

1                                   **APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITY AWARENESS**

2   2019 GENERAL SESSION

3   STATE OF UTAH

4                                   **Chief Sponsor: Mike Winder**

5                                   Senate Sponsor: Karen Mayne

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9           This bill modifies provisions of the Apprenticeship Act.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11           This bill:

- 12           ▶ defines terms;
- 13           ▶ creates the position of Commissioner of Apprenticeship Programs within the
- 14 Department of Workforce Services;
- 15           ▶ describes the duties of the commissioner; and
- 16           ▶ makes technical changes.

17 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

18           None

19 **Other Special Clauses:**

20           None

21 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

22 AMENDS:

23           **35A-6-102**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 1997, Chapter 375

24 ENACTS:

25           **35A-6-105**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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27 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

28           Section 1. Section **35A-6-102** is amended to read:

29 **35A-6-102. Definitions.**

30 As used in this chapter and in Title 34, Labor in General:

31 (1) "Apprentice" means an individual [~~at least 16 years of age~~] who has entered into:

32 (a) a written agreement approved by the [~~Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training~~]

33 Office of Apprenticeship with an employer or the employer's agent, an association of

34 employers, an organization of employees, or a joint committee representing employers and

35 employees; [~~or~~]

36 (b) an apprenticeship that meets [~~Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training Standards.~~]

37 Office of Apprenticeship standards; or

38 (c) an apprenticeship that can be completed at no charge to the participant where the

39 participant learns and works with registered standards to learn a set of skills that result in the

40 participant qualifying for a state license or certification or earning industry recognized

41 credentials at the completion of the apprenticeship.

42 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Apprenticeship Programs described

43 in Section 35A-6-105.

44 [~~(2)~~] (3) [~~"Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training"~~] "Office of Apprenticeship" means

45 the federal agency designated by the United States Department of Labor to oversee

46 apprenticeship programs.

47 Section 2. Section **35A-6-105** is enacted to read:

48 **35A-6-105. Commissioner of Apprenticeship Programs.**

49 (1) There is created the position of Commissioner of Apprenticeship Programs within  
50 the department.

51 (2) The commissioner shall be appointed by the executive director and chosen from

52 one or more recommendations provided by a majority vote of the State Workforce

53 Development Board.

54 (3) The commissioner may be terminated without cause by the executive director.

55 (4) The commissioner shall:

56 (a) promote and educate the public, including high school guidance counselors and  
57 potential participants in apprenticeship programs, about apprenticeship programs offered in the  
58 state, including apprenticeship programs offered by private sector businesses, trade groups,  
59 labor unions, partnerships with educational institutions, and other associations in the state;

60 (b) coordinate with the department and other stakeholders, including the Utah System  
61 of Technical Colleges, union and nonunion apprenticeship programs, the Office of  
62 Apprenticeship, the State Board of Education, the Utah System of Higher Education, the  
63 Department of Commerce, the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, and the  
64 Governor's Office of Economic Development to improve and promote apprenticeship  
65 opportunities in the state; and

66 (c) provide an annual written report to:

67 (i) the department for inclusion in the department's annual written report described in  
68 Section [35A-1-109](#);

69 (ii) the Business, Economic Development, and Labor Appropriations Subcommittee;  
70 and

71 (iii) the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee.

72 (5) The annual written report described in Subsection (4)(c) shall provide information  
73 concerning:

74 (a) the number of available apprenticeship programs in the state;

75 (b) the number of apprentices participating in each program;

76 (c) the completion rate of each program;

77 (d) the cost of state funding for each program; and

78 (e) recommendations for improving apprenticeship programs.