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1	A bill to be entitled	
2	An act relating to freight logistic zones; creating s.	
3	311.103, F.S.; providing application requirements for	
4	a local government to apply for the designation of a	
5	freight logistic zone; directing the Department of	
6	Transportation to create a Logistic Zone Advisory	
7	Council; providing for membership and duties of the	
8	council; authorizing the Secretary of Transportation	
9	to designate pilot logistic zones; authorizing the	
10	department to adopt rules; providing an effective	
11	date.	
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13	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:	
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15	Section 1. Section 311.103, Florida Statutes, is created	
16	to read:	
17	311.103 Designation of state freight logistics zones	
18	(1) A local government may apply to the Department of	
19	Transportation for designation of a geographic area or areas	
20	within its jurisdiction as a freight logistic zone. The local	
21	government shall submit an application developed by the	
22	department that includes, but is not limited to:	
23	(a) A map depicting the geographic area or areas to be	
24	included within the designation.	
25	(b) Identification of existing transportation	
26	infrastructure, such as roads, rail, airports, and seaports,	
27	within or in close proximity to the proposed freight logistic	
28	zone.	

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29	(c) Identification of existing workforce availability
30	within or in close proximity to the proposed zone.
31	(d) Identification of any local, state, or federal
32	workforce training capabilities available for a business seeking
33	to locate or expand within the proposed zone.
34	(e) Identification of any local, state, or federal plans,
35	including transportation, seaport, or airport plans, concerning
36	the movement of freight within or in close proximity to the
37	proposed zone.
38	(f) Identification of financial or other local government
39	incentives to encourage new development, expansion of existing
40	development, or redevelopment within the proposed zone.
41	(2)(a) The Logistic Zone Advisory Council is created to
42	review applications submitted to the department pursuant to
43	subsection (1). The council shall be composed of a
44	representative from the Department of Economic Opportunity, a
45	representative from the Office of Freight Logistics and
46	Passenger Operations within the Department of Transportation,
47	and a representative from the Florida Seaport Transportation and
48	Economic Development Council.
49	(b) The Logistic Zone Advisory Council shall review the
50	applications and provide a recommendation to the Secretary of
51	Transportation for approval or denial.
52	(c) The Logistic Zone Advisory Council shall also review
53	local, state, and federal financial and other governmental
54	incentives available to encourage development of freight
55	logistic zones in the state and provide any recommendations to
56	the secretary to create such incentives or modify incentives
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57	offered by the state.
58	(3) Beginning July 1, 2013, the secretary may designate up
59	to four pilot freight logistic zones in the state. These zones
60	may be eligible for priority in state funding and incentive
61	programs relating to freight logistic zones, including
62	applicable programs identified in parts I, III, and V of chapter
63	288 and s. 311.101.
64	(4) The Department of Transportation shall adopt rules for
65	the administration of this section.
66	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.