

## 2016 Legislative Accomplishments

During the 2016 legislative session, Colorado Technology Association engaged directly at the state capitol closely monitoring over 25 bills and actively supporting key pieces of legislation related to technology in Colorado. Introduced legislation covered issues from cybersecurity to telecom to tech workforce development and more.

### **STEM & Workforce Development**

**\*HB 1198 Computer Courses Fulfill Graduation Requirements (Sponsored by Reps. Pabon & Wilson | Sens. Tate & Kerr)**

Encourages school districts to count a computer science or coding course as fulfilling a graduation requirement in a mathematics or science subject area. - **Signed**

**HB 1287 Pre-apprenticeship & Apprenticeship Study (Sponsored by Reps. Rosenthal & Wilson | Sens. Cooke & Kefalas)**

Requires the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment to review rules and regulations within the department that may impact the establishment or integration of pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs into Colorado businesses. - **Signed**

**\*HB 1288 Industry Infrastructure Grant Program (Sponsored by Reps. Wist & Kraft-Tharp | Sens. Tate & Merrifield)**

Creates a grant program within the Colorado Workforce Development Council to assist industry associations in identifying the key industry competencies and would encourage collaboration to facilitate education and training in between the classroom and the workplace. - **Signed**

**\*HB 1289 Incentives to Complete Career Development Courses (Sponsored by Reps. Duran & Esgar | Sens. Crowder & Garcia)**

Establishes a program to allow school districts to receive a bonus for each high school student who earns an industry certification tied to an in-demand job, finishes a rigorous workplace training program tied to key industry needs, or successfully completes a Computer Science AP course. - **Signed**

**HB 1302 Align with Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (Sponsored by Reps. Duran & DelGrosso | Sen. Newell)**

Changes the title of the Colorado Workforce Investment Act to the Colorado Career Advancement Act and aligns Colorado law with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. - **Signed**

**\*HB 1291 Modern Technology Education in Public Schools (Sponsored by Reps. Duran & Lontine | Sens. Hill & Johnston)**

Would have established a grant program for public school teachers in Colorado to pursue additional education that will enable them to teach computer science courses. The bill also looked to update education content standards to include tech skills and creates a voluntary resource bank for schools and districts that want to start or expand computer science programs for students. -

**Postponed Indefinitely in Senate Appropriations Committee**

**Telecom**

**\*SB 183 Clarify Portion of 911 Call Subject to PUC Regulation (Sponsored by Sens. Scheffel & Kerr | Reps. Williams & Lawrence)**

Clarifies that the Public Utilities Commission has no regulatory authority over the originating service providers of basic emergency service. The bill defines basic emergency service as the aggregation and transport of a 911 call by a basic emergency service provider to a public safety answering point, such as a 911 call center, regardless of the technology used to provide the service. - **Signed**

**Cybersecurity**

**\*HB 1453 Colorado Cybersecurity Initiative (Sponsored by Rep. Hamner | Sen. Lambert)**

Creates the Colorado Cybersecurity Council to develop cybersecurity policy guidance for the Governor; develop comprehensive goals, requirements, initiatives, and milestones; and to coordinate with the General Assembly and the Judicial Department regarding cybersecurity. The legislation also allows for the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs to establish and expand higher education programs in cybersecurity, and appropriates \$7,932,020 to be used by UCCS to renovate space for the National Cybersecurity Center. - **Signed**

**Public Data**

**HB 1014 Secretary of State Business Intelligence Center (Sponsored by Rep. Williams | Sen. Tate)**

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. - **Signed**

**Crowd Funding**

**HB 1049 Crowdfunding Escrow in Depository Institutions (Sponsored by Rep. Lee | Sens. Scheffel & Hill)**

Modifies the Colorado Crowdfunding Act which allows Colorado residents to purchase stocks in small Colorado companies over the internet. This legislation streamlines the Act so local entrepreneurs can gain access to investment capital. - **Signed**

**\*High-Priority**

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