SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Meyer, Burrows

H.B. No. 2404

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | relating to the creation and maintenance of a database of |
| 3 | information regarding certain local economic development |
| 4 | agreements; providing a civil penalty. |
| 5 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: |
| 6 | SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 403, Government Code, is |
| 7 | amended by adding Sections 403.0246 and 403.0247 to read as |
| 8 | follows: |
| 9 | Sec. 403.0246. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT DATABASE. (a) |
| 10 | In this section: |
| 11 | (1) "Business day" means a day other than a Saturday, |
| 12 | Sunday, or state or national holiday. |
| 13 | (2) "Local development agreement" means: |
| 14 | (A) an agreement entered into by a municipality |
| 15 | under Section 380.001 or 380.002, Local Government Code; |
| 16 | (B) an agreement entered into by a county under |
| 17 | Section 381.004, Local Government Code; or |
| 18 | (C) any other agreement to grant or otherwise |
| 19 | commit public money or other resources for economic development |
| 20 | purposes by a local government under Chapter 380 or 381, Local |
| 21 | Government Code. |
| 22 | (3) "Local government" includes: |
| 23 | (A) a municipality; |
| 24 | (B) a county; |

| 1 | (C) a county industrial commission under Section | | |
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| 2 | 381.001, Local Government Code; or | | |
| 3 | (D) a board of development under Section 381.002, | | |
| 4 | Local Government Code. | | |
| 5 | (b) The comptroller shall create and make accessible on the | | |
| 6 | Internet a database, to be known as the Chapter 380 and 381 | | |
| 7 | Agreement Database, that contains information regarding all local | | |
| 8 | development agreements in this state. | | |
| 9 | (c) For each local development agreement described by | | |
| 10 | Subsection (b), the database must include: | | |
| 11 | (1) the name of the local government that entered into | | |
| 12 | the agreement; | | |
| 13 | (2) a numerical code assigned to the local government | | |
| 14 | by the comptroller; | | |
| 15 | (3) the address of the local government's | | |
| 16 | administrative offices and public contact information; | | |
| 17 | (4) the name of the appropriate officer or other | | |
| 18 | person representing the local government and that person's contact | | |
| 19 | <pre>information;</pre> | | |
| 20 | (5) the name of any entity that entered into the | | |
| 21 | agreement with the local government; | | |
| 22 | (6) the date on which the agreement went into effect | | |
| 23 | and the date on which the agreement expires; | | |
| 24 | (7) the focus or scope of the agreement; | | |
| 25 | (8) an electronic copy of the agreement; and | | |
| 26 | (9) the name and contact information of the individual | | |
| 27 | reporting the information to the comptroller. | | |

- 1 (d) The comptroller may consult with the appropriate
- 2 officer of, or other person representing, each local government
- 3 that enters into a local development agreement to obtain the
- 4 information necessary to operate and update the database.
- 5 <u>(e) The comptroller shall enter into the database for access</u>
- 6 by the public the information described by Subsection (c) not later
- 7 than the 15th business day after the date the comptroller receives
- 8 the information from the providing local government. The
- 9 information, including a copy of the agreement, must remain
- 10 accessible to the public through the database during the period the
- 11 agreement is in effect.
- 12 <u>(f) The comptroller may not charge a fee to the public to</u>
- 13 access the database.
- 14 (g) The comptroller may establish procedures and adopt
- 15 rules to implement this section.
- Sec. 403.0247. NONCOMPLIANCE; CIVIL PENALTY. (a) In this
- 17 section, "local development agreement" has the meaning assigned by
- 18 Section 403.0246.
- 19 (b) If a local government that enters into a local
- 20 development agreement has not complied with a requirement to
- 21 provide information under Section 403.0246 of this code or Section
- 22 <u>380.004 or 381.005</u>, Local Government Code, the comptroller shall
- 23 send a notice to the local government. The notice must be in
- 24 writing, describe the information that must be submitted to the
- 25 comptroller, and inform the local government that if the
- 26 information is not provided on or before the 30th day after the date
- 27 the notice is provided, the local government will be subject to a

- 1 civil penalty of \$1,000.
- 2 (c) If a local government does not report the required
- 3 information as prescribed by Subsection (b), the local government
- 4 is liable to the state for a civil penalty of \$1,000.
- 5 (d) The attorney general may sue to collect a civil penalty
- 6 imposed under this section.
- 7 (e) It is a defense to an action brought under this section
- 8 that the local government provided the required information or
- 9 documents to the extent the information or documents are not exempt
- 10 from disclosure or confidential under Chapter 552.
- 11 SECTION 2. Chapter 380, Local Government Code, is amended
- 12 by adding Section 380.004 to read as follows:
- 13 Sec. 380.004. PROVISION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION TO
- 14 COMPTROLLER. (a) Not <u>later than the seventh day after the date of</u>
- 15 entering into, amending, or renewing an agreement authorized by
- 16 this chapter, a municipality shall submit to the comptroller the
- 17 information described by Section 403.0246(c), Government Code, and
- 18 any other information the comptroller considers necessary to
- 19 operate and update the database described by that section.
- 20 (b) A municipality shall transmit the information required
- 21 by Subsection (a) in a form and manner prescribed by the
- 22 <u>comptroller.</u>
- 23 <u>(c) If a municipality submits an agreement to the</u>
- 24 comptroller under this section and maintains an Internet website,
- 25 the municipality shall provide on the website a direct link to the
- 26 location of the agreement information published on the
- 27 comptroller's Internet website.

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- 1 SECTION 3. Chapter 381, Local Government Code, is amended
- 2 by adding Section 381.005 to read as follows:
- 3 Sec. 381.005. PROVISION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION TO
- 4 COMPTROLLER. (a) Not later than the seventh day after the date of
- 5 entering into, amending, or renewing an agreement authorized by
- 6 this chapter, a county, county industrial commission, or
- 7 development board, as applicable, shall submit to the comptroller
- 8 the information described by Section 403.0246(c), Government Code,
- 9 and any other information the comptroller considers necessary to
- 10 operate and update the database described by that section.
- 11 (b) A county, commission, or board shall transmit the
- 12 <u>information required by Subsection (a) in a form and manner</u>
- 13 prescribed by the comptroller.
- 14 (c) If a county or a commission or board created by the
- 15 county submits an agreement to the comptroller under this section
- 16 and the county maintains an Internet website, the county shall
- 17 provide on the website a direct link to the location of the
- 18 agreement information published on the comptroller's Internet
- 19 website.
- 20 SECTION 4. (a) For each agreement described by Section
- 21 403.0246, Government Code, as added by this Act, that is in effect
- 22 on the effective date of this Act, the local government that entered
- 23 into the agreement shall, not later than January 1, 2022, submit to
- 24 the comptroller the information described by that section and any
- 25 other information the comptroller considers necessary to operate
- 26 and update the database required by that section.
- 27 (b) The comptroller shall publish on the comptroller's

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- 1 Internet website the information received under this section not
- 2 later than September 1, 2022.
- 3 SECTION 5. The comptroller shall create and post on the
- 4 comptroller's Internet website the database required by Section
- 5 403.0246, Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than
- 6 September 1, 2022.
- 7 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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Secretary of the Service

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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2404

By: Maith Coffine

c.s. H.B. No. 2404

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    and the date on which the agreement expires;
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- 2 officer of, or other person representing, each local government
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- 4 information necessary to operate and update the database.
- 5 (e) The comptroller shall enter into the database for access
- 6 by the public the information described by Subsection (c) not later
- 7 than the 15th business day after the date the comptroller receives
- 8 the information from the providing local government. The
- 9 information, including a copy of the agreement, must remain
- 10 accessible to the public through the database during the period the
- 11 <u>agreement is in effect.</u>
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- 13 access the database.
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- 15 <u>rules to implement this section.</u>
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- 17 section, "local development agreement" has the meaning assigned by
- 18 Section 403.0246.
- (b) If a local government that enters into a local
- 20 development agreement has not complied with a requirement to
- 21 provide information under Section 403.0246 of this code or Section
- 22 380.004 or 381.005, Local Government Code, the comptroller shall
- 23 send a notice to the local government. The notice must be in
- 24 writing, describe the information that must be submitted to the
- 25 comptroller, and inform the local government that if the
- 26 information is not provided on or before the 30th day after the date
- 27 the notice is provided, the local government will be subject to a

- 1 civil penalty of \$1,000.
- 2 (c) If a local government does not report the required
- 3 information as prescribed by Subsection (b), the local government
- 4 <u>is liable to the state for a civil penalty of \$1,000.</u>
- 5 (d) The attorney general may sue to collect a civil penalty
- 6 imposed under this section.
- 7 (e) It is a defense to an action brought under this section
- 8 that the local government provided the required information or
- 9 documents to the extent the information or documents are not exempt
- 10 from disclosure or confidential under Chapter 552.
- 11 SECTION 2. Chapter 380, Local Government Code, is amended
- 12 by adding Section 380.004 to read as follows:
- 13 Sec. 380.004. PROVISION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION TO
- 14 COMPTROLLER. (a) Not later than the 14th day after the date of
- 15 entering into, amending, or renewing an agreement authorized by
- 16 this chapter, a municipality shall submit to the comptroller the
- 17 information described by Section 403.0246(c), Government Code, and
- 18 any other information the comptroller considers necessary to
- 19 operate and update the database described by that section.
- 20 (b) A municipality shall transmit the information required
- 21 by Subsection (a) in a form and manner prescribed by the
- 22 comptroller.
- (c) If a municipality submits an agreement to the
- 24 comptroller under this section and maintains an Internet website,
- 25 the municipality shall provide on the website a direct link to the
- 26 location of the agreement information published on the
- 27 comptroller's Internet website.

- 1 SECTION 3. Chapter 381, Local Government Code, is amended
- 2 by adding Section 381.005 to read as follows:
- 3 Sec. 381.005. PROVISION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION TO
- 4 COMPTROLLER. (a) Not later than the 14th day after the date of
- 5 entering into, amending, or renewing an agreement authorized by
- 6 this chapter, a county, county industrial commission, or
- 7 development board, as applicable, shall submit to the comptroller
- 8 the information described by Section 403.0246(c), Government Code,
- 9 and any other information the comptroller considers necessary to
- 10 operate and update the database described by that section.
- 11 (b) A county, commission, or board shall transmit the
- 12 information required by Subsection (a) in a form and manner
- 13 prescribed by the comptroller.
- (c) If a county or a commission or board created by the
- 15 county submits an agreement to the comptroller under this section
- 16 and the county maintains an Internet website, the county shall
- 17 provide on the website a direct link to the location of the
- 18 agreement information published on the comptroller's Internet
- 19 website.
- SECTION 4. (a) For each agreement described by Section
- 21 403.0246, Government Code, as added by this Act, that is in effect
- 22 on the effective date of this Act, the local government that entered
- 23 into the agreement shall, not later than January 1, 2022, submit to
- 24 the comptroller the information described by that section and any
- 25 other information the comptroller considers necessary to operate
- 26 and update the database required by that section.
- 27 (b) The comptroller shall publish on the comptroller's

- 1 Internet website the information received under this section not
- 2 later than September 1, 2022.
- 3 SECTION 5. The comptroller shall create and post on the
- 4 comptroller's Internet website the database required by Section
- 5 403.0246, Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than
- 6 September 1, 2022.
- 7 SECTION 6. The comptroller is required to implement the
- 8 changes in law made by this Act only if the legislature appropriates
- 9 money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not
- 10 appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the comptroller
- 11 may, but is not required to, implement this Act using other
- 12 appropriations available for that purpose.
- SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 14, 2021

TO: Honorable Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2404 by Meyer (Relating to the creation and maintenance of a database of information regarding certain local economic development agreements; providing a civil penalty.), As Passed 2nd House

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2404, As Passed 2nd House: a negative impact of (\$440,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2023.

The Comptroller is required to implement the provisions of the bill only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the agency may, but is not required to, implement the provisions of the bill using other appropriations available for that purpose.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

| Fiscal Year | Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds | |
|----------------|--|--|
| 2022 | (\$220,000) | |
| 2023 | (\$220,000) | |
| 2024 | (\$220,000) | |
| 2025 | (\$220,000) | |
| 2026 | (\$220,000) | |

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| Fiscal Year | Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1 | Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2021 |
|----------------|---|---|
| 2022 | (\$220,000) | 2.0 |
| 2023 | (\$220,000) | 2.0 |
| 2024 | (\$220,000) | 2.0 |
| 2025 | (\$220,000) | 2.0 |
| 2026 | (\$220,000) | 2.0 |

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend Chapter 403 of the Government Code by adding Sections 403.0246 and 403.0247 relating to the creation and maintenance of a database regarding certain local economic development agreements.

The bill would require the Comptroller to create and make accessible on the Internet a free database that would contain information regarding all local development agreements in the state. The bill would require the Comptroller to send a notice to local governments for non-compliance.

The bill would create a civil penalty of \$1,000 for non-compliance which the Attorney General could sue to collect.

Methodology

According to the Comptroller, the agency would incur administrative costs and require two additional full-time equivalents to implement the provisions of the bill that would require the agency to create and manage a new web database with a public search and reporting tool that contains information on all local development agreements in the state, as authorized by Chapters 380 and 381 of the Local Government Code.

It is assumed that the costs to the Office of the Attorney General to implement the provisions of the bill which would authorize the Attorney General to sue to collect a civil penalty for non-compliance could be absorbed using existing resources.

Technology

The Comptroller estimates administrative costs of \$220,000 to hire two Programmer V's to create and manage a new web-based database with a public search and reporting tool.

Local Government Impact

The Texas Municipal League does not anticipate a significant fiscal impact to municipalities. The fiscal impact to other units of local government cannot be determined at this time.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts **LBB Staff:** JMc, LBO, AJL, LCO, MBO, KK, AF

FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 11, 2021

TO: Honorable Brian Birdwell, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2404 by Meyer (Relating to the creation and maintenance of a database of information regarding certain local economic development agreements; providing a civil penalty.), Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2404, Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$440,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2023.

The Comptroller is required to implement the provisions of the bill only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the agency may, but is not required to, implement the provisions of the bill using other appropriations available for that purpose.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

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LBB Staff: JMc, AJL, LCO, MBO, KK, AF

FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 1, 2021

TO: Honorable Brian Birdwell, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2404 by Meyer (Relating to the creation and maintenance of a database of information regarding certain local economic development agreements; providing a civil penalty.), As Engrossed

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The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

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Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

LBB Staff: JMc, AJL, MBO, KK, LCO, AF

FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 21, 2021

TO: Honorable Morgan Meyer, Chair, House Committee on Ways & Means

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2404 by Meyer (Relating to the creation and maintenance of a database of information regarding certain local economic development agreements; providing a civil penalty.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2404, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$440,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2023.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

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LBB Staff: JMc, KK, LCO, MBO, AF

TAX/FEE EQUITY NOTE

87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 26, 2021

TO: Honorable Morgan Meyer, Chair, House Committee on Ways & Means

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2404 by Meyer (Relating to the creation and maintenance of a database of information regarding certain local economic development agreements; providing a civil penalty.), As Introduced

No statistically significant impact on the overall distribution of a state tax or fee burden among individuals and businesses is anticipated from the provisions of this bill.

Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: JMc, KK