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MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE                        REGULAR SESSION 2001
By:  Senator(s) Blackmon  

SENATE BILL NO. 2728

AN ACT TO CREATE WITHIN THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY1
A ONE-STOP INFORMATION CENTER TO PROVIDE A ONE-STOP INFORMATION2
SYSTEM FOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS,3
AND SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESSES; TO REQUIRE SUCH ONE-STOP CENTER4
TO MAINTAIN A STATEWIDE REGISTRY OF CONTRACTS, PROGRAMS, LOANS AND5
GRANTS AVAILABLE; TO REQUIRE THE COMPILATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF6
INFORMATION PACKETS; TO REQUIRE THE COORDINATION OF AGENCIES; TO7
REQUIRE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION8
OF THE INFORMATION SYSTEM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:9

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

(2)  The One-Stop Information Center shall:

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

(b) Maintain a statewide contracts register;

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

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

(e) In cooperation with existing state and federal
assistance programs, counsel on:
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(i) How to deal with federal, state or local governmental agencies;
(ii) How to meet federal, state or local program requirements;
(iii) How to utilize any incentives that are available in the state.
(f) Coordinate between agencies to consolidate related information.

(3) On January 2 of each year, beginning with January 2, 2002, the Mississippi Development Authority shall make a written report to the Governor and the Legislature on the implementation of this act. The report shall contain information on:
(a) The establishment and administration of the One-Stop Center;
(b) The information available;
(c) How the information is disseminated.
(d) The number of persons who have used the One-Stop Information System.
(e) The types of assistance that are available.
(f) The complaints and suggestions received by the department; and
(g) Plans and specific objectives to be accomplished by the department in the next fiscal year.

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