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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER
102 TO HIRE TECHNOLOGY EXPERTS TO SUPPORT THE DELIVERY OF
103 DIGITAL SERVICES INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS.

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://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

Joint Technology Committee. The bill allows the chief information officer of the office of information technology to hire information technology product managers, designers, engineers, and other staff to support the delivery of citizen-facing digital services and other information technology projects across state government.

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

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) Since 2011, governments around the world, including the
5 United States and several states within the United States, have created
6 digital service teams to transform how governments provide services to
7 the public using technology and design;

8 (b) Government digital service teams hire top technologists into
9 term-limited positions and deploy small, responsive groups of designers,
10 engineers, product managers, and procurement specialists to work with
11 and empower government employees to implement the best practices and
12 approaches to support government modernization efforts;

13 (c) In 2014, the United States Digital Service was created after the
14 initial failure to launch the healthcare.gov website, which exposed a lack
15 of senior tech talent within the government;

16 (d) The United States Digital Service was formed to recruit that
17 missing talent and address systemic issues that inhibit the effectiveness
18 of government in buying or building technology successfully;

19 (e) Six years later, the United States Digital Service is still
20 supported by the white house and congress based on the value it delivers
21 to the public through technology design;

22 (f) In 2019, Colorado received support from a team of volunteer
23 technical experts to pilot this approach by assessing the state's human
24 resources information system project and to provide valuable objective
25 and external insight that helped the state modify the strategic direction of
26 the project; and

1 (g) The state could continue to benefit from teams of technical
2 experts who agree to work for the state for a "tour of civic service" to
3 help state employees build user-focused systems that help Coloradans
4 access state services and resources.

5 (2) The general assembly further finds and declares that this
6 purpose can be achieved by authorizing the chief information officer of
7 the governor's office of information technology to recruit and hire
8 information technology product managers, designers, engineers, and other
9 staff to work collaboratively with state agencies to support the delivery
10 of citizen-facing digital services and other information technology
11 projects across state government.

12 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-37.5-106, **add** (5)
13 as follows:

14 **24-37.5-106. Chief information officer - duties and**
15 **responsibilities - broadband inventory fund created.** (5) THE CHIEF
16 INFORMATION OFFICER, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, MAY RECRUIT AND HIRE
17 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PRODUCT MANAGERS, DESIGNERS, ENGINEERS,
18 AND OTHER STAFF FOR THE COLORADO DIGITAL SERVICES UNIT TO WORK
19 COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE OFFICE AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES TO
20 SUPPORT THE DELIVERY OF CITIZEN-FACING DIGITAL SERVICES AND OTHER
21 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS ACROSS STATE GOVERNMENT.

22 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
23 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
24 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
25 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a
26 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
27 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act

1 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
2 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
3 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
4 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.