

CHAPTER 168

GOVERNMENT - STATE

HOUSE BILL 11-1209

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AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. The general assembly hereby finds and declares that the Colorado office of economic development shall complete only those tasks specified in House Bill 11-1209, enacted in 2011, that the office can currently do at no cost and shall then transition to other tasks as resources become available and as such tasks become cost effective.

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

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

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

24-48.5-102. Small business assistance center. (1) (a) In addition to the powers and duties specified in section 24-48.5-101, the Colorado office of economic development shall include the small business assistance center, which shall provide comprehensive information on the federal, state, and local requirements necessary to begin a business and shall make this information available to the public.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

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

(A) DIAGNOSING PROBLEMS;

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

(C) PROVIDING INFORMATION REGARDING STATE GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING OFFICES AND PROCESSES;

(D) PROVIDING ASSISTANCE WITH STATE RULES; AND

(E) CONDUCTING ANY FOLLOW-UP WITH THE SMALL BUSINESS AS NEEDED.

(II) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2012, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH JANUARY 15 THEREAFTER, THE COLORADO OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE BUSINESS, LABOR, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR SUCH SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, WHICH REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF SMALL BUSINESSES BEING SERVED BY THE SMALL BUSINESS NAVIGATOR.

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

Approved: May 9, 2011