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BILL ANALYSIS

TO: Members, Committee on Trade and Economic Development
FROM: Kenny Pittman, Research Analyst (786-7392)
RE: HB 2780 - Establishing a consolidated film permit process.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development, as part of its economic diversification strategies, is directed to promote, market, and encourage growth in the production of films and videos, as well as television commercials within the state. Since 1995, the state has provided targeted tax incentives designed to reduce the cost associated with film and video production in the state.

SUMMARY:

A city, code city, town, or county may establish a consolidated film permit process system designed to reduce the time necessary to obtain necessary permits for film and video production within the boundaries of the local government. The permit must cover motion pictures, television shows, television commercials, or other visually recorded productions.

The Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development must: (1) work with local communities to develop a consolidated film permit processing system; and (2) consult with state and local government agencies to identify sites that can be used for making visually recorded productions. Information on the identified sites must include terms and conditions on the use of the site.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.