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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1601

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8 An Act relating to public finance; establishing the
9 Oklahoma State Government Business Licensing One-Stop
10 Program; imposing duties on the Chief Information
11 Officer; requiring certain savings; requiring
12 reduction of certain fees; providing for real-time
13 licensing; making transfer from the Oklahoma
14 Department of Commerce to the Office of State
15 Finance; authorizing certain exemptions; requiring
16 agency compliance; amending Section 2, Chapter 245,
17 O.S.L. 2007 (74 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 5003.15),
18 which relates to the 2nd Century Entrepreneurship
19 Center; modifying references; providing for
20 codification; providing an effective date; and
21 declaring an emergency.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

23 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
24 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 34.11.9 of Title 62, unless
25 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

26 A. There is hereby established the Oklahoma State Government
27 Business Licensing One-Stop Program.

1 B. The Chief Information Officer shall promulgate procedures by
2 which state agencies shall enter into a shared services arrangement
3 with the Office of State Finance for the provision of real-time,
4 online, web-based licensing and permitting services.

5 C. The Chief Information Officer shall demonstrate a cost
6 savings of at least fifteen percent (15%) to state agencies from the
7 implementation of this section.

8 D. State agencies shall lower fees to licensees recipients to
9 reflect the savings mandated by the section.

10 E. Real-time licensing and permitting services shall be made
11 available to the public through the website "Business.ok.gov" and
12 shall be offered through the 2nd Century Entrepreneurship Center
13 business licensing framework.

14 F. The 2nd Century Entrepreneurship Center and all
15 corresponding assets and personnel are hereby transferred from the
16 Oklahoma Department of Commerce to the Information Services Division
17 of the Office of State Finance.

18 G. The Chief Information Officer may grant an exemption from
19 the requirements of this section to state agencies which offer
20 licensing and permitting procedures requiring documentation that can
21 not be provided through a web-based portal.

22 H. State agencies shall comply with procedures promulgated
23 pursuant to the terms of this section.

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 245, O.S.L.
2 2007 (74 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 5003.15), is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 Section 5003.15 A. The ~~Oklahoma Department of Commerce~~ Office
5 of State Finance shall establish within the agency a central point
6 of access and information for persons or business entities in order
7 to facilitate the creation of new business enterprises within the
8 state. The central point of access and the related programs shall
9 be designated the "2nd Century Entrepreneurship Center".

10 B. The ~~Department~~ Office of State Finance shall utilize the
11 existing Master Business Licensing System and incorporate the
12 systems and informational resources currently in use to establish
13 the 2nd Century Entrepreneurship Center.

14 C. The ~~Department of Commerce~~ Office of State Finance shall
15 develop a centralized method by which an emerging or expanding
16 Oklahoma business enterprise may have access to all state and local
17 permit information, license information, applicable state or local
18 codes, and other information and resources necessary for the
19 successful organization of a new business enterprise or for the
20 expansion of an existing business enterprise.

21 D. To the extent possible, the 2nd Century Entrepreneurship
22 Center shall allow an emerging or expanding business enterprise to
23 complete all steps necessary for the formation and organization of
24 the business entity, including the formal organization of the

1 business entity, the acquisition of a federal employer tax
2 identification number, if required, the acquisition of any needed
3 licenses or permits from the Secretary of State, the Oklahoma Tax
4 Commission, or the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission.

5 E. The ~~Department of Commerce~~ Office of State Finance may work
6 in collaboration with other statewide partners also involved in the
7 offering of entrepreneurship-based programs.

8 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2011.

9 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
10 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
11 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
12 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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