



Open Government Impact Statement

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Measure: HB 4101

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SUMMARY

Digest: Tells the Secretary of State to get data about a person's background if the person tries to register a business in this state and wants to give the data. Lets the Secretary of State share the data with some people, but says to keep it secret otherwise. (Flesch Reading Score: 60.5).

Requires the Secretary of State to collect, and share with state agencies, small business development centers and certain organizations, information about the ethnicity, gender and veteran status of an owner or principal of a business that applies for or renews a business registration in this state, if the owner or principal chooses to provide the information. Prohibits the Secretary of State from mandating an owner or principal to submit the information as a condition of applying for or renewing a business registration. Exempts the information from disclosure as a public record.

Becomes operative January 1, 2028.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure exempts from public disclosure information the Secretary of State collects about the ethnicity, gender and veteran status of each owner and principal of a business that applies for or renews a business registration.

If those public records that could be subject to public disclosure were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could gain information about the ethnicity, gender and veteran status of business owners and principals applying for or renewing a business registration.