

## HB 1731 -- Tax Increment Financing

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This bill changes the definition of "blighted area" as it relates to tax increment financing (TIF). The area must:

- (1) Have buildings that are unsanitary, unsafe for living or working, or substantially vacant;
- (2) Have a crime rate significantly higher than in surrounding neighborhoods;
- (3) Be characterized by pervasive poverty, unemployment, and general distress by having at least 75% of the residents with incomes below 80% of the state's median income and a level of unemployment exceeding 150% of the state's average for the previous 12 months; and
- (4) Have a cost-benefit analysis done by an independent contractor which includes how the project will affect tax revenues if it is completed with or without TIF and any substantial and certain long-term economic feasibility and benefits to the affected taxing districts.