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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2728

1 AN ACT TO CREATE WITHIN THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
 2 A ONE-STOP INFORMATION CENTER TO PROVIDE A ONE-STOP INFORMATION  
 3 SYSTEM FOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS,  
 4 AND SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESSES; TO REQUIRE SUCH ONE-STOP CENTER  
 5 TO MAINTAIN A STATEWIDE REGISTRY OF CONTRACTS, PROGRAMS, LOANS AND  
 6 GRANTS AVAILABLE; TO REQUIRE THE COMPILATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF  
 7 INFORMATION PACKETS; TO REQUIRE THE COORDINATION OF AGENCIES; TO  
 8 REQUIRE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION  
 9 OF THE INFORMATION SYSTEM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

11 SECTION 1. (1) The Mississippi Development Authority shall  
 12 establish and administer a One-Stop Information Center to provide  
 13 for the collection, summarization and dissemination of information  
 14 helpful to any person in establishing or operating a small or  
 15 minority business, or seeking loans, grants or other funds that  
 16 may be available in this state.

17 (2) The One-Stop Information Center shall:

18 (a) Collect, compile, summarize and disseminate  
 19 information packets to any person seeking a grant, loan or other  
 20 incentive; and any information helpful to any person establishing  
 21 or operating a small or minority business;

22 (b) Maintain a statewide contracts register;

23 (c) Maintain a register of federal and state grants,  
 24 loans and other incentives available to assist individuals, and  
 25 small and minority businesses;

26 (d) Provide information and help coordinate the  
 27 "one-stop permitting" available under Section 25-45-3 et seq.;

28 (e) In cooperation with existing state and federal  
 29 assistance programs, counsel on:

30 (i) How to deal with federal, state or local  
31 governmental agencies;

32 (ii) How to meet federal, state or local program  
33 requirements;

34 (iii) How to utilize any incentives that are  
35 available in the state.

36 (f) Coordinate between agencies to consolidate related  
37 information.

38 (3) On January 2 of each year, beginning with January 2,  
39 2002, the Mississippi Development Authority shall make a written  
40 report to the Governor and the Legislature on the implementation  
41 of this act. The report shall contain information on:

42 (a) The establishment and administration of the  
43 One-Stop Center;

44 (b) The information available;

45 (c) How the information is disseminated.

46 (d) The number of persons who have used the One-Stop  
47 Information System.

48 (e) The types of assistance that are available.

49 (f) The complaints and suggestions received by the  
50 department; and

51 (g) Plans and specific objectives to be accomplished by  
52 the department in the next fiscal year.

53 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
54 and after July 1, 2001.