

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 295

Approved by the Governor April 3, 2013

Introduced by Sullivan, 41.

FOR AN ACT relating to the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act; to amend section 18-2705, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 18-2705, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-2705 Economic development program means any project or program utilizing funds derived from local sources of revenue for the purpose of providing direct or indirect financial assistance to a qualifying business or the payment of related costs and expenses or both, without regard to whether that business is identified at the time the project or program is initiated or is to be determined by specified means at some time in the future. An economic development program may include, but shall not be limited to, the following activities: Direct loans or grants to qualifying businesses for fixed assets or working capital or both; loan guarantees for qualifying business; grants for public works improvements which are essential to the location or expansion of, or the provision of new services by, a qualifying business; grants or loans for job training; the purchase of real estate, options for such purchases, and the renewal or extension of such options; relocation incentives for new residents; the issuance of bonds as provided for in the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act; and payments for salaries and support of city staff to implement the economic development program or the contracting of such to an outside entity. For cities of the first and second class and villages, an economic development program may also include grants or loans for the construction or rehabilitation for sale or lease of housing for persons of low or moderate income. For cities of the first and second class and villages, an economic development program may also include grants, loans, or funds for rural infrastructure development as defined in section 66-2102. An economic development program may be conducted jointly by two or more cities after the approval of the program by the voters of each participating city.

Sec. 2. Original section 18-2705, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.