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AN ACT

relating to authorizing industrial development corporations to undertake projects in connection with educational facilities and learning centers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Paragraph A, Subdivision (11), Section 2, Development Corporation Act of 1979 (Article 5190.6, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(A) "Project" shall mean the land, buildings, equipment, facilities, expenditures, targeted infrastructure, and improvements (one or more) that are for the creation or retention of primary jobs and that are found by the board of directors to be required or suitable for the development, retention, or expansion of manufacturing and industrial facilities, educational facilities, research and development facilities, transportation facilities (including but not limited to airports, ports, mass commuting facilities, and parking facilities), sewage or solid waste disposal facilities, recycling facilities, air or water pollution control facilities, facilities for the furnishing of water to the general public, distribution centers, small warehouse facilities capable of serving as decentralized storage and distribution centers, primary job training facilities for use by institutions of higher education, and regional or national corporate headquarters facilities.

1 "Project" also includes job training required or suitable for
2 the promotion of development and expansion of business enterprises
3 and other enterprises described by this Act, as provided by Section
4 38 of this Act.

5 "Project" also includes expenditures found by the board of
6 directors to be required or suitable for infrastructure necessary
7 to promote or develop new or expanded business enterprises limited
8 to streets and roads, rail spurs, water and electric utilities, gas
9 utilities, drainage and related improvements, and
10 telecommunications and Internet improvements.

11 SECTION 2. Subdivision (2), Subsection (a), Section 4B,
12 Development Corporation Act of 1979 (Article 5190.6, Vernon's Texas
13 Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

14 (2) "Project" means land, buildings, equipment,
15 facilities, expenditures, and improvements included in the
16 definition of that term under Section 2 of this Act, and includes
17 job training as provided by Section 38 of this Act. For purposes of
18 this section, the term includes recycling facilities, and land,
19 buildings, equipment, facilities, and improvements found by the
20 board of directors to:

21 (A) be required or suitable for use for
22 professional and amateur (including children's) sports, athletic,
23 entertainment, tourist, convention, and public park purposes and
24 events, including stadiums, ball parks, auditoriums,
25 amphitheaters, concert halls, learning centers, parks and park
26 facilities, open space improvements, museums, exhibition
27 facilities, and related store, restaurant, concession, and

1 automobile parking facilities, related area transportation
2 facilities, and related roads, streets, and water and sewer
3 facilities, and other related improvements that enhance any of
4 those items;

5 (B) promote or develop new or expanded business
6 enterprises that create or retain primary jobs, including a project
7 to provide public safety facilities, streets and roads, drainage
8 and related improvements, demolition of existing structures,
9 general municipally owned improvements, as well as any improvements
10 or facilities that are related to any of those projects and any
11 other project that the board in its discretion determines promotes
12 or develops new or expanded business enterprises that create or
13 retain primary jobs;

14 (C) be required or suitable for the promotion of
15 development and expansion of affordable housing, as defined by 42
16 U.S.C. Section 12745;

17 (D) be required or suitable for the development
18 or improvement of water supply facilities, including dams,
19 transmission lines, well field developments, and other water supply
20 alternatives; or

21 (E) be required or suitable for the development
22 and institution of water conservation programs, including
23 incentives to install water-saving plumbing fixtures, educational
24 programs, brush control programs, and programs to replace
25 malfunctioning or leaking water lines and other water facilities.

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.