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Representative Joel Ferry proposes the following substitute bill:

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

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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

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)~~ (3) "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.

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~~{ (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)2~~ (2) 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 labor programs;

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

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

~~(4)3~~ (3) The center may not encourage a business to bypass state residents for the business's workforce needs.

~~(5)4~~ (4) The center may, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, make rules to carry out the center's responsibilities under this chapter.

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

63N-16-104. Annual report.

The office shall include in the annual written report described in Section 63N-1-301, a report of the center's operations, including:

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

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

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