

UTAH IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE CENTER

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Joel Ferry

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Utah Immigration Assistance Center.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates the Utah Immigration Assistance Center (center) in the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED);
- ▶ provides for the appointment of a director to administer the center;
- ▶ establishes the responsibilities of the center; and
- ▶ requires GOED to include the center's activities in GOED's annual report.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

- 63N-16-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 63N-16-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 63N-16-103**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 63N-16-104**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

Section 1. Section **63N-16-101** is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 16. UTAH IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE CENTER

Part 1. Utah Immigration Assistance Center

63N-16-101. Title.

This chapter is known as the "Utah Immigration Assistance Center."

Section 2. Section **63N-16-102** is enacted to read:

63N-16-102. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Center" means the Utah Immigration Assistance Center.

(2) "Director" means the director of the Utah Immigration Assistance Center.

(3) "Foreign labor" means one or more individuals from a nation other than the United States who are eligible to participate in visa programs established by the federal government to work in the state.

(4) "Foreign labor programs" as used in this section means programs established by the United States Department of Labor to bring eligible foreign individuals to the United States for employment opportunities.

Section 3. Section **63N-16-103** is enacted to read:

63N-16-103. Creation of the Utah Immigration Assistance Center and appointment of director -- Responsibilities of the Utah Immigration Assistance Center.

(1) There is created within the Governor's Office of Economic Development the Utah Immigration Assistance Center.

(2) (a) The center shall be administered by a director.

(b) The executive director shall appoint the director.

(c) The director shall report to the executive director and may appoint staff subject to the approval of the executive director.

(3) The center shall:

(a) coordinate and provide technical support for businesses in the state that intend to utilize federal foreign labor programs;

(b) provide outreach and information to businesses that could benefit from foreign

59 labor programs;

60 (c) coordinate with state and federal government partners to facilitate the successful
61 use of foreign labor programs on behalf of businesses in the state; and

62 (d) coordinate with other entities engaged in international efforts.

63 (4) The center may not encourage a business to bypass state residents for the business's
64 workforce needs.

65 (5) The center may, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
66 Rulemaking Act, make rules to carry out the center's responsibilities under this chapter.

67 Section 4. Section **63N-16-104** is enacted to read:

68 **63N-16-104. Annual report.**

69 The office shall include in the annual written report described in Section [63N-1-301](#), a
70 report of the center's operations, including:

71 (1) the number of businesses that received assistance in utilizing foreign labor
72 programs;

73 (2) the number of individuals who were able to work in the state as a result of foreign
74 labor programs; and

75 (3) recommendations regarding changes that would improve the center.