

House Bill 616

By: Representatives Barr of the 103rd, Cheokas of the 138th, Stephens of the 164th,
Werkheiser of the 157th, Powell of the 32nd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 25 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Georgia Technology Authority, so as to require such authority to study the potential
3 implementation of a state-wide unique identification system and a centralized website for all
4 businesses and legal entities; to provide for requirements and a report; to require cooperation
5 and collaboration; to provide for related matters; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 25 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia
10 Technology Authority, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "50-25-17.

12 (a) The authority shall conduct a study to explore the potential implementation of a
13 state-wide unique identification system and a centralized website for all businesses and
14 legal entities. Such study shall include an analysis of:

15 (1) Any necessary legislative changes;

- 16 (2) Technical infrastructure needed to support such a system and website and any
17 necessary interagency communications and data sharing;
- 18 (3) Estimated time frame required for completion of such a system and website;
- 19 (4) Estimated costs and resources needed to implement and maintain such a system and
20 website;
- 21 (5) Extent to which such a system and website would improve government services and
22 reduce the administrative burden on businesses; and
- 23 (6) Any other information the authority deems necessary and appropriate relative to the
24 development and implementation of such a system and website.
- 25 (b) Any relevant agency shall cooperate and collaborate with the authority as is necessary
26 to complete the study required by this Code section.
- 27 (c) The authority shall submit a report of the study to the Governor, the President of the
28 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairperson of the House
29 Committee on Small Business Development no later than June 30, 2022.
- 30 (d) This Code section shall stand automatically repealed on July 1, 2022."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.