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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sHB 6316**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELECTRONIC BUSINESS PORTAL AT THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the secretary of the state's Commercial Recording Division to establish an electronic portal serving as a single entry point for businesses registering with the secretary. By law, all corporations, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, limited partnerships, and other types of businesses must register with the secretary.

The portal must provide these entities with explanatory information and links to other agencies and organizations agencies that help them (1) obtain necessary licenses and permits, (2) identify state taxes and other revenue responsibilities and benefits, and (3) find relevant state financial incentives and programs.

The bill allows the secretary to provide other state agencies and quasi-public agencies the information businesses submit when registering with her, but only for economic development, state revenue collection, and statistical purposes, as the law provides.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2012

#### **LINKS TO OTHER AGENCIES**

Besides providing registration and licensing information, the electronic business portal must provide electronic links to state agencies and quasi-public agencies. These include the Labor Department; the Workers' Compensation Commission; the departments of Economic and Community Development, Administrative Services, Consumer Protection, Environmental Protection, and Revenue Services; the Connecticut Development

Authority; Connecticut Innovations, Inc; Connecticut Licensing Information Center; and the Connecticut Small Business Development Center.

The bill also requires the portal to include links to the U.S. Small Business Administration and the nonprofit Connecticut Economic Resource Center.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference  
Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/22/2011)

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable  
Yea 36 Nay 16 (04/07/2011)