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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; requiring the department to
12 provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature
13 containing recommendations and estimated costs for the
14 inclusion of local government information in the
15 portal; repealing s. 215.1995, F.S., relating to the
16 One-Stop Business Registration Portal Clearing Trust
17 Fund; repealing s. 288.109, F.S., relating to the One-
18 Stop Business Registration Portal; providing
19 procedures for the termination of the trust fund;
20 providing for construction of the act in pari materia
21 with laws enacted during the 2015 Regular Session of
22 the Legislature; providing for contingent retroactive
23 operation; providing effective dates.

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

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27 Section 1. Section 20.166, Florida Statutes, is created to
28 read:

29 20.166 Florida Business Information Portal.—

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

32 (2) By June 30, 2017, the Department of Business and
33 Professional Regulation, in collaboration with the state
34 agencies identified in subsection (4), shall implement the
35 Florida Business Information Portal. The Florida Business
36 Information Portal shall provide the information needed to start
37 and operate a business in Florida, including information
38 regarding licenses, permits, or registrations that are issued by
39 the state agencies in subsection (4).

40 (3) The Florida Business Information Portal must provide at
41 least the following:

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

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

46 (c) Links to guide users to the websites of appropriate
47 state licensing, permitting, and registration agencies.

48 (d) Information regarding business tax registration and
49 filing.

50 (e) Information regarding registering with the Department
51 of State.

52 (4) The state agencies that must cooperate with the
53 Department of Business and Professional Regulation in the
54 development, implementation, and ongoing content updates of the
55 Florida Business Information Portal include, but are not limited
56 to:

57 (a) The Agency for Health Care Administration.

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

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59 (c) The Department of Economic Opportunity.

60 (d) The Department of Environmental Protection.

61 (e) The Department of Financial Services, including the
62 Office of Financial Regulation and the Office of Insurance
63 Regulation.

64 (f) The Department of Health.

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

66 (h) The Department of the Lottery.

67 (i) The Department of Management Services.

68 (j) The Department of Revenue.

69 (k) The Department of State.

70 (l) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

71 (5) By October 1, 2017, the Department of Business and
72 Professional Regulation shall submit to the Governor, the
73 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
74 Representatives a report containing recommendations and
75 estimated costs for the inclusion of local government
76 information in the Florida Business Information Portal.

77 Section 2. Section 215.1995, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

78 Section 3. Section 288.109, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

79 Section 4. The One-Stop Business Registration Portal
80 Clearing Trust Fund within the Department of Revenue, FLAIR
81 number 73-2-977, is terminated. The Chief Financial Officer
82 shall close out and remove the terminated trust fund from the
83 various state accounting systems using generally accepted
84 accounting principles concerning warrants outstanding, assets,
85 and liabilities.

86 Section 5. If any law amended by this act was also amended
87 by a law enacted during the 2015 Regular Session of the

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88 Legislature, such laws shall be construed as if enacted during
89 the same session of the Legislature, and full effect shall be
90 given to each if possible.

91 Section 6. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
92 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon
93 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,
94 2015, or, if this act fails to become a law until after that
95 date, it shall take effect upon becoming a law and operate
96 retroactively to July 1, 2015.