

SB 778-2  
(LC 3513)  
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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;**

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

15 **“(c) One staff member who focuses on administrative support for**  
16 **the office.**

17 **“(3) The office shall:**

18 **“(a) Advocate for and partner with statewide immigrant and refu-**  
19 **gee programs and services that coordinate with long-term support**  
20 **services to meet the needs of immigrant and refugee populations in**  
21 **this state;**

1       **“(b) Collect data on immigrant and refugee populations in this state**  
2 **for the purposes of determining the needs of the populations and**  
3 **tracking progress in reducing social, economic and health disparities**  
4 **for the populations;**

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

8       **“(d) Track state legislation that impacts immigrant and refugee**  
9 **populations in this state;**

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

14       **“(f) Advocate for resources from the federal government to support**  
15 **the immigrant and refugee populations;**

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

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

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

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

24       **“SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Office of Immigrant and**  
25 **Refugee Advancement, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out**  
26 **of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,376,037 for the purposes of em-**  
27 **ploying the director and full-time staff members described in section**  
28 **1 of this 2021 Act and carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this**  
29 **2021 Act.”.**

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