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HOUSE BILL NO. 2324

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 620, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to business incentives.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 620, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as sections 620.1650, to read as follows:

**620.1650. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the “Missouri Startup
2 Cloud” program. The purpose of the program is to facilitate the dissemination of business
3 financial products from business financing providers to Missouri-based businesses and
4 provide information regarding the benefits of starting, expanding, or relocating a business
5 to Missouri.**

**6 2. The department of economic development may create and maintain a website,
7 independent from the department’s website, on which business financing providers may
8 post any available financial products or services that assist Missouri businesses free of
9 charge, and the website shall clearly explain the benefits of starting, expanding, or
10 relocating a business to Missouri and any pertinent business startup information. If the
11 department fails to create such a website within ninety days of this program taking effect,
12 the department shall be required to contract with a website development company to create
13 the exchange.**

**14 3. In the event the department of economic development fails to create the exchange
15 website in accordance with subsection 2 of this section:**

**16 (1) The department shall review all applications of website developers for the
17 purpose of awarding an annual contract for the development, design, marketing, and**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 maintenance of the exchange website with annual renewals for continuing upgrades,
19 marketing, and maintenance of the website; and

20 (2) The awarded website developer shall be solely responsible for all costs
21 associated with the development, marketing, and maintenance of the exchange website, and
22 shall receive no compensation from the department. In order to offset potential expenses,
23 such website developer shall be authorized to sell and retain any funds obtained from
24 advertising space on the website, subject to the restriction that no advertising space shall
25 be sold or licensed to any entity which has not been approved by the director of the
26 department.

27 4. The department of economic development shall have the authority to terminate
28 any contract entered into under this section at the department's discretion or if the website
29 developer fails to operate under the department's rules for the exchange website. If the
30 contract is terminated, the department shall immediately assume ownership of all site-
31 related domain names and begin searching for a new website developer to contract with
32 under the terms established in this section.

33 5. The state shall retain and have exclusive rights of ownership of all content
34 produced on the exchange website including, but not limited to, all creative materials,
35 copyrights, photographs, and illustrations.

36 6. The department of economic development may promulgate rules necessary to
37 implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
38 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall
39 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter
40 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and
41 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review,
42 to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
43 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted
44 after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

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