

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING PERIODIC PRODUCTION OF A STRATEGIC  
5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN BY THE STATE'S CHIEF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER;  
6 REQUIRING OUTSOURCING OF THE STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN THROUGH A  
7 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS; AND AMENDING SECTION 2-15-219, MCA."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 **Section 1.** Section 2-15-219, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"2-15-219. Chief business development officer -- duties.** The chief business development officer  
13 shall:

- 14 (1) advise the governor on policy issues related to economic development;
- 15 (2) lead the state's business recruitment, retention, and expansion efforts;
- 16 (3) coordinate the development and distribution of a statewide coordinated strategic economic  
17 development plan; which must be submitted to the governor and to the legislature, as provided in 5-11-210, every  
18 4 years. The chief business development officer shall issue a request for proposals to develop the plan, which  
19 must include:

20 (a) a competitive assessment of Montana's key economic sectors and economic development drivers  
21 listed under the policy and program specialities provided for in 2-15-218;

22 (b) recommendations from an economic development perspective for enhancing and building on the  
23 assets of all community colleges, tribal colleges, and units of the Montana university system; and

24 (c) recommendations on activities required of any departments of state government related to the  
25 assessment and recommendations in subsections (3)(a) and (3)(b).

- 26 (4) coordinate the individual functions and programs within the office as provided in 2-15-218; and
- 27 (5) serve as the state's primary liaison between federal, state, and local agencies, Montana tribal  
28 governments, private, nonprofit economic development organizations, and the private sector."

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