

1 **REFUGEE CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM**

2 2020 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Carol Spackman Moss**

5 Senate Sponsor: Kathleen Riebe

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LONG TITLE

7 **General Description:**

8 This bill creates an education program for refugee students within the Refugee Services
9 Office of the Department of Workforce Services (DWS).

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

- 12 ▶ defines terms;
- 13 ▶ authorizes DWS to partner with one or more local education agencies to create an
14 education program for refugees; and
- 15 ▶ describes that the education program would assist adult refugee students, who are
16 no longer eligible for traditional high school, in obtaining a high school diploma or
17 its equivalent;
- 18 ▶ describes the rulemaking authority for DWS to administer the education program;
- 19 and
- 20 ▶ describes the annual reporting requirement of DWS related to the education
21 program.

22 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

23 This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2021:

24 ▶ to the ~~§→ [Department of Workforce Services -- Operations and Policy -- Workforce~~
25 ~~Development]~~ State Board of Education -- Initiative Programs -- Refugee Education, ~~←§~~ as an
26 ongoing appropriation:

- 27 • from the ~~Ĥ→ [General]~~ Education ~~←Ĥ~~ Fund, \$500,000.

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59 (a) the name of each local education agency that the department is partnering with to
60 provide an education program described in this section;

61 (b) the number of refugee students being served by the education program described in
62 this section;

63 (c) the number of refugee students who have obtained a high school diploma or its
64 equivalent as a result of the education program described in this section; and

65 (d) recommendations to the Legislature regarding what is working well and what
66 improvements could be made to the education program described in this section.

67 Section 2. **Appropriation.**

68 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
69 2020, and ending June 30, 2021. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
70 fiscal year 2021. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures
71 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts
72 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

73 ITEM 1

74 To ~~§→ [the Department of Workforce Services -- Operations and Policy]~~ **State Board of**
74a **Education -- Initiative Programs** ←§

75 From ~~Ĥ→ [General]~~ **Education** ←Ĥ Fund \$500,000

76 Schedule of Programs:

77 §→ ~~[Workforce Development]~~ **Refugee Education** ←§ \$500,000