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DIGEST

Proposed law establishes the Angel Investor Rebate Program to encourage third party investors in early stage wealth-creating businesses, and to provide quality jobs in Louisiana.

Provides for the implementation and administration of the program by the Dept. of Economic Development (DED). Requires DED to promulgate rules for the program.

Provides for definitions and requirements of qualifying investments. Requires "at risk" as meaning that the repayment of the investment is entirely dependent on the success of the Louisiana Entrepreneurial Business. Requires the use of proceeds from the investment to certain purposes unless approved by DED.

Provides that qualifying individuals or entities which invest in Louisiana Entrepreneurial Business as defined by law may apply and be granted a rebate. Authorizes rebates to be granted for five tax years.

Provides for the qualifications of applicants of the program. Authorizes rebates on investments made after January 1, 2010, of not more than \$1 million per year and \$2 million total per business.

Provides that the rebates are equal to 30% of the amount of money invested, divided in equal portions over five years.

Provides that total credits granted by DED may not exceed \$5 million in any calendar year. Authorizes any excess unused rebates shall carry forward to subsequent tax years and be used in addition to the rebates for that year.

Authorizes DED to issue rebate certificates to approved applicants. Requires DED to maintain a list of certificates issued. Provides that rebate certificates shall expire seven years after being granted.

Authorizes penalties for providing false or fraudulent information in application for rebate.

Requires repayment of rebates from applicant under certain conditions.

Requires an annual report to the legislature.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 51:3121-3124)