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HOUSE BILL 11-1209

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House Committees

Economic and Business Development

Senate Committees

Business, Labor and Technology

SENATE
Amended 3rd Reading
March 29, 2011

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.**

SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
March 25, 2011

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>.)

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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:

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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. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly
3 hereby finds and declares that the Colorado office of economic
4 development shall complete only those tasks specified in House Bill
5 11-1209, enacted in 2011, that the office can currently do at no cost and
6 shall then transition to other tasks as resources become available and as
7 such tasks become cost effective.

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

10 **24-48.5-101. Colorado office of economic development -**
11 **creation.** (3) The Colorado office of economic development shall advise
12 and provide guidance to THE SMALL BUSINESS NAVIGATOR DESCRIBED IN
13 SECTION 24-48.5-102 AND SHALL ADVISE AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO
14 coordinate activities of small business development centers and the
15 business advancement center operated by the university of Colorado.

16 **SECTION 3.** 24-48.5-102 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
17 amended to read:

18 **24-48.5-102. Small business assistance center.** (1) (a) In
19 addition to the powers and duties specified in section 24-48.5-101, the

1 Colorado office of economic development shall include the small
2 business assistance center, which shall provide comprehensive
3 information on the federal, state, and local requirements necessary to
4 begin a business and shall make this information available to the public.

5 (b) THE SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CENTER SHALL ALSO
6 CREATE A SMALL BUSINESS NAVIGATOR THAT SHALL PROVIDE A SINGLE
7 POINT OF CONTACT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE AND
8 ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSES BY:

9 (I) DIAGNOSING PROBLEMS;

10 (II) PROVIDING INFORMATION AND STREAMLINING REFERRALS TO
11 SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS, THE COLORADO CREDIT
12 RESERVE PROGRAM, THE FEDERAL SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT INITIATIVE, OR
13 OTHER SUCH CENTERS OR ORGANIZATIONS;

14 (III) PROVIDING INFORMATION REGARDING STATE GOVERNMENT
15 CONTRACTING OFFICES AND PROCESSES;

16 (IV) PROVIDING ASSISTANCE WITH STATE RULES; AND

17 (V) CONDUCTING ANY FOLLOW-UP WITH THE SMALL BUSINESS AS
18 NEEDED.

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20 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
21 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
22 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.