

(2) THE POPULATION IN THE AREA, OR WITHIN A REASONABLE PROXIMITY TO THE AREA BUT IN THE SAME COUNTY, HAS AN INCIDENCE OF POVERTY THAT IS AT LEAST 150% OF THE NATIONAL AVERAGE;

(3) THE CRIME RATE IN THE AREA, OR WITHIN A REASONABLE PROXIMITY TO THE AREA BUT IN THE SAME COUNTY, IS AT LEAST 150% OF THE CRIME RATE IN THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WHERE THE AREA IS LOCATED;

(4) THE PERCENTAGE OF SUBSTANDARD HOUSING IN THE AREA, OR WITHIN A REASONABLE PROXIMITY TO THE AREA BUT IN THE SAME COUNTY, IS AT LEAST 200% OF THE PERCENTAGE OF HOUSING UNITS IN THE STATE THAT ARE SUBSTANDARD, ACCORDING TO DATA FROM THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF THE CENSUS OR OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DATA THE SECRETARY CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE; OR

(5) AT LEAST 20% OF THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IN THE AREA, OR WITHIN A REASONABLE PROXIMITY TO THE AREA BUT WITHIN THE SAME COUNTY, IS VACANT, ACCORDING TO DATA FROM THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF THE CENSUS OR OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DATA THE SECRETARY CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 83A, § 5-402.

For tax credits available to a business entity in a focus area, see TG § 10-702 and TP § 9-103.

Defined terms: "Area" § 5-701

"County" § 1-101

"Enterprise zone" § 5-701

"Focus area" § 5-701

"Political subdivision" § 5-701

"Secretary" § 1-101

"State" § 1-101

"Submission date" § 5-701

5-707. BUSINESS ENTITY INCENTIVES AND INITIATIVES.

(A) IN GENERAL.

TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION, A BUSINESS ENTITY IS ENTITLED TO:

(1) THE SPECIAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT IN § 9-103 OF THE TAX - PROPERTY ARTICLE;

(2) THE INCOME TAX CREDITS IN § 10-702 OF THE TAX - GENERAL ARTICLE; AND

(3) CONSIDERATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM PROGRAMS IN SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS TITLE.

(B) ELIGIBILITY.