

By the Committee on Appropriations

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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to the Florida Business Information  
3 Portal; creating s. 20.166, F.S.; establishing the  
4 Florida Business Information Portal within the  
5 Department of Business and Professional Regulation;  
6 requiring the department, in collaboration with  
7 specified state agencies, to implement the portal by a  
8 specified date; specifying the contents of the portal;  
9 requiring designated state agencies to cooperate with  
10 the department in the development, implementation, and  
11 updates of the portal; authorizing the Department of  
12 Business and Professional Regulation to contract for  
13 services to develop the portal; repealing s. 215.1995,  
14 F.S., relating to the One-Stop Business Registration  
15 Portal Clearing Trust Fund; repealing s. 288.109,  
16 F.S., relating to the One-Stop Business Registration  
17 Portal; providing procedures for the termination of  
18 the trust fund; providing an effective date.

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20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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22 Section 1. Section 20.166, Florida Statutes, is created to  
23 read:

24 20.166 Florida Business Information Portal.—

25 (1) The Florida Business Information Portal is established  
26 within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

27 (2) By June 30, 2017, the Department of Business and  
28 Professional Regulation, in collaboration with the state  
29 agencies identified in subsection (4), shall implement the

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30 Florida Business Information Portal. The Florida Business  
31 Information Portal shall provide the information needed to start  
32 and operate a business in Florida, including information  
33 regarding licenses, permits, or registrations that are issued by  
34 the state agencies in subsection (4).

35 (3) The Florida Business Information Portal must provide at  
36 least the following:

37 (a) A downloadable guide on how to start and operate a  
38 business in Florida.

39 (b) A list of business types and a checklist for starting  
40 each type of business.

41 (c) Information regarding business tax registration and  
42 filing.

43 (d) Information regarding registering with the Department  
44 of State.

45 (4) The state agencies that must cooperate with the  
46 Department of Business and Professional Regulation in the  
47 development, implementation, and ongoing content updates of the  
48 Florida Business Information Portal include, but are not limited  
49 to:

50 (a) The Agency for Health Care Administration.

51 (b) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

52 (c) The Department of Economic Opportunity.

53 (d) The Department of Environmental Protection.

54 (e) The Department of Financial Services, including the  
55 Office of Financial Regulation and the Office of Insurance  
56 Regulation.

57 (f) The Department of Health.

58 (g) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

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- 59       (h) The Department of the Lottery.  
60       (i) The Department of Management Services.  
61       (j) The Department of Revenue.  
62       (k) The Department of State.  
63       (l) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.  
64       (5) The Department of Business and Professional Regulation  
65 may contract for services to develop the Florida Business  
66 Information Portal.  
67       Section 2. Section 215.1995, Florida Statutes, is repealed.  
68       Section 3. Section 288.109, Florida Statutes, is repealed.  
69       Section 4. The One-Stop Business Registration Portal  
70 Clearing Trust Fund within the Department of Revenue, FLAIR  
71 number 73-2-977, is terminated. The Chief Financial Officer  
72 shall close out and remove the terminated trust fund from the  
73 various state accounting systems using generally accepted  
74 accounting principles concerning warrants outstanding, assets,  
75 and liabilities.  
76       Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.