

HOUSE BILL 804

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7,
Chapter 53, relative to industrial development
corporations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-53-101(15), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(J) In a municipality that has been designated as a tier 3 or tier 4 enhancement county pursuant to § 67-4-2109(a)(2) as of July 1 immediately prior to the commencement of the project, any facilities or expenditures paid or incurred for a system, plant, or equipment for the provision of broadband internet access, voice over internet protocol, internet protocol-based video, telecommunications, video programming, or related or similar services, or other like system, plant, or equipment. However, the corporation does not have authority to negotiate a payment in lieu of tax agreement for less than the ad valorem taxes otherwise due on the project unless the corporation receives written approval from each affected local government entity or the corporation pays the other affected local governments the amount of ad valorem taxes those governments would otherwise receive for the affected property based on its assessed value.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-53-315, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following new subsection :

(b) Notwithstanding §§ 7-53-306 and 7-53-307, a municipality is authorized to aid or otherwise provide assistance, including, without limitation, granting, contributing, or pledging to, or for the benefit of the corporation, revenues derived from any source,

except revenues derived from ad valorem property taxes, for those projects, or portions thereof, that are described in § 7-53-101(15)(J), for a term, and upon conditions, as may be determined by the governing body of the municipality.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.