AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE'S ELECTRONIC BUSINESS PORTAL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 3-99d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2017):

(a) The Commercial Recording Division of the office of the Secretary of the State shall establish an electronic business portal as a single point of entry for business entities for purposes of business registration pursuant to title 33 or 34. Such portal shall provide explanatory information and electronic links provided by state agencies and quasi-public agencies, including, but not limited to, the Labor Department, the Workers' Compensation Commission, the Departments of Economic and Community Development, Administrative Services, Consumer Protection, Energy and Environmental Protection and Revenue Services, Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, Connecticut Licensing Info Center, The United States Small Business Administration, the Connecticut Small Business Development Center, the Connecticut Economic Resource Center and the Connecticut Center
for Advanced Technology, for the purposes of assisting such business entities in determining permitting and licensure requirements, identifying state revenue responsibilities and benefits, and finding available state financial incentives and programs related to such entities' businesses. The information provided for purposes of business registration with the office of the Secretary of the State may be made available to state agencies and quasi-public agencies for economic development, state revenue collection and statistical purposes as provided by law.

(b) The Department of Economic and Community Development, in collaboration with the office of the Secretary of the State, shall (1) promote such electronic business portal in order to encourage entrepreneurship in the state, and (2) identify modifications to such electronic business portal to allow businesses to complete the business registration process as quickly as possible.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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Statement of Purpose:
To require the Department of Economic and Community Development and the office of the Secretary of the State to market and identify improvements to the state's electronic business portal.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]