

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 778

By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND BALLOT MEASURE 110 IMPLEMENTATION

April 23

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 Governor the Office of Im-**
3 **migrant and Refugee Advancement for the purpose of operating a statewide immigrant and**
4 **refugee integration strategy.**

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

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

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

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

12 **“(3) The office shall:**

13 **“(a) Advocate for and partner with statewide immigrant and refugee programs and ser-**
14 **vices that coordinate with long-term support services to meet the needs of immigrant and**
15 **refugee populations in this state;**

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

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

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

23 **“(e) Ensure that any racial and ethnic impact statements for legislation accurately in-**
24 **clude the impact to immigrants and refugees in this state who are individuals who are Black,**
25 **indigenous or other people of color;**

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

28 **“(g) Monitor and, unless prohibited by federal or state law or rule, publish any invest-**
29 **ments made by the state for the benefit and support of the immigrant and refugee popu-**
30 **lations;**

31 **“(h) Partner with other state agencies as needed to meet the objectives of the office;**

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

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

35 **“SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advance-**

1 **ment, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of**
2 **\$1,376,037 for the purposes of employing the director and full-time staff members described**
3 **in section 1 of this 2021 Act and carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2021 Act.”.**
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