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# Researcher questions W.Va. incentives for Gestamp, says company will pay few taxes

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SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A researcher is questioning state and local incentives given to automotive parts supplier Gestamp to reopen a stamping plant in South Charleston.

The incentives released Thursday by Secretary of Commerce Keith Burdette include tax credits and loans for startup costs and equipment.

**Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin announced earlier this month that Gestamp plans to invest a minimum of \$100 million at the former stamping plant and create hundreds of jobs.**

West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy executive director Ted Boettner tells media outlets that Gestamp will pay few taxes due to the incentives.

Boettner says the state needs good-paying manufacturing jobs. But he says the deal should be evaluated in five years to make sure the incentives are producing the desired results.

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