

APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITY AWARENESS

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Mike Winder

Senate Sponsor: Karen Mayne

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions of the Apprenticeship Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

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

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

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

ENACTS:

35A-6-105, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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 to learn a set of skills that result in the participant qualifying for a
40 state license or certification or earning industry recognized credentials at the completion of the
41 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 the chair of the State Workforce Development
53 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 potential participants in apprenticeship
57 programs, about apprenticeship programs offered in the state, including apprenticeship
58 programs offered by private sector businesses, trade groups, labor unions, partnerships with

59 educational institutions, and other associations in the state;

60 (b) cooperate with the department and other state agencies, including the State Board
61 of Education, the Utah System of Higher Education, the Department of Commerce, the
62 Division of Occupational and Professional Licensure, and the Governor's Office of Economic
63 Development to improve and promote apprenticeship opportunities in the state; and

64 (c) provide a report to the department concerning the number of available
65 apprenticeship programs in the state, the number of apprentices participating in apprenticeship
66 programs in the state, and recommendations for improving apprenticeship programs in the
67 state.