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**HOUSE BILL 13-1206**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO**  
102             **ENTER INTO A BUSINESS INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH A**  
103             **TAXPAYER.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

A county, municipality, or special district (local government) is currently authorized to negotiate an incentive payment or credit with a taxpayer that establishes a new business facility or expands an existing business facility (business incentive agreement).

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

HOUSE  
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March 1, 2013

The bill expands the authority for a local government to negotiate a business incentive agreement with a taxpayer that has an existing business facility in the local government, if the local government is satisfied that there is a substantial risk that the taxpayer will relocate the facility out of state. A local government negotiating any type of business incentive agreement is not required to inform a school district of the negotiations because school districts are no longer authorized to enter into business incentive agreements.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-11-123, **amend**  
3 (5); and **add** (1.5) as follows:

4 **30-11-123. Legislative declaration - counties - new business**  
5 **facilities - expanded or existing business facilities - incentives -**  
6 **limitations - authority to exceed revenue-raising limitations -**  
7 **definitions.** (1.5) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY,  
8 A COUNTY MAY NEGOTIATE AN INCENTIVE PAYMENT OR CREDIT FOR A  
9 TAXPAYER THAT HAS AN EXISTING BUSINESS FACILITY LOCATED IN THE  
10 COUNTY IF, BASED ON VERIFIABLE DOCUMENTATION, THE COUNTY IS  
11 SATISFIED THAT THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL RISK THAT THE TAXPAYER WILL  
12 RELOCATE THE FACILITY OUT OF STATE.

13 (b) THE DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a)  
14 OF THIS SUBSECTION (1.5) MUST INCLUDE INFORMATION THAT THE  
15 TAXPAYER COULD REASONABLY AND EFFICIENTLY RELOCATE THE  
16 FACILITY OUT OF STATE AND THAT AT LEAST ONE OTHER STATE IS BEING  
17 CONSIDERED FOR THE RELOCATION.

18 (c) A COUNTY SHALL NOT GIVE AN ANNUAL INCENTIVE PAYMENT  
19 OR CREDIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (1.5) THAT IS GREATER THAN THE  
20 AMOUNT OF THE TAXES LEVIED BY THE COUNTY UPON THE TAXABLE  
21 PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT OR WITHIN THE EXISTING BUSINESS

1 FACILITY AND USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPERATION OF THE  
2 EXISTING BUSINESS FACILITY FOR THE CURRENT PROPERTY TAX YEAR. THE  
3 TERM OF AN AGREEMENT MADE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1.5)  
4 SHALL NOT EXCEED TEN YEARS, AND THIS LIMIT INCLUDES ANY RENEWALS  
5 OF THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT.

6 (5) Any county ~~which~~ THAT negotiates any agreement pursuant to  
7 the provisions of this section shall inform any municipality ~~and any~~  
8 ~~school district~~ in which a new business facility would be located, or an  
9 EXISTING OR expanded business facility is located, whichever is  
10 applicable, of such negotiations.

11 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 31-15-903, **amend**  
12 (4); and **add** (1.5) as follows:

13 **31-15-903. Legislative declaration - municipalities - new**  
14 **business facilities - expanded or existing business facilities - incentives**  
15 **- limitations - authority to exceed revenue-raising limitation.**

16 (1.5) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A  
17 MUNICIPALITY MAY NEGOTIATE AN INCENTIVE PAYMENT OR CREDIT FOR  
18 A TAXPAYER THAT HAS AN EXISTING BUSINESS FACILITY LOCATED IN THE  
19 MUNICIPALITY IF, BASED ON VERIFIABLE DOCUMENTATION, THE  
20 MUNICIPALITY IS SATISFIED THAT THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL RISK THAT THE  
21 TAXPAYER WILL RELOCATE THE FACILITY OUT OF STATE.

22 (b) THE DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a)  
23 OF THIS SUBSECTION (1.5) MUST INCLUDE INFORMATION THAT THE  
24 TAXPAYER COULD REASONABLY AND EFFICIENTLY RELOCATE THE  
25 FACILITY OUT OF STATE AND THAT AT LEAST ONE OTHER STATE IS BEING  
26 CONSIDERED FOR THE RELOCATION.

27 (c) A MUNICIPALITY SHALL NOT GIVE AN ANNUAL INCENTIVE

1 PAYMENT OR CREDIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (1.5) THAT IS GREATER  
2 THAN THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES LEVIED BY THE MUNICIPALITY UPON THE  
3 TAXABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT OR WITHIN THE EXISTING  
4 BUSINESS FACILITY AND USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPERATION OF  
5 THE EXISTING BUSINESS FACILITY FOR THE CURRENT PROPERTY TAX YEAR.  
6 THE TERM OF AN AGREEMENT MADE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1.5)  
7 SHALL NOT EXCEED TEN YEARS, AND THIS LIMIT INCLUDES ANY RENEWALS  
8 OF THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT.

9 (4) Any municipality ~~which~~ THAT negotiates any agreement  
10 pursuant to the provisions of this section shall inform any county ~~and any~~  
11 ~~school district~~ in which a new business facility would be located, or an  
12 EXISTING OR expanded business facility is located, whichever is  
13 applicable, of such negotiations.

14 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-1-1702, **amend**  
15 (4); and **add** (1.5) as follows:

16 **32-1-1702. New business facilities - expanded or existing**  
17 **business facilities - incentives - limitations - authority to exceed**  
18 **revenue-raising limitation.** (1.5) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO  
19 THE CONTRARY, A SPECIAL DISTRICT MAY NEGOTIATE AN INCENTIVE  
20 PAYMENT OR CREDIT FOR A TAXPAYER THAT HAS AN EXISTING BUSINESS  
21 FACILITY LOCATED IN THE SPECIAL DISTRICT IF, BASED ON VERIFIABLE  
22 DOCUMENTATION, THE SPECIAL DISTRICT IS SATISFIED THAT THERE IS A  
23 SUBSTANTIAL RISK THAT THE TAXPAYER WILL RELOCATE THE FACILITY  
24 OUT OF STATE.

25 (b) THE DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a)  
26 OF THIS SUBSECTION (1.5) MUST INCLUDE INFORMATION THAT THE  
27 TAXPAYER COULD REASONABLY AND EFFICIENTLY RELOCATE THE

1 FACILITY OUT OF STATE AND THAT AT LEAST ONE OTHER STATE IS BEING  
2 CONSIDERED FOR THE RELOCATION.

3 (c) A SPECIAL DISTRICT SHALL NOT GIVE AN ANNUAL INCENTIVE  
4 PAYMENT OR CREDIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (1.5) THAT IS GREATER  
5 THAN THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES LEVIED BY THE SPECIAL DISTRICT UPON  
6 THE TAXABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT OR WITHIN THE EXISTING  
7 BUSINESS FACILITY AND USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPERATION OF  
8 THE EXISTING BUSINESS FACILITY FOR THE CURRENT PROPERTY TAX YEAR.  
9 THE TERM OF AN AGREEMENT MADE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1.5)  
10 SHALL NOT EXCEED TEN YEARS, AND THIS LIMIT INCLUDES ANY RENEWALS  
11 OF THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT.

12 (4) A special district that negotiates an agreement pursuant to the  
13 provisions of this section shall inform any municipality AND county ~~and~~  
14 ~~school district~~ in which a new business facility would be located, or an  
15 EXISTING OR expanded business facility is located, whichever is  
16 applicable, of such negotiations.

17 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
18 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
19 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
20 7, 2013, if adjournment sine die is on May 8, 2013); except that, if a  
21 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
22 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
23 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
24 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
25 November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
26 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.