

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1601

By: Stiles of the House

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

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

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

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

B. The Chief Information Officer shall promulgate procedures by  
which state agencies shall enter into a shared services arrangement

1 with the Office of State Finance for the provision of real-time,  
2 online, web-based licensing and permitting services.

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

6 D. State agencies shall lower fees to license recipients to  
7 reflect the savings mandated by the section.

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

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

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

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

22 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 245, O.S.L.  
23 2007 (74 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 5003.15), is amended to read as  
24 follows:

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

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

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

18           D. To the extent possible, the 2nd Century Entrepreneurship  
19 Center shall allow an emerging or expanding business enterprise to  
20 complete all steps necessary for the formation and organization of  
21 the business entity, including the formal organization of the  
22 business entity, the acquisition of a federal employer tax  
23 identification number, if required, the acquisition of any needed  
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1 licenses or permits from the Secretary of State, the Oklahoma Tax  
2 Commission, or the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission.

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

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

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

11 Passed the House of Representatives the 17th day of March, 2011.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
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