

SENATE BILL 356

By Bailey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 12 and Title 67, relative to incentives for employers in rural areas of this state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 7, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) A chamber of commerce or a joint economic community development board, either of which is located in a county with a population of no more than seventy-five thousand (75,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, may submit an application to the commissioner of economic and community development for FastTrack job training assistance funds on behalf of a pool of employers who, in total, employ at least twenty-five (25) persons.

(b) The commissioner shall consider the total economic impact of the pooled employer application submitted under this section when comparing the application against applications of singular employers who employ at least twenty-five (25) persons.

(c) If the commissioner selects an application submitted under this section for FastTrack job training assistance funds, the funds shall be distributed directly to the employers listed in the pooled employer application in a manner appropriate to each individual employer's economic impact on the community.

(d) Chambers of commerce may not limit application services under this section solely to their members.

(e) If more than one (1) chamber of commerce exists in a county with a population of no more than seventy-five thousand (75,000), according to the 2010

federal census or any subsequent federal census, the chambers of commerce may work jointly to submit an application under this section.

(f) If a chamber of commerce and a joint economic community development board both exist in a county with a population of no more than seventy-five thousand (75,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, then both entities may work jointly to submit an application under this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.