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H.B. No. 2482

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study to determine the reasons major manufacturers
3 have chosen to invest in other states after considering development
4 in this state.

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

6 SECTION 1. In this Act, "major manufacturer" means a person
7 that:

8 (1) is engaged in the business of manufacturing;

9 (2) invested \$1 million or more in developing,
10 expanding, or maintaining manufacturing operations in another
11 state after September 1, 2011, and before September 1, 2014; and

12 (3) was offered economic incentives by the state or a
13 local government related to developing, expanding, or maintaining
14 manufacturing operations in this state before choosing to make that
15 investment.

16 SECTION 2. The comptroller of public accounts shall conduct
17 a study on the reasons major manufacturers have chosen to invest in
18 other states after the manufacturers were offered economic
19 incentives by the state or a local government to develop in this
20 state. The study may include examining those reasons specific to
21 the economic incentives that were offered and to the promotion of
22 manufacturing development. The comptroller's office shall solicit
23 interviews with an executive of each major manufacturer that
24 declined the incentives. The interviews must address

1 recommendations for this state to effectively compete with other
2 states in promoting manufacturing development.

3 SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2014, the comptroller
4 of public accounts shall provide a report on the results of the
5 study, including an analysis of the results, to the speaker of the
6 house of representatives, the lieutenant governor, the governor,
7 and each standing committee of the legislature that has relevant
8 jurisdiction.

9 SECTION 4. This Act expires January 1, 2015.

10 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.