with Section 171.782.

- 1 (b) The burden of establishing entitlement to and the value
- 2 <u>of the credit is on the enterprise project.</u>
- 3 Sec. 171.787. ASSIGNMENT PROHIBITED. An enterprise project
- 4 may not convey, assign, or transfer the credit allowed under this
- 5 subchapter to another entity unless all of the assets of the
- 6 enterprise project are conveyed, assigned, or transferred in the
- 7 <u>same transaction.</u>
- 8 Sec. 171.788. BIENNIAL REPORT BY COMPTROLLER. (a) Before
- 9 the beginning of each regular session of the legislature, the
- 10 comptroller shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor,
- 11 and the speaker of the house of representatives a report that
- 12 states:
- 13 (1) the total number of jobs created by enterprise
- 14 projects that claim a credit under this subchapter and the average
- and median annual wage of those jobs;
- 16 (2) the total amount of credits applied against the
- 17 tax under this chapter and the amount of unused credits including:
- 18 (A) the total amount of franchise tax due by
- 19 enterprise projects claiming a credit under this subchapter before
- 20 and after the application of the credit;
- 21 (B) the average percentage reduction in
- 22 franchise tax due by enterprise projects claiming a credit under
- 23 this subchapter; and
- (C) the percentage of tax credits that were
- awarded to enterprise projects with fewer than 100 employees;
- 26 (3) a breakdown of the two-digit standard industrial
- 27 classification of enterprise projects claiming a credit under this

- 1 subchapter;
- 2 (4) the geographical distribution of the credits
- 3 claimed under this subchapter; and
- 4 (5) the impact of the credit provided under this
- 5 subchapter on employment, personal income, and capital investment
- 6 in this state and on state tax revenues.
- 7 <u>(b) The final report issued before the expiration of this</u>
- 8 <u>subchapter shall include historical information on the credit</u>
- 9 authorized under this subchapter.
- 10 <u>(c) The comptroller may not include in the report</u>
- 11 information that is confidential by law.
- 12 (d) For purposes of this section, the comptroller may
- 13 require an enterprise project that claims a credit under this
- 14 subchapter to submit information, on a form provided by the
- 15 comptroller, on the location of the enterprise project's job
- 16 <u>creation in this state and any other information necessary to</u>
- 17 complete the report required under this section.
- (e) The comptroller shall provide notice to the members of
- 19 the legislature that the report required under this section is
- 20 available on request.
- Sec. 171.789. COMPTROLLER POWERS AND DUTIES. The
- 22 comptroller shall adopt rules and forms necessary to implement this
- 23 subchapter.
- Sec. 171.790. EXPIRATION. (a) This subchapter expires
- 25 December 31, 2009.
- 26 (b) The expiration of this subchapter does not affect the
- 27 carryforward of a credit under Section 171.785 or those credits for

- 1 which an enterprise project is eligible before the date this
- 2 subchapter expires. An enterprise project may not, under any
- 3 circumstances, obtain a greater benefit than the benefit to which
- 4 the enterprise project would have been entitled if this subchapter
- 5 did not expire.
- 6 SUBCHAPTER Q-1. TAX CREDITS FOR ENTERPRISE PROJECTS
- 7 <u>FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL INVESTMENTS</u>
- 8 Sec. 171.815. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:
- 9 (1) "Enterprise project" has the meaning assigned by
- 10 <u>Section 171.781.</u>
- 11 (2) "Qualified business" has the meaning assigned by
- 12 Section 171.781.
- 13 (3) "Qualified capital investment" means tangible
- 14 personal property first placed in service by an enterprise project
- that is described in Section 1245(a), Internal Revenue Code, such
- 16 as engines, machinery, tools, and implements used in a trade or
- 17 business or held for investment and subject to an allowance for
- 18 <u>depreciation</u>, cost recovery under the accelerated cost recovery
- 19 system, or amortization. The term does not include real property or
- 20 buildings and their structural components. Property that is leased
- 21 <u>under a capitalized lease is considered a qualified capital</u>
- investment, but property that is leased under an operating lease is
- 23 <u>not considered a qualified capital investment. Property expensed</u>
- 24 under Section 179, Internal Revenue Code, is not considered a
- 25 qualified capital investment.
- 26 Sec. 171.8151. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This
- 27 subchapter applies only to an enterprise project that:

- 1 (1) is owned by a corporation that was obligated to pay
- 2 the franchise tax under this chapter as it existed on December 31,
- 3 2004;
- 4 (2) is not located in an enterprise zone;
- 5 (3) was designated as an enterprise project on or
- 6 after September 1, 2004; and
- 7 (4) was approved as a triple jumbo enterprise project
- 8 as described by Section 2303.407, Government Code, on or after
- 9 September 1, 2004, and on or before November 30, 2004.
- 10 Sec. 171.816. TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY FIRST PLACED IN
- 11 SERVICE BY AN ENTERPRISE PROJECT. For purposes of determining
- 12 whether an investment is a qualified capital investment under
- 13 Section 171.815, "tangible personal property first placed in
- 14 service by an enterprise project" includes tangible personal
- 15 property:
- 16 (1) purchased by an enterprise project for placement
- in an incomplete improvement that is under active construction or
- 18 other physical preparation;
- 19 (2) identified by a purchase order, invoice, billing,
- 20 <u>sales slip, or contract;</u> and
- 21 (3) physically present at the enterprise project's
- 22 qualified business site, as defined by Section 2303.003(6-a),
- 23 Government Code, and in use by the enterprise project on the
- original due date of the report on which the credit is taken.
- Sec. 171.817. ELIGIBILITY. (a) An enterprise project that
- is a qualified business as defined in Section 171.781 is eligible
- 27 for a credit against the tax imposed under this chapter in the

- 1 amount and under the conditions and limitations provided by this
- 2 subchapter.
- 3 (b) An enterprise project that is eligible for a credit
- 4 under this subchapter may claim a credit or take a carryforward
- 5 credit without regard to whether the enterprise zone in which it
- 6 made the qualified capital investment subsequently loses its
- 7 <u>designation as an enterprise zone, if applicable.</u>
- 8 Sec. 171.818. CALCULATION OF CREDIT. An enterprise project
- 9 that is eligible for a credit under this subchapter may, beginning
- on the date the project is designated, establish a credit equal to
- 7.5 percent of the qualified capital investment.
- Sec. 171.819. LENGTH OF CREDIT. An enterprise project that
- is eligible for a credit under this subchapter may:
- 14 (1) claim a credit established under this subchapter
- in five equal installments of one-fifth the credit amount over the
- 16 five consecutive reports beginning with the report based on the
- 17 period during which the qualified capital investment was made; or
- 18 <u>(2) claim the entire credit earned on a report</u>
- originally due on or after September 1, 2006, and before December
- 20 31, 2009, subject to Section 171.820.
- 21 Sec. 171.820. LIMITATIONS. (a) The total credit claimed
- 22 under this subchapter for a report, including the amount of any
- 23 <u>carryforward credit under Section 171.821, may not exceed 50</u>
- 24 percent of the amount of franchise tax due for the report before any
- 25 other applicable tax credits.
- 26 (b) The total credit claimed under this subchapter and
- 27 Subchapter P-1 for a report, including the amount of any

- 1 carryforward credits, may not exceed the amount of franchise tax
- 2 due for the report after any other applicable tax credits.
- 3 Sec. 171.821. CARRYFORWARD. (a) If an enterprise project
- 4 is eligible for a credit from an installment that exceeds a
- 5 limitation under Section 171.820, the enterprise project may carry
- 6 the unused credit forward for not more than five consecutive
- 7 reports.
- 8 (b) A carryforward is considered the remaining portion of an
- 9 installment that cannot be claimed in the current year because of a
- 10 tax limitation under Section 171.820. A carryforward is added to
- 11 the next year's installment of the credit in determining the tax
- 12 limitation for that year. A credit carryforward from a previous
- 13 report is considered to be used before the current year
- 14 installment.
- Sec. 171.822. CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY. (a) For the
- 16 <u>initial and each succeeding report in which a credit is claimed</u>
- 17 under this subchapter, the enterprise project shall file with its
- 18 report, on a form provided by the comptroller, information that
- 19 sufficiently demonstrates that the enterprise project is eligible
- 20 for the credit.
- 21 (b) The burden of establishing entitlement to and the value
- 22 of the credit is on the enterprise project.
- 23 (c) A credit expires under this subchapter and the
- 24 enterprise project may not take any remaining installment of the
- 25 credit if in one of the five years in which the installment of a
- 26 credit accrues, the enterprise project:
- 27 (1) disposes of the qualified capital investment;

- 1 (2) takes the qualified capital investment out of
- 2 service; or
- 3 (3) moves the qualified capital investment out of this
- 4 state.
- 5 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), the enterprise project
- 6 may take the portion of an installment that accrued in a previous
- 7 year and was carried forward to the extent permitted under Section
- 8 171.821.
- 9 Sec. 171.823. ASSIGNMENT PROHIBITED. An enterprise project
- 10 may not convey, assign, or transfer the credit allowed under this
- 11 <u>subchapter</u> to another entity unless all of the assets of the
- 12 enterprise project are conveyed, assigned, or transferred in the
- 13 same transaction.
- 14 Sec. 171.824. BIENNIAL REPORT BY COMPTROLLER. (a) Before
- 15 the beginning of each regular session of the legislature, the
- 16 comptroller shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor,
- 17 and the speaker of the house of representatives a report that
- 18 states:
- 19 (1) the total amount of qualified capital investments
- 20 made by enterprise projects that claim a credit under this
- 21 <u>subchapter</u> and the average and median wages paid by those
- 22 enterprise projects;
- 23 (2) the total amount of credits applied against the
- 24 tax under this chapter and the amount of unused credits, including:
- 25 (A) the total amount of franchise tax due by
- 26 enterprise projects claiming a credit under this subchapter before
- 27 and after the application of the credit;

1		(B)	the	average	per	centage	e red	duction	n in
2	franchise tax du	ıe by	ente	rprise pro	jects	claim	ing a c	credit	under
3	this subchapter;								
4		(C)	the	percentag	e of	tax c	credits	that	were
5	awarded to enter	prise	proje	ects with f	ewer t	than 10	0 emplo	yees;	and
6		(D)	the	two-di	git	stand	dard	indus	strial
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- 12 <u>(4) the impact of the credit provided under this</u>
  13 <u>subchapter on employment, capital investment, personal income, and</u>
  14 state tax revenues.
- 15 <u>(b) The final report issued before the expiration of this</u>
  16 <u>subchapter shall include historical information on the credit</u>
  17 authorized under this subchapter.
- 18 <u>(c) The comptroller may not include in the report</u>
  19 information that is confidential by law.
- 20 (d) For purposes of this section, the comptroller may
  21 require an enterprise project that claims a credit under this
  22 subchapter to submit information, on a form provided by the
  23 comptroller, on the location of the enterprise project's capital
  24 investment in this state and any other information necessary to
  25 complete the report required under this section.
- 26 <u>(e) The comptroller shall provide notice to the members of</u> 27 the legislature that the report required under this section is

- 1 <u>available on request.</u>
- 2 Sec. 171.825. COMPTROLLER POWERS AND DUTIES. The
- 3 comptroller shall adopt rules and forms necessary to implement this
- 4 subchapter.
- 5 Sec. 171.826. EXPIRATION. (a) This subchapter expires
- 6 <u>December 31, 2009.</u>
- 7 (b) The expiration of this subchapter does not affect the
- 8 carryforward of a credit under Section 171.821 or those credits for
- 9 which an enterprise project is eligible before the date this
- 10 <u>subchapter expires</u>. An enterprise project may not, under any
- 11 circumstances, obtain a greater benefit than the benefit to which
- 12 the enterprise project would have been entitled if this subchapter
- 13 did not expire.
- 14 (d) The changes in law made by this section apply only to a
- 15 report originally due on or after the effective date of this Act.
- SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2006.