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**SENATE BILL 393*
Judiciary I Committee Substitute Adopted 6/1/05**

Short Title: Economic Development - Public Records.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 7, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS WITH RESPECT TO
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 132-6(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, public records relating to the proposed expansion or location of specific business or industrial projects in the State may be withheld so long as their inspection, examination or copying would frustrate the purpose for which such public records were ~~created;~~ ~~provided, however, that nothing herein~~ created. Once a State or local government agency announces that a business has made a final decision to expand or locate in the State, all of that agency's public records related to that announcement not otherwise made confidential by law must be released within 15 business days of the date of the request for the public records or the date of the announcement, whichever is later. In the event an agency is unable to produce all public records requested within 15 business days, the agency shall contact the person making the request, release those public records that may properly be produced at that time, and provide a date by which the remaining public records will be released. Nothing shall be construed to permit the withholding of public records relating to general economic development policies or activities."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.