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H.B. No. 5

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 5:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

- 2 relating to agreements authorizing a limitation on taxable value on
- 3 certain property to provide for the creation of jobs and the
- 4 generation of state and local tax revenue; authorizing fees;
- 5 authorizing a penalty.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 7 SECTION 1. Chapter 403, Government Code, is amended by
- 8 adding Subchapter T to read as follows:
- 9 SUBCHAPTER T. AGREEMENTS TO CREATE JOBS AND GENERATE STATE AND
- 10 LOCAL TAX REVENUE
- 11 Sec. 403.601. PURPOSES. The purposes of this subchapter
- 12 <u>are to:</u>
- (1) create new, high-paying permanent jobs and
- 14 construction jobs in this state;
- 15 (2) encourage financially positive economic
- 16 development in this state;
- 17 (3) provide a temporary competitive economic
- 18 incentive for attracting large-scale manufacturing projects to
- 19 this state that, in the absence of this subchapter, would likely
- 20 <u>locate in another state or nation;</u>
- 21 (4) strengthen the security and resource independence
- 22 of this state and nation by encouraging energy and water
- 23 infrastructure development, new and expanded electric power
- 24 generation, and electric grid reliability projects;

- 1 (5) promote the relocation of offshore manufacturing
- 2 facilities to this state;
- 3 (6) make this state a national and international
- 4 <u>leader in new and innovative technologies;</u>
- 5 (7) encourage the establishment of advanced
- 6 manufacturing industry sectors critical to national defense and
- 7 health care;
- 8 (8) create new wealth, raise personal income, and
- 9 foster long-term expansion of state and local tax bases;
- 10 (9) provide growing and sustainable economic
- 11 opportunity for the residents of this state; and
- 12 (10) incentivize the preceding objectives in a
- 13 balanced, transparent, and accountable manner.
- 14 Sec. 403.602. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:
- 15 (1) "Additional job" means a full-time job in
- 16 connection with an eligible project that is not a required job for
- 17 the same project.
- 18 (2) "Agreement" means an agreement entered into under
- 19 Section 403.612.
- 20 (3) "Applicant" means a person that applies for, or
- 21 enters into an agreement providing for, a limitation on the taxable
- 22 value of eligible property used as part of an eligible project,
- 23 <u>including the person's assignees or successors-in-interest.</u>
- 24 (4) "Appraised value," "tax year," and "taxing unit"
- 25 have the meanings assigned by Section 1.04, Tax Code.
- 26 (5) "Construction completion date" means the date on
- 27 which an eligible project is first capable of being used for the

1 purposes for which it is constructed. 2 (6) "Construction job" means an otherwise full-time 3 job that is temporary in nature and is performed before the start of the incentive period applicable to an eligible project to perform 4 5 construction, maintenance, remodeling, or repair work for an applicant in connection with the project. 6 7 (7) "Construction period" means the period prescribed 8 by an agreement as the construction period of the eligible project that is the subject of the agreement. 9 (8) "Eligible project" means a project that: 10 (A) is a national or state security project or 11 12 supply chain infrastructure project; (B) is a manufacturing project; or 13 14 (C) requires an investment in a school district 15 in this state of more than \$1 billion. 16 (9) "Eligible property" means property, other than 17 property used for intermittent power generation to supply electricity to the power grid, that is used as part of an eligible 18 19 project that is wholly owned by an applicant or leased by an applicant under a capitalized lease and consists of: 20 21 (A) a new building or expansion of an existing building, including a permanent, nonremovable component of a 22 23 building, that is: 24 (i) constructed after the date the 25 agreement pertaining to the project is entered into; and 26 (ii) located in an area designated as a reinvestment zone under Chapter 311 or 312, Tax Code, or as an 27

2 agreement pertaining to the project is entered into; or

(B) tangible personal property, other than

inventory, first located in the zone described by Paragraph (A)(ii)

after the date the agreement pertaining to the project is entered

into.

enterprise zone under Chapter 2303 of this code, at the time the

- 7 (10) "Full-time job" means a permanent full-time job
 8 that requires a total of at least 1,600 hours of work a year in
 9 connection with an eligible project.
- 10 (11) "Grid reliability project" means a project:

 (A) that generates base load or dispatchable
- 12 electricity for the power grid, including from thermal sources, or
- 13 that provides stored energy to the power grid from batteries,
- 14 regardless of power source;
- 15 (B) that increases the output capacity or
- 16 reliability of an existing dispatchable electric power generation
- 17 facility or that replaces dispatchable electric power generation
- 18 assets to extend the useful life of the facility, including
- 19 equipment that enables the use of multiple fuels;
- (C) that creates or expands the capability to
- 21 store fuel used by an electric power generation facility,
- 22 regardless of whether the fuel is stored at the facility site;
- (D) to produce hydrogen fuel or feed stock;
- 24 (E) that is a natural gas terminal or storage
- 25 facility; or

- 26 (F) that is a gas processing plant, including a
- 27 plant used in the processing, treatment, or fractionation of

brackish groundwater

1 natural gas. 2 (12) "Incentive period" for an eligible project means the period prescribed by the agreement pertaining to the project 3 during which the eligible property used as part of the project is 4 5 subject to a limitation on taxable value. 6 (13) "Independent contractor" has the meaning 7 assigned by Section 406.121, Labor Code. (14) "Investment" means the costs incurred by an 8 applicant to acquire or construct eligible property composing an 9 10 eligible project, other than the cost of land or inventory. (15) "Manufacturing project" means a project 11 12 primarily engaged in activities described by Sectors 31-33 of the 2007 North American Industry Classification System, including 13 semiconductor fabrication cleanrooms and equipment as defined by 14 15 Section 151.318(q), Tax Code. 16 (16) "Metropolitan statistical area" means an area so 17 designated by the United States Office of Management and Budget. (17) "National or state security project or supply 18 19 chain infrastructure project" means: 20 (A) a grid reliability project; or

25 project as prescribed by Section 403.604.
26 (19) "Total jobs" means the sum of required jobs and
27 additional jobs in connection with an eligible project.

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(18) "Required job" means a job that an applicant

- 1 Sec. 403.603. EXPIRATION. This subchapter expires December
- 2 31, 2036.
- 3 Sec. 403.604. REQUIRED JOBS AND INVESTMENT. (a) This
- 4 section does not apply to a national or state security project or
- 5 supply chain infrastructure project.
- 6 (b) To be eligible to enter into an agreement, an applicant
- 7 for a limitation on taxable value of eligible property to be used
- 8 for a proposed eligible project must agree to:
- 9 (1) if the project is to be located in a school
- 10 district with a taxable value of property of \$10 billion or more for
- 11 the tax year preceding the year in which the applicant submits the
- 12 application as determined under Subchapter M:
- 13 (A) create at least 50 required jobs by the end of
- 14 the first tax year of the incentive period prescribed by the
- 15 agreement and demonstrate an average of at least that number of jobs
- 16 during each following tax year until the date the agreement
- 17 expires; and
- 18 <u>(B) make an investment in the project in an</u>
- 19 amount of at least \$100 million before the incentive period begins;
- 20 (2) if the project is to be located in a school
- 21 district with a taxable value of property of at least \$1 billion but
- 22 less than \$10 billion for the tax year preceding the year in which
- 23 the applicant submits the application as determined under
- 24 Subchapter M:
- 25 (A) create at least 40 required jobs by the end of
- 26 the first tax year of the incentive period prescribed by the
- 27 agreement and demonstrate an average of at least that number of jobs

- 1 during each following tax year until the date the agreement
- 2 expires; and
- 3 (B) make an investment in the project in an
- 4 amount of at least \$80 million before the incentive period begins;
- 5 (3) if the project is to be located in a school
- 6 district with a taxable value of property of at least \$500 million
- 7 but less than \$1 billion for the tax year preceding the year in
- 8 which the applicant submits the application as determined under
- 9 Subchapter M:
- 10 (A) create at least 25 required jobs by the end of
- 11 the first tax year of the incentive period prescribed by the
- 12 agreement and demonstrate an average of at least that number of jobs
- 13 during each following tax year until the date the agreement
- 14 expires; and
- 15 (B) make an investment in the project in an
- 16 amount of at least \$50 million before the incentive period begins;
- 17 (4) if the project is to be located in a school
- 18 district with a taxable value of property of at least \$100 million
- 19 but less than \$500 million for the tax year preceding the year in
- 20 which the applicant submits the application as determined under
- 21 Subchapter M:
- (A) create at least 10 required jobs by the end of
- 23 the first tax year of the incentive period prescribed by the
- 24 agreement and demonstrate an average of at least that number of jobs
- 25 during each following tax year until the date the agreement
- 26 expires; and
- 27 (B) make an investment in the project in an

- 1 amount of at least \$25 million before the incentive period begins;
- 2 or
- 3 (5) if the project is to be located in a school
- 4 district with a taxable value of property of less than \$100 million
- 5 for the tax year preceding the year in which the applicant submits
- 6 the application as determined under Subchapter M or in a school
- 7 district that is not located in a metropolitan statistical area:
- 8 (A) create at least five required jobs by the end
- 9 of the first tax year of the incentive period prescribed by the
- 10 agreement and demonstrate an average of at least that number of jobs
- 11 during each following tax year until the date the agreement
- 12 expires; and
- 13 (B) make an investment in the project in an
- 14 amount of at least \$10 million before the incentive period begins.
- (c) For purposes of Subsection (b), each required job
- 16 <u>created in connection with an eligible project:</u>
- 17 (1) must be a new full-time job in this state:
- 18 (A) maintained in the usual course and scope of
- 19 the applicant's business, which may be performed by an individual
- 20 who is a trainee under the Texans Work program established under
- 21 Chapter 308, Labor Code; or
- 22 (B) performed by an independent contractor and
- 23 the independent contractor's employees at the site of the project;
- 24 and
- 25 (2) may not be transferred by the applicant from an
- 26 existing facility or location in this state or otherwise created to
- 27 replace an existing job, unless the applicant fills the vacancy

- 1 caused by the transfer.
- 2 (d) For purposes of Subsection (b), an applicant may count
- 3 as a required job one construction job credit. An applicant is
- 4 entitled to one construction job credit in connection with an
- 5 eligible project for every 10 construction jobs created in
- 6 connection with the project before the date the incentive period
- 7 for the project begins. An applicant may elect to determine the
- 8 number of construction jobs for purposes of this subsection as the
- 9 quotient of:
- 10 (1) the total amount paid by the applicant for labor in
- 11 connection with construction of the project before the incentive
- 12 period for the project begins, as evidenced by:
- (A) separated charges for labor services on
- 14 contractor invoices; or
- 15 (B) other documentation from contractors of the
- 16 cost of labor performed under lump-sum contracts; and
- 17 (2) the average annual wage for all jobs in the county
- 18 in which the project is primarily located during the most recent
- 19 four quarters for which data is available, as computed by the Texas
- 20 Workforce Commission.
- (e) For purposes of calculating the applicable number of
- 22 required jobs under Subsection (b) in connection with an eligible
- 23 project, an applicant may aggregate the number of hours worked by
- 24 one or more individuals who work fewer than 1,600 hours a year in
- 25 connection with the project if the number of hours worked by each of
- 26 those individuals combined meets or exceeds 1,600 hours of work a
- 27 year.

- 1 (f) For purposes of Subsection (b), an applicant may 2 demonstrate that the applicant has met the applicable minimum investment requirement by any reasonable means. The applicant is 3 considered to have met the applicable minimum investment 4 5 requirement if the most recent appraisal roll for the county in which the eligible property is located indicates that the appraised 6 7 value of the property composing the project as of January 1 of the 8 first year of the incentive period is equal to or greater than the
- Sec. 403.605. TAXABLE VALUE OF ELIGIBLE PROPERTY. (a)

 Except as provided by Subsection (b), the taxable value for school

 district maintenance and operations ad valorem tax purposes of

 eligible property subject to an agreement for each tax year of the

 incentive period prescribed by the agreement is equal to:

minimum investment requirement applicable to the project.

- (1) \$100 million, if the project subject to the agreement is located in a school district with a taxable value of property of \$10 billion or more for the tax year preceding the year in which the applicant submitted the application to which the agreement pertains as determined under Subchapter M;
- 20 (2) \$75 million, if the project subject to the
 21 agreement is located in a school district with a taxable value of
 22 property of at least \$1 billion but less than \$10 billion for the
 23 tax year preceding the year in which the applicant submitted the
 24 application to which the agreement pertains as determined under
 25 Subchapter M;
- 26 (3) \$50 million, if the project subject to the 27 agreement is located in a school district with a taxable value of

- 1 property of at least \$500 million but less than \$1 billion for the
- 2 tax year preceding the year in which the applicant submitted the
- 3 application to which the agreement pertains as determined under
- 4 Subchapter M;
- 5 (4) \$25 million, if the project subject to the
- 6 agreement is located in a school district with a taxable value of
- 7 property of at least \$100 million but less than \$500 million for the
- 8 tax year preceding the year in which the applicant submitted the
- 9 application to which the agreement pertains as determined under
- 10 Subchapter M; or
- 11 (5) \$5 million, if the project subject to the
- 12 agreement is located in a school district with a taxable value of
- 13 property of less than \$100 million for the tax year preceding the
- 14 year in which the applicant submitted the application to which the
- 15 agreement pertains as determined under Subchapter M.
- 16 (b) The taxable value of eligible property for school
- 17 district maintenance and operations ad valorem tax purposes for a
- 18 tax year during the incentive period is the appraised value of the
- 19 property for that tax year if that value is less than the value of
- 20 the property as determined under Subsection (a).
- 21 <u>(c) The taxable value of eligible property for school</u>
- 22 <u>district maintenance and operations ad valorem tax purposes is zero</u>
- 23 for each tax year beginning with the tax year following the year in
- 24 which the agreement pertaining to the property is entered into and
- 25 ending December 31 of the tax year that includes the construction
- 26 completion date for the applicable eligible project.
- 27 (d) The chief appraiser for the appraisal district in which

- 1 eligible property is located shall determine the market value and
- 2 appraised value of the property and include the market value,
- 3 appraised value, and taxable value of the property as determined
- 4 under this section in the appraisal records for the appraisal
- 5 district.
- 6 (e) The chief appraiser for the appraisal district in which
- 7 eligible property subject to an agreement is located may not use an
- 8 estimated value included in the application to which the agreement
- 9 pertains to determine the market value of the property.
- Sec. 403.606. APPLICATION. (a) A person who proposes to
- 11 construct an eligible project in a school district may apply to the
- 12 governing body of the district to limit the taxable value for
- 13 maintenance and operations ad valorem tax purposes of the district
- of the eligible property used as part of the proposed project.
- (b) A person submitting an application under Subsection (a)
- 16 must use the form prescribed by the comptroller. The form must
- 17 contain the following information:
- 18 (1) the applicant's name, address, and Texas taxpayer
- 19 identification number and the contact information for the
- 20 applicant's authorized representative;
- 21 (2) the applicant's form of business and, if
- 22 applicable, the name, address, and Texas taxpayer identification
- 23 <u>number of the applicant's parent entity;</u>
- 24 (3) the applicable school district's name and address
- 25 and the contact information for the district's authorized
- 26 representative;
- 27 (4) the legal description of the property on which the

- 1 project is proposed to be located and, if applicable, the address of
- 2 the proposed project;
- 3 (5) the applicable number of required jobs prescribed
- 4 by Section 403.604 for the proposed project;
- 5 (6) a list of each taxing unit in which the project is
- 6 proposed to be located;
- 7 (7) a brief description of the proposed project,
- 8 including the classification of the project as designated by the
- 9 North American Industry Classification System;
- 10 (8) a brief description of the eligible property to be
- 11 used as part of the proposed project;
- 12 (9) a projected timeline for construction and
- 13 completion of the proposed project, including the projected dates
- 14 on which construction will begin, construction will be completed,
- 15 and commercial operations will start;
- 16 (10) the proposed incentive period;
- 17 (11) the name and location of the existing or proposed
- 18 reinvestment zone or enterprise zone in which the proposed project
- 19 will be located;
- 20 (12) a brief summary of the projected economic
- 21 benefits of the proposed project; and
- 22 (13) the applicant's signature and certification of
- 23 the accuracy of the information included in the application.
- (c) The form prescribed by Subsection (b) must allow the
- 25 applicant to segregate confidential information described by
- 26 Section 403.622(a) from other information in the application.
- 27 (d) An applicant must include with an application the

- 1 <u>following:</u>
- 2 (1) an application fee payable to the school district
- 3 in an amount determined by the district not to exceed \$60,000 for an
- 4 initial application, inclusive of the costs of processing the
- 5 application, retaining professional services, preparing the school
- 6 finance impact report required by Section 403.608, and, if
- 7 applicable, creating a reinvestment zone or enterprise zone;
- 8 (2) a map showing the site of the proposed project; and
- 9 (3) the economic benefit statement prepared under
- 10 Section 403.607 in connection with the proposed project.
- 11 (e) A school district that receives an application under
- 12 this section shall forward the application to the comptroller not
- 13 later than the seventh day after the date the district receives the
- 14 application.
- 15 (f) The comptroller may request that an applicant provide
- 16 any additional information the comptroller reasonably determines
- 17 is necessary to complete the comptroller's evaluation of the
- 18 application. The comptroller may require an applicant to submit
- 19 the additional information by a certain date and may extend that
- 20 deadline on a showing of good cause. The comptroller is not
- 21 required to take any further action on an application until it is
- 22 complete.
- 23 (g) The comptroller shall notify an applicant and the
- 24 pertinent school district when the applicant's application is
- 25 administratively complete.
- Sec. 403.607. ECONOMIC BENEFIT STATEMENT. (a) An
- 27 applicant shall submit an economic benefit statement with the

- 1 applicant's application.
- 2 (b) An economic benefit statement must include the
- 3 following information for each year of the period that begins on the
- 4 date the applicant projects construction of the proposed project
- 5 that is the subject of the application will begin and ends on the
- 6 25th anniversary of the date the incentive period ends:
- 7 (1) an estimate of the number of total jobs that will
- 8 be created by the project;
- 9 (2) an estimate of the total amount of capital
- 10 investment that will be created by the project;
- 11 (3) an estimate of the increase in appraised value of
- 12 property that will be attributable to the project;
- 13 (4) an estimate of the amount of ad valorem taxes that
- 14 will be imposed by each taxing unit other than the school district
- on the property used as part of the project;
- 16 (5) an estimate of the amount of state taxes that will
- 17 be paid in connection with the project; and
- 18 (6) an estimate of the associated economic benefits
- 19 that may reasonably be attributed to the project, including:
- 20 (A) the impact on the gross revenues and
- 21 employment levels of local businesses that provide goods or
- 22 services in connection with the project or to the applicant's
- 23 employees;
- (B) the amount of state and local taxes that will
- 25 be generated as a result of the indirect economic impact of the
- 26 project, including all ad valorem taxes not otherwise estimated in
- 27 Subdivision (4) that will be imposed on property placed into

- 1 service as a result of the project;
- 2 (C) the development of complementary businesses
- 3 or industries that locate in this state as a direct consequence of
- 4 the project;
- 5 (D) the total impact of the project on the gross
- 6 domestic product of this state;
- 7 (E) the total impact of the project on personal
- 8 income in this state; and
- 9 (F) the total impact of the project on state and
- 10 local taxes.
- 11 <u>(c)</u> An applicant may use standard economic estimation
- 12 techniques, including economic multipliers, to create an economic
- 13 benefit statement.
- 14 (d) The comptroller shall establish criteria for the
- 15 methodology to be used by an applicant to create an economic benefit
- 16 statement.
- 17 (e) The comptroller may require an applicant to supplement
- 18 or modify an economic benefit statement to ensure the accuracy of
- 19 the estimates required to be included in the statement under
- 20 Subsection (b).
- Sec. 403.608. SCHOOL FINANCE IMPACT REPORT. (a) A school
- 22 <u>district that receives an application under this subchapter shall</u>
- 23 promptly prepare a school finance impact report for the proposed
- 24 project that is the subject of the application.
- 25 (b) A school finance impact report must detail the projected
- 26 tax and revenue consequences for the school district of the
- 27 proposed project for each year of the 25-year period beginning on

- 1 the date the application is received by the district.
- 2 (c) A school finance impact report must include an estimate
- 3 of the amount of ad valorem taxes imposed by the school district
- 4 during the period described by Subsection (b) on the property used
- 5 as part of the proposed project, together with all related property
- 6 owned by the applicant or leased by the applicant under a
- 7 capitalized lease and placed in service as a direct result of the
- 8 project:
- 9 (1) for maintenance and operations purposes; and
- 10 (2) for interest and sinking fund purposes.
- 11 Sec. 403.609. COMPTROLLER DETERMINATION REGARDING
- 12 APPLICATION. (a) The comptroller shall determine whether to
- 13 recommend that a school district approve an application submitted
- 14 to the district under this subchapter.
- (b) The comptroller shall notify an applicant and a school
- 16 district of the comptroller's determination under Subsection (a)
- 17 regarding an application submitted to the district by the applicant
- 18 not later than the 60th day after the date the comptroller
- 19 determines the application is complete.
- 20 (c) The comptroller shall recommend that a school district
- 21 approve an application submitted to the district if the comptroller
- 22 finds that:
- (1) the proposed project that is the subject of the
- 24 application is an eligible project;
- 25 (2) the proposed project is reasonably likely to
- 26 generate, before the 25th anniversary of the last day of the
- 27 incentive period, state or local tax revenue, including ad valorem

- 1 tax revenue attributable to the effect of the project on the economy
- 2 of this state, in an amount sufficient to offset the school district
- 3 maintenance and operations ad valorem tax revenue lost as a result
- 4 of the agreement; and
- 5 (3) the agreement is a determining factor in the
- 6 applicant's decision to make the investment and locate the project
- 7 <u>in this state.</u>
- 8 (d) Subsection (c)(3) does not apply to an application if
- 9 the proposed project that is the subject of the application is a
- 10 grid reliability project.
- 11 Sec. 403.610. HEARING. (a) An applicant is entitled to a
- 12 hearing if the comptroller determines not to recommend that the
- 13 applicable school district approve an application submitted by the
- 14 applicant to the district.
- 15 (b) A hearing under this section is a contested case hearing
- 16 and shall be conducted by the State Office of Administrative
- 17 Hearings in the manner provided by Section 2003.101.
- 18 (c) To receive a hearing under this section, an applicant
- 19 must file a notice of appeal with the comptroller not later than the
- 20 30th day after the date the comptroller notifies the applicant of
- 21 the comptroller's determination under Section 403.609. The
- 22 comptroller's determination becomes final if the applicant does not
- 23 file the notice of appeal as provided by this subsection.
- 24 (d) An applicant may seek judicial review of the
- 25 comptroller's determination in a Travis County district court under
- 26 the substantial evidence rule as provided by Subchapter G, Chapter
- 27 2001.

1 Sec. 403.611. SCHOOL DISTRICT ACTION ON APPLICATION. (a) 2 The governing body of a school district shall approve or disapprove an application submitted to the district under this subchapter that 3 the comptroller recommends be approved by the district. 4 5 governing body may approve an application only if the comptroller recommends the application be approved. The governing body shall 6 7 approve or disapprove the application not later than the 35th day after the date the comptroller notifies the district of the 8 comptroller's determination under Section 403.609. The governing 9 body may extend the deadline prescribed by this subsection on 10 written request of the applicant. 11

(b) The governing body of a school district that disapproves an application may propose amendments to the application and reconsider the amended application not later than the 60th day after the date the governing body disapproves the application. The governing body may extend the deadline prescribed by this subsection on written request of the applicant. The school district may impose a fee of \$15,000 for an amendment to an application.

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(c) If the governing body of the school district and the 20 applicant agree on an amendment to the application under Subsection 21 22 (b), the amended application must be submitted to the comptroller for a redetermination regarding the application. The comptroller 23 24 shall notify the applicant and school district of the comptroller's redetermination regarding the application not later than the 30th 25 26 day after the date the comptroller receives the amended 27 application.

- 1 (d) The presiding officer of the governing body of a school
 2 district shall notify the applicant and the comptroller of the
 3 governing body's approval or disapproval of an application not
- 3 governing body's approval or disapproval of an application not
- 4 later than the seventh day after the date the governing body
- 5 approves or disapproves the application.
- 6 (e) Except for a payment authorized by this subchapter, an 7 employee or representative of a school district, a member of the governing body of the district, or any other person may not 8 intentionally or knowingly solicit, accept, agree to accept, or 9 10 require any payment of money or transfer of property or other thing of value, directly or indirectly, to the district, an employee or 11 12 representative of the district, a member of the governing body of the district, or any other person in recognition of, anticipation 13
- 15 section.

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(f) Except for a payment authorized by this subchapter, an

of, or consideration for approval of an application under this

- 17 applicant, an employee or representative of the applicant, or any
- 18 other person may not intentionally or knowingly offer, confer,
- 19 agree to confer, or make a payment of money or transfer of property
- 20 or other thing of value, directly or indirectly, to the school
- 21 <u>district</u>, an employee or representative of the district, a member
- 22 of the governing body of the district, or any other person in
- 23 recognition of, anticipation of, or consideration for approval of
- 24 an application under this section.
- Sec. 403.612. AGREEMENT. (a) The governing body of a
- 26 school district that approves an application under Section 403.611
- 27 shall enter into an agreement with the applicant that submitted the

- 1 application. 2 (b) An agreement entered into under this section between an 3 applicant and a school district for an eligible project shall: 4 (1) specify the project to which the agreement 5 applies; 6 (2) specify the term of the agreement, which must: 7 (A) begin on the date the agreement is entered 8 into; and 9 (B) end on December 31 of the third tax year 10 following the end of the incentive period; 11 (3) specify the incentive period for the project; 12 (4) specify the manner for determining the taxable value for school district maintenance and operations ad valorem tax 13 purposes during the incentive period under Section 403.605 for the 14 15 eligible property subject to the agreement; 16 (5) specify the applicable jobs and investment 17 requirements prescribed by Section 403.604 and require the applicant to comply with those requirements; 18
- 19 (6) if the applicant is subject to the jobs requirement prescribed by Section 403.604, require that the average 20 annual wage paid to all persons employed by the applicant in 21 connection with the project used to calculate total jobs, other 22 than a required job derived from a construction job credit, exceed 23 24 the average annual wage for all jobs in the county during the most recent four quarters for which data is available, as computed by the 25 26 Texas Workforce Commission, with the applicant's average annual

wage being equal to the quotient of:

1	(A) the applicant's total wages paid, other than
2	wages paid for construction jobs, as reported under Section
3	403.617(c)(4); and
4	(B) the applicant's number of total jobs, other
5	than a required job derived from a construction job credit, as
6	reported under Section 403.617(c)(3);
7	(7) require the applicant to pay a penalty prescribed
8	by Section 403.615 if the applicant fails to comply with an
9	applicable jobs or wage requirement;
10	(8) authorize the district to terminate the agreement
11	if the applicant fails to meet a material requirement of the
12	agreement as provided by Subsection (e); and
13	(9) incorporate each relevant provision of this
14	subchapter.
15	(c) An agreement entered into under this section between an
16	applicant and a school district pertaining to an eligible project
17	may:
18	(1) require the applicant to:
19	(A) either:
20	(i) share a percentage of the applicant's
21	tax revenue savings with the district, as computed under Section
22	403.614; or
23	(ii) pay the district an amount specified
24	in the agreement, which may not be less than \$75,000 for each tax
25	year during the incentive period; and
26	(B) if the agreement requires the applicant to
7	share a nercentage of the annlicant's tay revenue savings under

- 1 Paragraph (A)(i), specify the tax savings percentages required to
- 2 compute the applicable tax sharing amount under Section 403.614;
- 3 (2) require the applicant to make an indemnity payment
- 4 to the district as provided by Subsection (f);
- 5 (3) authorize the applicant to terminate the agreement
- 6 <u>as an alternative to making an indemnity payment to the district as</u>
- 7 provided by Subsection (f); and
- 8 <u>(4) authorize the district to terminate the agreement</u>
- 9 as provided by Subsection (h).
- 10 (d) An agreement entered into under this section between an
- 11 applicant and a school district pertaining to an eligible project
- 12 may not require the applicant to make a payment to the district
- 13 other than a payment prescribed by this subchapter.
- 14 (e) This subsection applies to a term described by
- 15 Subsection (b)(8). The agreement must provide that the school
- 16 <u>district:</u>
- 17 (1) is authorized to terminate the agreement if the
- 18 applicant fails to meet a material requirement of the agreement,
- 19 other than a requirement described by Section 403.614;
- 20 (2) may not terminate the agreement until the district
- 21 provides written notice to the applicant of the proposed
- 22 termination;
- 23 (3) must provide the applicant the opportunity to cure
- 24 and dispute the alleged failure, including through judicial action;
- 25 and
- 26 (4) is entitled to recover all lost ad valorem tax
- 27 revenue from the project and interest on that amount calculated as

1 provided by Section 111.060, Tax Code.

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2 This subsection applies only if an agreement includes a term described by Subsection (c)(2). The agreement must require 3 the applicant to make an indemnity payment to the school district 4 5 for a tax year during the incentive period in which the district's revenue is substantially reduced as a result of the enactment of 6 7 legislation, an amendment to the constitution, or a final judicial 8 determination directly affecting the tax incentives authorized by this subchapter, as determined by the Texas Education Agency as 9 provided by Subsection (g). The amount of the indemnity payment is 10 equal to the difference between the amount of revenue the district 11 12 would have received in that tax year had the legislation not been enacted, the constitution not been amended, or the final judicial 13 14 determination not been made and the amount of revenue actually 15 received by the district in that tax year. The agreement must provide that, as an alternative to making the indemnity payment, 16 17 the applicant may elect to terminate the agreement by notifying the district in writing of the termination. An agreement terminated 18 19 under this subsection is void, and all remaining obligations and benefits under the agreement and this subchapter terminate on the 20 date the agreement is terminated. The agreement may not require the 21 22 applicant to pay back any benefit the applicant received under the agreement before the date the agreement is terminated under this 23 24 subsection. (g) For purposes of Subsection (f), the Texas Education 25 26 Agency shall determine whether a law enacted by the legislature, an

amendment to the constitution, or a final judicial determination

- 1 results in a substantial change that affects the Foundation School
- 2 Program, not including facilities funding, and directly affects an
- 3 agreement entered into under this subchapter. If the agency makes a
- 4 determination under this subsection related to an agreement, the
- 5 agency shall establish the method the applicable school district
- 6 must use to calculate the indemnity payment and certify the
- 7 calculation made by the district.
- 8 (h) This subsection applies only if an agreement includes a
- 9 term described by Subsection (c)(4). The agreement may authorize
- 10 the school district to terminate the agreement under the
- 11 circumstances described by Subsection (f) if the district
- 12 determines that the indemnity payment made by the applicant would
- 13 not fully reimburse the district as required by that subsection.
- 14 The district must notify the applicant in writing of the
- 15 termination. An agreement terminated under this subsection is
- 16 void, and all remaining obligations and benefits under the
- 17 agreement and this subchapter terminate on the date the agreement
- 18 is terminated. The agreement may not require the applicant to pay
- 19 back any benefit the applicant received under the agreement before
- 20 the date the agreement is terminated under this subsection.
- 21 (i) An applicant and a school district may modify the terms
- of an agreement that do not materially modify the jobs or investment
- 23 requirements prescribed by the agreement. The district may impose
- 24 <u>a fee of \$15,000 for an amendment to an agreement.</u>
- 25 (j) The school district shall append the economic benefit
- 26 statement applicable to the project that is the subject of the
- 27 agreement to the agreement.

- 1 (k) The school district shall submit each agreement entered
- 2 into by the district to the comptroller not later than the seventh
- 3 day after the date the agreement is entered into.
- 4 Sec. 403.613. INCENTIVE PERIOD. (a) An incentive period
- 5 pertaining to an eligible project is the period specified in the
- 6 agreement for the project, which must be a period of 10 consecutive
- 7 tax years.
- 8 (b) An incentive period may not begin:
- 9 (1) earlier than January 1 of the first tax year
- 10 <u>following the construction completion date; or</u>
- 11 (2) later than January 1 of the first tax year
- 12 following the 10th anniversary of the date the agreement is entered
- 13 into.
- 14 (c) Subject to Subsection (b), the beginning date of an
- 15 incentive period specified in an agreement pertaining to an
- 16 eligible project is deferred if the applicant does not satisfy the
- 17 minimum investment requirement applicable to the project on or
- 18 before the date the incentive period is specified to begin under the
- 19 agreement. The incentive period is deferred until January 1 of the
- 20 year following the year in which the applicant satisfies the
- 21 investment requirement pertaining to the project. The deferral of
- 22 <u>an incentive period under this subsection does not affect the date</u>
- 23 on which the incentive period ends as prescribed by the agreement.
- 24 (d) Subject to Subsection (b), an applicant may propose to
- 25 modify the beginning and ending dates of the incentive period as
- 26 provided by this subsection. The applicant shall provide notice of
- 27 the proposed modification to the comptroller and the school

- 1 district not later than the 90th day before the first day of the 2 incentive period specified in Section 403.612(b)(3) or as proposed to be modified, whichever is earlier. The applicant shall revise 3 the most recent economic benefit statement as necessary to reflect 4 5 the proposed change to the incentive period. The applicant must include the revised economic benefit statement with the notice 6 7 provided to the comptroller and the district under this subsection. The comptroller shall make the finding required by Section 8 403.609(c)(2) regarding the project as proposed to be modified or 9 10 determine that the finding cannot be made. The comptroller shall notify the applicant and the district of the comptroller's finding 11 12 or determination not later than the 60th day after the date the comptroller receives notice from the applicant of the proposed 13 modification. The applicant may appeal the comptroller's 14 determination in the manner provided by Section 403.610. 15 incentive period for the project may not be modified if the 16 17 comptroller determines that the finding required by Section 403.609(c)(2) regarding the project as proposed to be modified 18 19 cannot be made or, if the determination is appealed, the applicant is not successful on appeal before the beginning of the original or 20 modified incentive period, whichever is earlier. 21 22 Sec. 403.614. COMPUTATION OF TAX SHARING AMOUNT. (a) An
- 22 <u>Sec. 403.614. COMPUTATION OF TAX SHARING AMOUNT. (a) An</u>
 23 <u>applicant's tax revenue savings for eligible property that is</u>
 24 <u>subject to an agreement between the applicant and a school district</u>
 25 is:
- 26 (1) for a tax year during the period prescribed by 27 Section 403.605(c), an amount equal to the product of:

1	(A) the amount computed by dividing the appraised
2	value of the property for that tax year by 100; and
3	(B) the maintenance and operations ad valorem tax
4	rate adopted by the district for that tax year; and
5	(2) for a tax year during the incentive period
6	prescribed by the agreement, an amount equal to the product of:
7	(A) the amount computed by:
8	(i) subtracting the taxable value of the
9	property as determined under Section 403.612(b)(4) from the
10	appraised value of the property for that tax year; and
11	(ii) dividing the amount computed under
12	Paragraph (A) by 100; and
13	(B) the maintenance and operations ad valorem tax
14	rate adopted by the district for that tax year.
15	(b) An applicant's tax sharing amount for a tax year during
16	the period described by Subsection (a)(1) is equal to 20 percent of
17	the applicant's tax revenue savings as computed under that
18	subdivision for that tax year.
19	(c) An applicant's tax sharing amount for a tax year during
20	the period described by Subsection (a)(2) in which the applicant's
21	tax revenue savings as computed under that subdivision is:
22	(1) \$3 million or less is the amount equal to the
23	product of the amount computed under Subsection (a)(2) and the
24	applicable tax savings percentage specified in the agreement
25	between the applicant and the school district, which may not exceed
26	30 percent;

(2) more than \$3 million but less than \$7 million is

1	the amount equal to the sum of the following amounts:
2	(A) the product of:
3	(i) \$3 million; and
4	(ii) the applicable tax savings percentage
5	specified in the agreement, which may not exceed 30 percent; and
6	(B) the product of:
7	(i) the difference between the amount
8	computed under Subsection (a)(2) and \$3 million; and
9	(ii) the applicable tax savings percentage
10	specified in the agreement, which may not exceed 20 percent; and
11	(3) \$7 million or more is the amount equal to the sum
12	of the following amounts:
13	(A) the product of:
14	(i) \$3 million; and
15	(ii) the applicable tax savings percentage
16	specified in the agreement, which may not exceed 30 percent;
17	(B) the product of:
18	(i) \$4 million; and
19	(ii) the applicable tax savings percentage
20	specified in the agreement, which may not exceed 20 percent; and
21	(C) the product of:
22	(i) the difference between the amount
23	computed under Subsection (a)(2) and \$7 million; and
24	(ii) the applicable tax savings percentage
25	specified in the agreement, which may not exceed 10 percent.
26	Sec. 403.615. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH JOBS OR WAGE
27	REOUIREMENT. (a) An applicant is liable to the state for a penalty

- 1 in the amount computed under this subsection if the applicant fails
- 2 to maintain at least the number of required jobs prescribed by the
- 3 agreement to which the applicant is a party during the periods
- 4 covered by two consecutive reports submitted by the applicant under
- 5 Section 403.617. The amount of the penalty is equal to the product
- 6 of:
- 7 (1) the difference between:
- 8 (A) the number of required jobs prescribed by the
- 9 agreement; and
- 10 (B) the number of required jobs actually created
- 11 as stated in the most recent report submitted by the applicant under
- 12 Section 403.617; and
- 13 (2) the average annual wage prescribed by the
- 14 agreement during the most recent four quarters for which data is
- 15 available, as computed by the Texas Workforce Commission.
- 16 (b) An applicant is liable to the state for a penalty in the
- 17 amount computed under this subsection if the applicant fails to
- 18 meet the average annual wage requirement prescribed by the
- 19 agreement to which the applicant is a party, if any, during the
- 20 periods covered by two consecutive reports submitted by the
- 21 applicant under Section 403.617. The amount of the penalty is equal
- 22 to the difference between:
- 23 (1) the product of:
- 24 (A) the actual average annual wage paid to all
- 25 persons employed by the applicant in connection with the project
- 26 that is the subject of the agreement as computed under Section
- 27 403.612(b)(6); and

1 (B) the number of required jobs prescribed by the 2 agreement; and 3 (2) the product of: 4 (A) the average annual wage prescribed by the 5 agreement; and 6 (B) the number of required jobs prescribed by the 7 agreement. 8 (c) Notwithstanding Subsections (a) and (b), the amount of a penalty imposed on an applicant under this section may not exceed 9 10 the amount of the ad valorem tax benefit received by the applicant under the agreement that is the subject of the penalty. 11 12 (d) An applicant on request of the comptroller shall provide to the comptroller a schedule of required jobs created as of the 13 14 date of the request under an agreement to which the applicant is a 15 party. (e) A determination by the comptroller that an applicant has 16 failed to meet the jobs or wage requirement prescribed by an 17 agreement to which the applicant is a party is a deficiency 18 determination under Section 111.008, Tax Code. A penalty imposed 19 under this section is an amount the comptroller is required to 20 collect, receive, administer, or enforce, and is subject to the 21 payment and redetermination requirements of Sections 111.0081 and 22 111.009, Tax Code. A redetermination under Section 111.009, Tax 23 24 Code, of a determination under this section is a contested case as defined by Section 2001.003 of this code. 25 26 (f) An applicant may challenge under Subchapters A and B,

Chapter 112, Tax Code, a determination under this section that

- 1 imposes a penalty on the applicant if the applicant contends that
- 2 the amount of the penalty is unlawful or that the comptroller may
- 3 not legally demand or collect the amount.
- 4 (g) The comptroller shall deposit the amount collected
- 5 under this section, including any interest applicable to the
- 6 amount, to the credit of the foundation school fund.
- 7 Sec. 403.616. AUDIT OF AGREEMENTS BY STATE AUDITOR. (a)
- 8 Each year the state auditor shall select and review at least three
- 9 major agreements to determine whether:
- 10 (1) each agreement accomplishes the purposes of this
- 11 subchapter as expressed in Section 403.601; and
- 12 (2) the terms of each agreement were executed in
- 13 compliance with the terms of this subchapter.
- 14 (b) As part of the review, the state auditor shall make
- 15 recommendations relating to increasing the efficiency and
- 16 <u>effectiveness of the administration of this subchapter.</u>
- 17 Sec. 403.617. BIENNIAL COMPLIANCE REPORT BY APPLICANT. (a)
- 18 An applicant that is a party to an agreement shall submit a report
- 19 to the comptroller as required by this section using the form
- 20 adopted by the comptroller.
- 21 (b) An applicant must submit a report required by this
- 22 section to the comptroller not later than June 1 of each
- 23 even-numbered year during the term of the agreement that is the
- 24 subject of the report.
- 25 (c) A report required by this section must include the
- 26 following documents and information applicable to the agreement
- 27 that is the subject of the report:

1 (1) a certification by the applicant that is a party to the agreement that the applicant has met the jobs and investment 2 requirements prescribed by the agreement, which must include: 3 4 (A) a sworn affidavit stating: 5 (i) the number of required jobs prescribed 6 by the agreement; 7 (ii) the number of total jobs created under the agreement as of December 31 of the preceding two years, 8 including the number of total jobs for each category of required 9 10 jobs; and (iii) the name and contact information of 11 12 each person who employs a person described by Subparagraph (ii), other than the applicant or the applicant's affiliates; 13 (B) if applicable, payroll records maintained 14 15 for purposes of 40 T.A.C. Chapter 815; and 16 (C) if applicable, evidence of the number of 17 construction jobs created and construction job credits counted by the applicant as a required job; 18 19 (2) the number assigned to the application by the comptroller for the agreement, name of the applicant, name of the 20 school district, and name of and contact information for the 21 22 applicant's representative; (3) the number of total jobs, not including 23 24 construction job credits counted by the applicant as a required job, created by the project in each of the preceding two years; 25 26 (4) the total wages paid for total jobs, not including wages paid for construction jobs, in each of the preceding two 27

- 1 years;
- 2 (5) the number of construction jobs created as
- 3 determined under Section 403.604(d);
- 4 (6) the total amount of the applicant's investment,
- 5 including any additional amount invested by the applicant after the
- 6 incentive period begins;
- 7 (7) the appraised value of all property composing the
- 8 project for each previous tax year of the agreement;
- 9 (8) the taxable value of all property composing the
- 10 project for each previous tax year of the agreement;
- 11 (9) the amount of school district maintenance and
- 12 operations ad valorem taxes imposed on the property composing the
- 13 project and paid by the applicant for each previous tax year of the
- 14 agreement;
- 15 (10) the amount of school district interest and
- 16 sinking fund ad valorem taxes imposed on the property composing the
- 17 project and paid by the applicant for each previous tax year of the
- 18 agreement;
- 19 (11) the amount of school district ad valorem taxes
- 20 that would have been imposed on the property composing the project
- 21 and paid by the applicant in the absence of the agreement for each
- 22 previous tax year of the agreement;
- 23 (12) the amount of payments made by the applicant to
- 24 the school district as prescribed by the agreement for each
- 25 previous tax year of the agreement, listed by type of payment; and
- 26 (13) the amount of ad valorem taxes imposed on the
- 27 property composing the project by each taxing unit other than the

- 1 school district and paid by the applicant for each previous tax year
- 2 of the agreement, stated by taxing unit.
- 3 (d) This subsection applies only to a report required to be
- 4 submitted under this section by an applicant for the period that
- 5 includes the first year of the incentive period as prescribed by the
- 6 agreement that is the subject of the report or as deferred. In
- 7 <u>addition to the documents and information described by Subsection</u>
- 8 (c), the applicant must include with the certification required by
- 9 Subsection (c)(1):
- 10 (1) a list of the property tax account numbers
- 11 assigned to the property composing the project;
- 12 (2) the current total appraised value of the property
- 13 composing the project; and
- 14 (3) if applicable, a statement that the incentive
- 15 period was deferred because the applicant did not meet the minimum
- 16 <u>investment requirement prescribed by the agreement before the date</u>
- 17 specified in the agreement.
- 18 Sec. 403.618. SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT. (a) A school
- 19 district that is a party to an agreement must submit a report to the
- 20 comptroller as prescribed by this section.
- 21 (b) A school district must submit the report not later than
- 22 June 1 of each even-numbered year:
- 23 <u>(1) beginning in the first even-numbered year</u>
- 24 following the year in which the governing body of the district
- 25 approves the application for the project that is the subject of the
- 26 agreement; and
- 27 (2) ending in the last even-numbered year before the

- 1 third anniversary of the expiration of the incentive period
- 2 prescribed by the agreement.
- 3 (c) The report must include:
- 4 (1) the total amount received from the applicant under
- 5 the agreement for each previous year;
- 6 (2) the total amount of any other direct or indirect
- 7 benefit received from the applicant for each previous year,
- 8 including an in-kind contribution; and
- 9 (3) the purposes for which the payments and benefits
- 10 were used by the school district.
- Sec. 403.619. BIENNIAL REPORT TO LEGISLATURE. (a) The
- 12 comptroller shall submit to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of
- 13 the house of representatives, and each other member of the
- 14 legislature a report on the agreements entered into under this
- 15 subchapter. The comptroller must submit the report not later than
- 16 December 1 of each even-numbered year.
- 17 (b) The report must include:
- 18 (1) an assessment of the following with regard to the
- 19 agreements entered into under this subchapter, considered in the
- 20 <u>aggregate:</u>
- 21 (A) the total number of jobs created in this
- 22 <u>state;</u>
- 23 (B) the total effect on personal income in this
- 24 state;
- (C) the total amount of investment in this state;
- 26 (D) the total taxable value of property on the
- 27 tax rolls in this state resulting from the agreements, including

1 property subject to an agreement that has expired; 2 (E) the total value of property subject to 3 agreements that have not expired; and 4 (F) the total fiscal effect resulting from the 5 agreements on this state and on local governments in this state; and 6 (2) an assessment of each agreement entered into under 7 this subchapter that states for each agreement: 8 (A) the number of <u>required jobs prescribed by the</u> 9 agreement; 10 (B) the number of jobs actually created under the agreement, including: 11 12 (i) each job described by 13 403.604(c)(1)(A); 14 (ii) each job described by Section 15 403.604(c)(1)(B); (iii) each construction job credit 16 17 described by Section 403.604(d) counted by an applicant as a required job; and 18 (iv) any additional jobs created or 19 maintained in connection with the project that is the subject of the 20 agreement, if reported by the applicant; 21 (C) the number of total jobs created under the 22 agreement, if the term of the agreement has expired; 23 24 (D) the amount of the investment specified by the 25 agreement; 26 (E) the amount of the actual investment made for the applicable project before the expiration of the agreement; 27

- 1 (F) the difference between the amount of ad
- 2 valorem taxes that would have been imposed on the property
- 3 composing the applicable project in the absence of the agreement
- 4 and the amount of ad valorem taxes actually imposed on that property
- 5 during the term of the agreement;
- 6 (G) the total amount of state and local tax
- 7 revenue attributable to the applicable project during the term of
- 8 the agreement;
- 9 (H) the total amount received by the school
- 10 <u>district from the applicant under the agreement for each previous</u>
- 11 year;
- 12 (I) the total amount of any other direct or
- 13 indirect benefit received by the district from the applicant for
- 14 each previous year, including an in-kind contribution; and
- (J) the purposes for which the payments and
- 16 benefits described by Paragraphs (H) and (I) were used by the
- 17 district.
- 18 (c) The comptroller may not include in the report
- 19 information that is confidential under law.
- 20 (d) The comptroller may use standard economic estimation
- 21 techniques, including economic multipliers, to prepare the portion
- 22 of the report described by Subsection (b)(1).
- 23 <u>(e) The comptroller may require an applicant to submit</u>
- 24 <u>information required to complete the report on a form prescribed by</u>
- 25 the comptroller.
- Sec. 403.620. CONFLICT OF INTEREST. A person may not,
- 27 directly or indirectly, represent, advise, or provide a service to

- 1 both an applicant and a school district in connection with the same
- 2 application submitted or agreement entered into under this
- 3 subchapter.
- 4 Sec. 403.621. TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS. A
- 5 payment by an applicant to a school district under this subchapter
- 6 other than a payment of ad valorem taxes imposed by the district may
- 7 not be treated as tax revenue collected by the district for any
- 8 purpose under Chapter 48 or 49, Education Code.
- 9 Sec. 403.622. CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN BUSINESS
- 10 INFORMATION. (a) Information provided to a school district or the
- 11 comptroller by an applicant under this subchapter that is a trade
- 12 secret, as defined by Section 134A.002, Civil Practice and Remedies
- 13 Code, is confidential and not subject to disclosure under Chapter
- 14 552.
- (b) Payroll records reported under Section 403.617(c)(1)(A)
- 16 or (B) by an applicant to the comptroller are confidential and not
- 17 subject to disclosure under Chapter 552.
- 18 Sec. 403.623. INTERNET POSTING OF INFORMATION. (a)
- 19 Subject to Section 403.622, the comptroller shall post on the
- 20 comptroller's Internet website the following information received
- 21 by the comptroller:
- 22 (1) each application submitted under this subchapter;
- 23 (2) each map and economic benefit statement required
- 24 to be submitted with an application under this subchapter;
- 25 (3) each amendment to an application made under this
- 26 subchapter;
- 27 (4) each agreement entered into under this subchapter;

- 1 and
- 2 (5) each biennial compliance report submitted as
- 3 required under this subchapter.
- 4 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the comptroller
- 5 shall post the information described by Subsection (a) as soon as
- 6 practicable after the date the comptroller receives the
- 7 <u>information</u>.
- 8 (c) The comptroller shall post the information described by
- 9 Subsections (a)(1), (2), and (3) not later then the 10th business
- 10 day after the date the comptroller receives the information.
- 11 (d) The comptroller shall continue to post the information
- 12 required by this section until the date the agreement to which the
- 13 information relates expires.
- Sec. 403.624. RULES AND FORMS. (a) The comptroller shall
- 15 <u>adopt rules necessary to implement and administer this sub</u>chapter,
- 16 including rules for:
- 17 (1) determining whether an applicant meets the jobs
- 18 and investment requirements prescribed by Section 403.604; and
- 19 (2) authorizing an applicant or school district to
- 20 submit any form or information required by this subchapter
- 21 electronically.
- 22 (b) The comptroller shall adopt forms necessary to
- 23 implement and administer this subchapter, including the forms to be
- 24 used by:
- 25 (1) an applicant under Section 403.606;
- 26 (2) an applicant under Section 403.617; and
- 27 (3) a school district under Section 403.618.

- 1 (c) The comptroller shall provide without charge one copy of
- 2 the rules and forms adopted under this section to any person who
- 3 states that the person intends to submit an application to a school
- 4 district under this subchapter to limit the taxable value of
- 5 eligible property used as part of an eligible project.
- 6 SECTION 2. Section 48.2551(a), Education Code, is amended
- 7 to read as follows:
- 8 (a) In this section:
- 9 (1) "DPV" is the taxable value of property in the
- 10 school district, as determined by the agency by rule, using locally
- 11 determined property values adjusted in accordance with Section
- 12 403.302(d), Government Code;
- 13 (2) "E" is the expiration of the exclusion of
- 14 appraised property value for the preceding tax year that is
- 15 recognized as taxable property value for the current tax year,
- 16 which is the sum of the following:
- 17 (A) property value that is no longer subject to a
- 18 limitation on appraised value under former Subchapter B or C,
- 19 Chapter 313, Tax Code, or a limitation on taxable value under
- 20 Subchapter T, Chapter 403, Government Code; and
- 21 (B) property value under Section 311.013(n), Tax
- 22 Code, that is no longer excluded from the calculation of "DPV" from
- 23 the preceding year because of refinancing or renewal after
- 24 September 1, 2019;
- 25 (3) "MCR" is the district's maximum compressed rate,
- 26 which is the tax rate for the current tax year per \$100 of valuation
- 27 of taxable property at which the district must levy a maintenance

- 1 and operations tax to receive the full amount of the tier one
- 2 allotment to which the district is entitled under this chapter;
- 3 (4) "PYDPV" is the district's value of "DPV" for the
- 4 preceding tax year; and
- 5 (5) "PYMCR" is the district's value of "MCR" for the
- 6 preceding tax year.
- 7 SECTION 3. Section 48.256, Education Code, is amended by
- 8 amending Subsections (d) and (e) and adding Subsection (d-1) to
- 9 read as follows:
- 10 (d) This subsection applies to a school district in which
- 11 the board of trustees entered into a written agreement with a
- 12 property owner [under Section 313.027, Tax Code,] for the
- 13 implementation of a limitation on $\underline{\text{taxable}}$ [$\frac{\text{appraised}}{\text{appraised}}$] value under
- 14 Subchapter T, Chapter 403, Government [B or C, Chapter 313, Tax]
- 15 Code. For purposes of determining "DPV" under Subsection (a) for a
- 16 school district to which this subsection applies, the commissioner
- 17 shall exclude a portion of the market value of property not
- 18 otherwise fully taxable by the district under Subchapter T, Chapter
- 19 403, Government [B or C, Chapter 313, Tax] Code[, before the
- 20 expiration of the subchapter]. The comptroller shall provide
- 21 information to the agency necessary for this subsection.
- 22 (d-1) Subsection (d) applies to an agreement for the
- 23 <u>implementation of a limitation on appraised value under former</u>
- 24 Subchapter B or C, Chapter 313, Tax Code, that was in effect on
- 25 January 1, 2023, in the same manner as that subsection applies to an
- 26 agreement described by that subsection. If the agreement for the
- 27 limitation on appraised value requires a [A] revenue protection

- 1 payment to the school district, the payment [required as part of an
- 2 agreement for a limitation on appraised value] shall be based on the
- 3 district's taxable value of property for the preceding tax year.
- 4 (e) Subsection (d-1) [$\frac{d}{d}$] does not apply to property that
- 5 was the subject of an application under former Subchapter B or C,
- 6 Chapter 313, Tax Code, made after May 1, 2009, that the comptroller
- 7 recommended should be disapproved.
- 8 SECTION 4. Section 2303.507, Government Code, is amended to
- 9 read as follows:
- 10 Sec. 2303.507. TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AND
- 11 ABATEMENT; LIMITATIONS ON APPRAISED AND TAXABLE
- 12 VALUE. Designation of an area as an enterprise zone is also
- 13 designation of the area as a reinvestment zone for:
- 14 (1) tax increment financing under Chapter 311, Tax
- 15 Code;
- 16 (2) tax abatement under Chapter 312, Tax Code; [and]
- 17 (3) limitations on appraised value under former
- 18 Subchapter B or C, Chapter 313, Tax Code; and
- 19 (4) limitations on taxable value under Subchapter T,
- 20 Chapter 403, of this code.
- 21 SECTION 5. Section 23.03, Tax Code, is amended to read as
- 22 follows:
- Sec. 23.03. COMPILATION OF LARGE PROPERTIES AND PROPERTIES
- 24 SUBJECT TO LIMITATION ON APPRAISED OR TAXABLE VALUE. Each year the
- 25 chief appraiser shall compile and send to the Texas [Department of]
- 26 Economic Development and Tourism Office a list of properties in the
- 27 appraisal district that in that tax year:

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- 1 (1) have a market value of \$100 million or more; [or]
- 2 (2) are subject to a limitation on appraised value
- 3 under former Subchapter B or C, Chapter 313; or
- 4 (3) are subject to a limitation on taxable value under
- 5 Subchapter T, Chapter 403, Government Code.
- 6 SECTION 6. Section 26.012(6), Tax Code, is amended to read
- 7 as follows:
- 8 (6) "Current total value" means the total taxable
- 9 value of property listed on the appraisal roll for the current year,
- 10 including all appraisal roll supplements and corrections as of the
- 11 date of the calculation, less the taxable value of property
- 12 exempted for the current tax year for the first time under Section
- 13 11.31 or 11.315, except that:
- 14 (A) the current total value for a school district
- 15 excludes:
- 16 (i) the total value of homesteads that
- 17 qualify for a tax limitation as provided by Section 11.26; [and]
- 18 (ii) new property value of property that is
- 19 subject to an agreement entered into under former Subchapter B or C,
- 20 Chapter 313; and
- 21 <u>(iii)</u> new property value of property that
- 22 <u>is subject to an agreement entered into under Subchapter T, Chapter</u>
- 23 403, Government Code; and
- 24 (B) the current total value for a county,
- 25 municipality, or junior college district excludes the total value
- 26 of homesteads that qualify for a tax limitation provided by Section
- 27 11.261.

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- 1 SECTION 7. Section 171.602(f), Tax Code, is amended to read
- 2 as follows:
- 3 (f) The comptroller may not issue a credit under this
- 4 section before the later of:
- 5 (1) [September 1, 2018; or
- 6 $\left[\frac{(2)}{(2)}\right]$ the expiration of an agreement under <u>former</u>
- 7 <u>Subchapter B or C, Chapter 313, regarding the clean energy project</u>
- 8 for which the credit is issued; or
- 9 (2) the expiration of an agreement under Subchapter $T_{,}$
- 10 Chapter 403, Government Code, regarding the clean energy project
- 11 for which the credit is issued.
- 12 SECTION 8. Section 312.0025(a), Tax Code, is amended to
- 13 read as follows:
- 14 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to
- 15 the contrary, the governing body of a school district, in the manner
- 16 required for official action and for purposes of <u>former</u> Subchapter
- 17 B or C, Chapter 313, of this code or Subchapter T, Chapter 403,
- 18 Government Code, may designate an area entirely within the
- 19 territory of the school district as a reinvestment zone if the
- 20 governing body finds that, as a result of the designation and the
- 21 granting of a limitation on appraised value under <u>former</u> Subchapter
- 22 B or C, Chapter 313, of this code or the granting of a limitation on
- 23 taxable value under Subchapter T, Chapter 403, Government Code, for
- 24 property located in the reinvestment zone, the designation is
- 25 reasonably likely to:
- 26 (1) contribute to the expansion of primary employment
- 27 in the reinvestment zone; or

- 1 (2) attract major investment in the reinvestment zone
- 2 that would:
- 3 (A) be a benefit to property in the reinvestment
- 4 zone and to the school district; and
- 5 (B) contribute to the economic development of the
- 6 region of this state in which the school district is located.
- 7 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.