

HOUSE BILL No. 1930

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 6-3.1-13.

Synopsis: EDGE credits. Requires that the average compensation paid by an applicant for an economic development for a growing economy (EDGE) tax credit that proposes to retain existing jobs exceed the lesser of the average county wage or the average state wage. Reduces from 200 to 75 the number of employees the applicant must employ.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 23, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 6-3.1-13-15.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.178-2002,
2 SECTION 45, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 15.5. This section applies to an application
4 proposing to retain existing jobs in Indiana. After receipt of an
5 application, the board may enter into an agreement with the applicant
6 for a credit under this chapter if the board determines that all the
7 following conditions exist:

- 8 (1) The applicant's project will retain existing jobs performed by
- 9 the employees of the applicant in Indiana.
- 10 (2) The applicant provides evidence that there is at least one (1)
- 11 other competing site outside Indiana that is being considered for
- 12 the project or for the relocation of jobs.
- 13 (3) A disparity is identified, using the best available data, in the
- 14 projected costs for the applicant's project in Indiana compared
- 15 with the costs for the project in the competing site.
- 16 (4) The applicant is engaged in research and development,
- 17 manufacturing, or business services (as defined in the Standard



1 Industrial Classification Manual of the United States Office of
2 Management and Budget).

3 (5) The average compensation (including benefits) provided to the
4 applicant's employees during the applicant's previous fiscal year
5 exceeds the ~~average compensation paid during that same period~~
6 ~~to all employees in the county in which the applicant's business is~~
7 ~~located by at least five percent (5%); lesser of:~~

8 **(A) the average county wage in the county where the**
9 **project for which the credit under this chapter is granted**
10 **will be located; or**

11 **(B) the average wage in the state;**
12 **during the same period, as determined by the department of**
13 **commerce.**

14 (6) The applicant employs at least ~~two hundred (200)~~
15 ~~seventy-five (75)~~ employees in Indiana.

16 (7) The applicant has prepared a plan for the use of the credits
17 under this chapter for:

18 (A) investment in facility improvements or equipment and
19 machinery upgrades, repairs, or retrofits; or

20 (B) other direct business related investments, including but not
21 limited to training.

22 (8) Receiving the tax credit is a major factor in the applicant's
23 decision to go forward with the project, and not receiving the tax
24 credit will increase the likelihood of the applicant reducing jobs
25 in Indiana.

26 (9) Awarding the tax credit will result in an overall positive fiscal
27 impact to the state, as certified by the budget agency using the
28 best available data.

29 (10) The applicant's business and project are economically sound
30 and will benefit the people of Indiana by increasing or
31 maintaining opportunities for employment and strengthening the
32 economy of Indiana.

33 (11) The communities affected by the potential reduction in jobs
34 or relocation of jobs to another site outside Indiana have
35 committed at least one dollar ~~and fifty cents (\$1.50)~~ **(\$1)** of local
36 incentives with respect to the retention of jobs for every ~~three two~~
37 ~~dollars (\$3)~~ **(\$2)** in credits provided under this chapter. For
38 purposes of this subdivision, local incentives include, but are not
39 limited to, cash grants, tax abatements, infrastructure
40 improvements, investment in facility rehabilitation, construction,
41 and training investments.

42 (12) The credit is not prohibited by section 16 of this chapter.

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1 SECTION 2. IC 6-3.1-13-17, AS AMENDED BY P.L.178-2002,
 2 SECTION 46, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 17. In determining the credit amount that should
 4 be awarded to an applicant under section 15 of this chapter that
 5 proposes a project to create jobs in Indiana, the board shall take into
 6 consideration the following factors:

- 7 (1) The economy of the county where the projected investment is
 8 to occur.
- 9 (2) The potential impact on the economy of Indiana.
- 10 (3) The incremental payroll attributable to the project.
- 11 (4) The capital investment attributable to the project.
- 12 (5) The ~~amount the~~ average wage paid by the applicant. ~~exceeds~~
 13 ~~the average wage paid within the county in which the project will~~
 14 ~~be located.~~
- 15 (6) The costs to Indiana and the affected political subdivisions
 16 with respect to the project.
- 17 (7) The financial assistance that is otherwise provided by Indiana
 18 and the affected political subdivisions.

19 As appropriate, the board shall consider the factors in this section to
 20 determine the credit amount awarded to an applicant for a project to
 21 retain existing jobs in Indiana under section 15.5 of this chapter. In the
 22 case of an applicant under section 15.5 of this chapter, the board shall
 23 consider the magnitude of the cost differential between the projected
 24 costs for the applicant's project in the competing site outside Indiana
 25 and the projected costs for the applicant's project in Indiana.

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