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HOUSE BILL 11-1209

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A SMALL BUSINESS NAVIGATOR BY THE**
102 **SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CENTER UNDER THE OFFICE OF**
103 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill requires the small business assistance center under the office of economic development to create a small business navigator to provide a single point of contact for small businesses in order to facilitate and assist small businesses by:

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

- ! Diagnosing problems;
- ! Making referrals to small business development centers, the business advancement center operated by the university of Colorado, or other such centers or organizations;
- ! Providing information regarding state government contracting offices and processes;
- ! Providing assistance with state rules; and
- ! Conducting any follow-up with the small business as needed.

The bill also requires the office of economic development to advise and provide guidance to the small business navigator.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 24-48.5-101 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended to read:

4 **24-48.5-101. Colorado office of economic development -**
5 **creation.** (3) The Colorado office of economic development shall advise
6 and provide guidance to THE SMALL BUSINESS NAVIGATOR DESCRIBED IN
7 SECTION 24-48.5-102 AND SHALL ADVISE AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO
8 coordinate activities of small business development centers and the
9 business advancement center operated by the university of Colorado.

10 **SECTION 2.** 24-48.5-102 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
11 amended to read:

12 **24-48.5-102. Small business assistance center.** (1) In addition
13 to the powers and duties specified in section 24-48.5-101, the Colorado
14 office of economic development shall include the small business
15 assistance center, which shall provide comprehensive information on the
16 federal, state, and local requirements necessary to begin a business and
17 shall make this information available to the public. THE SMALL BUSINESS
18 ASSISTANCE CENTER SHALL ALSO CREATE A SMALL BUSINESS NAVIGATOR
19 THAT SHALL PROVIDE A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

1 IN ORDER TO FACILITATE AND ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSES BY:

2 (a) DIAGNOSING PROBLEMS;

3 (b) MAKING REFERRALS TO SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
4 CENTERS, THE BUSINESS ADVANCEMENT CENTER OPERATED BY THE
5 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, OR OTHER SUCH CENTERS OR ORGANIZATIONS;

6 (c) PROVIDING INFORMATION REGARDING STATE GOVERNMENT
7 CONTRACTING OFFICES AND PROCESSES;

8 (d) PROVIDING ASSISTANCE WITH STATE RULES; AND

9 (e) CONDUCTING ANY FOLLOW-UP WITH THE SMALL BUSINESS AS
10 NEEDED.

11 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
12 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
13 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.