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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 $500,000 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 comptroller's office shall solicit interviews with an

21 executive of each major manufacturer that declined the incentives.

22 The interviews must address recommendations for this state to

23 effectively compete with other states in promoting manufacturing

24 development.

1   SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2014, the comptroller

2 shall provide a report on the results of the study, including an

3 analysis of the results, to the speaker of the house of

4 representatives, the lieutenant governor, the governor, and each

5 standing committee of the legislature that has relevant

6 jurisdiction.

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

8   SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

12 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.