

January 30, 2023

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2151

Page 1, line 9, replace "advisory" with "development"

Page 1, line 10, remove "encourage resettlement of refugees and"

Page 1, line 11, replace "immigrants in the state" with "the state to attract immigrants with the skills and experience necessary to fill high-demand positions"

Page 1, line 13, remove "and refugee"

Page 1, line 14, after the underscored period insert "To ensure services required under this section are available, the office of immigration may enter memorandums of understanding with a state agency or contract with a nonprofit organization with expertise in providing immigration assistance services."

Page 1, line 15, after "businesses" insert "and communities"

Page 1, line 17, replace "legal assistance" with "education"

Page 1, line 17, after "families" insert ", businesses, and communities"

Page 2, line 3, replace "**advisory**" with "**development**"

Page 2, line 4, replace "advisory" with "development"

Page 2, line 11, replace "state health officer or the state health officer's designee" with "executive director of job service North Dakota"

Page 2, line 19, after "organization" insert "promoting rural development"

Page 2, line 25, replace "advisory" with "development"

Page 2, line 27, replace "one year" with "three months"

Page 2, line 31, after the underscored period insert "Eligible uses of loan proceeds include costs related to housing, transportation, food, health care, child care, training to improve existing career development or technical skills, and startup costs for a locally owned business that employs positions in high demand."

- a. Preference for loans will be given to immigrant individuals that can provide proof of full-time employment by a North Dakota-based business in a high-demand position.
- b. The amount of each loan provided is at the discretion of the office of immigration based primarily on the workforce needs of the position and secondarily on the needs of the immigrant that can fill the position. The decisions of the office of immigration are considered final.
- c. An immigrant individual or family is eligible for one loan through the immigration workforce loan program.

**Immigration workforce loan program - Interest rate and forgiveness.**

1."

Page 2, line 31, replace "the" with "an immigration workforce"

Page 3, line 1, replace the second "each" with "at least one"

Page 3, line 3, after "employed" insert "on a full-time basis in a high-demand position"

Page 3, line 3, after the underscored semicolon insert "or"

Page 3, line 4, after the first "business" insert "employing positions in high demand"

Page 3, line 4, remove "; or"

Page 3, remove line 5

Page 3, line 6, remove "North Dakota institution"

Page 3, line 7, replace "3." with "2."

Page 3, line 12, replace "4." with "3."

Page 3, line 14, replace "advisory" with "development"

Page 3, line 30, replace "\$8,800,000" with "\$9,000,000"

Page 3, line 31, replace "\$1,200,000" with "\$1,000,000"

Renumber accordingly