

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the research and development tax  
 3           credit; amending s. 220.196, F.S.; deleting an  
 4           obsolete reference; increasing the total amount of tax  
 5           credits which may be granted to business enterprises  
 6           during any calendar year; revising the deadline for  
 7           the filing of an application for the tax credit;  
 8           revising the allocation of the tax credit to  
 9           applicants; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13           Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 220.196, Florida  
 14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15           220.196 Research and development tax credit.—

16           (2) TAX CREDIT.—As provided in this section ~~Subject to the~~  
 17 ~~limitations contained in paragraph (c),~~ a business enterprise is  
 18 eligible for a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter if  
 19 the business enterprise has qualified research expenses in this  
 20 state in the taxable year exceeding the base amount and, for the  
 21 same taxable year, claims and is allowed a research credit for  
 22 such qualified research expenses under 26 U.S.C. s. 41.

23           (a) The tax credit shall be 10 percent of the excess  
 24 qualified research expenses over the base amount. However, the  
 25 maximum tax credit for a business enterprise that has not been  
 26 in existence for at least 4 taxable years immediately preceding

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27 the taxable year is reduced by 25 percent for each taxable year  
28 for which the business enterprise, or a predecessor corporation  
29 that was a business enterprise, did not exist.

30 (b) The credit taken in any taxable year may not exceed 50  
31 percent of the business enterprise's remaining net income tax  
32 liability under this chapter after all other credits have been  
33 applied under s. 220.02(8).

34 (c) Any unused credit authorized under this section may be  
35 carried forward and claimed by the taxpayer for up to 5 years.

36 (d) The combined total amount of tax credits which may be  
37 granted to all business enterprises under this section during  
38 any calendar year is \$20 ~~\$9~~ million. Applications may be filed  
39 with the department on or after March 20 and before March 27 for  
40 qualified research expenses incurred within the preceding  
41 calendar year. If the total, and credits for all applicants  
42 exceed \$20 million, the credits shall be allocated on a prorated  
43 basis. granted in the order in which completed applications are  
44 received.

45 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.