

Requested by Senator JAMA

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 778**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 26 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) There is established within the office of the Gov-**  
3 **ernor the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement for the pur-**  
4 **pose of operating a statewide immigrant and refugee integration**  
5 **strategy.**

6 **“(2) The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement is under**  
7 **the supervision and control of a director, who is responsible for the**  
8 **performance of the duties, functions and powers of the office. The di-**  
9 **rector shall be chosen through an open hiring process. In addition to**  
10 **the director, the office shall include at least the following full-time**  
11 **staff members:**

12 **“(a) One staff member who focuses on community partnerships; and**

13 **“(b) One staff member who focuses on data collection and research.**

14 **“(3) The office shall:**

15 **“(a) Develop, implement, maintain and oversee statewide immi-**  
16 **grant and refugee programs and services that coordinate with long-**  
17 **term support services to meet the needs of immigrant and refugee**  
18 **populations in this state;**

19 **“(b) Collect data on immigrant and refugee populations in this state**  
20 **for the purposes of determining the needs of the populations and**  
21 **tracking progress in reducing social, economic and health disparities**

1 for the populations;

2 “(c) Monitor and protect data collected under this subsection and  
3 ensure that any data collected and maintained by the office is not  
4 disclosed to any person or entity not affiliated with the office;

5 “(d) Track state legislation that impacts immigrant and refugee  
6 populations in this state;

7 “(e) Ensure that any racial and ethnic impact statements for legis-  
8 lation accurately include the impact to immigrants and refugees in  
9 this state who are individuals who are Black, indigenous or other  
10 people of color;

11 “(f) Advocate for resources from the federal government to support  
12 the immigrant and refugee populations;

13 “(g) Monitor and, unless prohibited by federal or state law or rule,  
14 publish any investments made by the state for the benefit and support  
15 of the immigrant and refugee populations;

16 “(h) Partner with other state agencies as needed to meet the ob-  
17 jectives of the office;

18 “(i) Partner with community-based organizations as needed to meet  
19 the objectives of the office; and

20 “(j) Adopt rules as necessary to carry out this section.

21 “SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Office of Immigrant and  
22 Refugee Advancement for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of  
23 the General Fund, the amount of \$1,000,000, for the purposes of em-  
24 ploying two full-time staff members and carrying out the provisions  
25 of section 1 of this 2021 Act.”.

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