

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/SB 2728
INTRODUCER: Senator Fasano
SUBJECT: Economic Development Incentives
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Commerce And Consumer Services
DATE: May 3, 2006

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 870215 to CS/CS/SB 2728 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

This strike-all amendment contains the following issues from the Senate bill, with *differences in italics*:

- Expands eligibility for Capital Investment Tax Credits to an expanded headquarters facility located in an enterprise zone and brownfield area.
- Amends s. 288.1088, F.S., to add criteria for project eligibility for Quick Action Closing Fund (QACF) awards. *However, it does not contain the requirement that the evaluation of the QACF proposals submitted by Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) to OTTED include an evaluation of the quality and value of the company.*
- Creates the Innovation Incentive Program to provide resources for significant economic development projects, including the location or expansion of research and development entities and innovation businesses in Florida. *However, it includes a requirement that EFI develop business ethics standards which shall be applicable to all award recipients.*
- Appropriates \$50 million to the Quick Action Closing Fund. *However, SB 2728 appropriates \$10 million, and places the funds in reserve until released by the Legislative Budget Commission.*
- Appropriates \$250 million for Innovation Incentive projects, with the unexpended balance carrying forward for four years. *However, SB 2728 appropriates \$150 million, and places the funds in reserve until released by the Legislative Budget Commission. In addition, SB 2728 requires that unexpended funds may be used in subsequent years only upon annual appropriation.*

The strike-all amendment also contains the following additional provisions:

- Requires OTTED to certify qualified job-training organizations for an annual appropriation of \$3 million for 10 years.
- Authorizes the transfer of a portion of excess Insurance Premium Tax Credits for businesses located in an enterprise zone to affiliated corporations.