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To establish the position of Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Job Retention and Creation to gather information about economic development assistance and make the information available to the public.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CAMP introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Job Reten-
5 tion and Creation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR JOB**
7 **RETENTION AND CREATION.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be in the De-
2 partment of Commerce, in addition to the Assistant
3 Secretaries of Commerce provided by law as of the
4 date of enactment of this Act, one additional Assist-
5 ant Secretary of Commerce, to be known as the As-
6 sistant Secretary of Commerce for Job Retention
7 and Creation, who shall—

8 (A) be appointed by the President, by and
9 with the advice and consent of the Senate; and

10 (B) be compensated at the rate of pay pro-
11 vided for under level IV of the Executive Sched-
12 ule under section 5315 of title 5, United States
13 Code.

14 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 5315
15 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by strik-
16 ing “Assistant Secretaries of Commerce (11)” and
17 inserting “Assistant Secretaries of Commerce (12)”.

18 (3) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.—The ap-
19 pointment of the Assistant Secretary of Commerce
20 for Job Retention and Creation shall be made no
21 later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of
22 this Act.

23 (b) DUTIES.—The Assistant Secretary of Commerce
24 for Job Retention and Creation shall—

1 (1) gather and maintain information about eco-
2 nomic development assistance, including the type of
3 assistance available, eligibility requirements, and ap-
4 plication procedures;

5 (2) make the information publicly available;

6 (3) establish and maintain a searchable Inter-
7 net site providing public access to the information
8 gathered and maintained by the office; and

9 (4) perform other such duties as the Secretary
10 of Commerce may prescribe.

11 (c) OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.—Each
12 Federal department and agency responsible for economic
13 development assistance, as identified by the Assistant Sec-
14 retary of Commerce for Job Retention and Creation, shall
15 provide the Secretary with information required to be
16 gathered and maintained under subsection (a) with re-
17 spect to the economic development assistance for which
18 it is responsible.

19 (d) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.—The
20 term “economic development assistance” means any Fed-
21 eral assistance available for economic development within
22 the United States which is identified by the Assistant Sec-
23 retary of Commerce for Job Retention and Creation for
24 the purposes of this Act.

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