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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           directing the department to implement the portal by a  
7           specified date; specifying the contents of the portal;  
8           requiring designated state agencies to cooperate with  
9           the department in the development, implementation, and  
10          updating of the portal; requiring the department to  
11          submit to the Governor and Legislature a report of  
12          recommendations and estimated costs for including  
13          local government information in the portal; repealing  
14          ss. 215.1995 and 288.109, F.S., relating to the One-  
15          Stop Business Registration Portal Clearing Trust Fund  
16          within the Department of Revenue and establishment of  
17          the One-Stop Business Registration Portal,  
18          respectively; terminating the One-Stop Business  
19          Registration Portal Clearing Trust Fund; prescribing  
20          procedures for termination of the trust fund;  
21          providing an effective date.

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

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25           Section 1.   Section 20.166, Florida Statutes, is created to  
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27 20.166 Florida Business Information Portal.—  
 28 (1) The Florida Business Information Portal is established  
 29 within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.  
 30 (2) By June 30, 2017, the Department of Business and  
 31 Professional Regulation, in collaboration with the state  
 32 agencies identified in subsection (4), shall implement the  
 33 Florida Business Information Portal that provides the  
 34 information needed to start and operate a business in Florida,  
 35 including information regarding licenses, permits, or  
 36 registrations that must be issued by the state agencies  
 37 identified in subsection (4).  
 38 (3) The Florida Business Information Portal shall include,  
 39 but need not be limited to:  
 40 (a) A downloadable guide to starting and operating a  
 41 business in Florida.  
 42 (b) A list of business types and an associated checklist  
 43 for starting each type of business.  
 44 (c) A mechanism to guide users to the appropriate state  
 45 licensing, permitting, and registration agencies.  
 46 (d) Information regarding business tax registration and  
 47 filing.  
 48 (e) Information regarding registering with the Department  
 49 of State.  
 50 (4) The state agencies that shall cooperate with the  
 51 Department of Business and Professional Regulation in the  
 52 development, implementation, and ongoing content updates of the

53 Florida Business Information Portal include, but are not limited  
 54 to:

- 55 (a) The Agency for Health Care Administration.
- 56 (b) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- 57 (c) The Department of Economic Opportunity.
- 58 (d) The Department of Environmental Protection.
- 59 (e) The Department of Financial Services, including the  
 60 Office of Financial Regulation and the Office of Insurance  
 61 Regulation.
- 62 (f) The Department of Health.
- 63 (g) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
- 64 (h) The Department of the Lottery.
- 65 (i) The Department of Management Services.
- 66 (j) The Department of Revenue.
- 67 (k) The Department of State.
- 68 (l) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- 69 (5) By October 1, 2017, the Department of Business and

70 Professional Regulation shall submit to the Governor, the  
 71 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
 72 Representatives a report containing recommendations and  
 73 estimated costs for the inclusion of local government  
 74 information in the Florida Business Information Portal.

75 Section 2. Sections 215.1995 and 288.109, Florida  
 76 Statutes, are repealed.

77 Section 3. The One-Stop Business Registration Portal  
 78 Clearing Trust Fund, FLAIR number 73-2-977, within the

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79 Department of Revenue is terminated. The Chief Financial Officer  
80 shall close out and remove the terminated trust fund from the  
81 various state accounting systems using generally accepted  
82 accounting principles concerning outstanding warrants, assets,  
83 and liabilities.

84 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.