HB 8 -- Tax Increment Financing in Certain Areas Affected by a Natural Disaster

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This bill authorizes tax increment financing in any blighted area that has sustained severe damage as the result of a natural disaster. The area must be within a municipality for which public and individual assistance has been requested by the Governor under Section 401 of the federal Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and must have sustained major damage as determined by the State Emergency Management Agency. The municipality must adopt an ordinance approving the redevelopment project within one year of the natural disaster.

Beginning January 1, 2012, in addition to the payments in lieu of taxes and economic activity taxes resulting from a municipality authorizing tax increment financing, up to 50% of the incremental increase in the general revenue portion of the state sales tax revenues collected and the state income taxes withheld on behalf of employees at businesses located within the project area can be made available for appropriation by the General Assembly to areas with a redevelopment project approved by the Department of Economic Development. All designated state moneys collected from the approved redevelopment area will be deposited into the newly created Missouri Supplemental Disaster Recovery Fund. A separate subaccount will be established within the fund for each approved redevelopment project.