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## Research Note

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### Bill Number

**House Bill 16-1014**

### Sponsors

**Representative Williams  
Senator Tate**

### Short Title

**Secretary of State Business  
Intelligence Center**

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### Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which became effective on August 10, 2016.

### Summary

The Secretary of State's Office currently operates a Business Intelligence Center (BIC) under its Business and Licensing Division to streamline access to public data and provide resources to make the data more useful. This bill formally creates the BIC in statute and authorizes the department's operation of the program. This bill also establishes the BIC Advisory Board to assist in the operation of the program, with a scheduled repeal date of September 1, 2026.

### Background

The BIC was established in FY 2013-14 to collect, standardize, publish, and maintain datasets of high value to the business community from across state agencies to improve access to public information. To date, the BIC has published a total of 154 datasets on the Colorado Information Marketplace and plans to add an additional 32 datasets by the end of FY 2015-16. The BIC also hosts the Go Code Colorado statewide application challenge event, where teams of software developers and members of the Colorado business community are charged with developing apps that utilize the data gathered and maintained by BIC to solve business-related problems.

## **House Action**

**House Business Affairs and Labor Committee (January 28, 2016).** At the hearing, the Colorado Secretary of State testified in support of the bill. The committee adopted amendment L.002, which clarifies that a state agency's participation in the program is voluntary, and referred the bill, as amended, to the House Appropriations Committee.

**House Appropriations Committee (March 18, 2016).** The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the House Committee of the Whole.

**House second reading (March 21, 2016).** The House adopted the House Business Affairs and Labor Committee report and passed the bill on second reading.

**House third reading (March 22, 2016).** The House passed the bill, unamended, on third reading.

## **Senate Action**

**Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee (March 30, 2016).** At the hearing, representatives from the Colorado Secretary of State's Office, Colorado Press Association, Colorado Broadcasters Association, Colorado Competitive Council, Colorado Technology Association, and one private individual testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Senate Appropriations Committee (April 22, 2016).** The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

**Senate second reading (April 25, 2016).** The Senate passed the bill, unamended, on second reading.

**Senate third reading (April 26, 2016).** The Senate passed the bill, unamended, on third reading.