

SENATE BILL NO. 300—SENATOR DENIS

MARCH 22, 2021

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to immigrants.
(BDR 18-964)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to immigrants; revising the duties of the Director of the Office for New Americans; prohibiting, with certain exceptions, a public utility from disclosing certain customer information for any purpose relating to the enforcement of immigration laws; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Director of the Office for New Americans to advise the Governor and each state agency on all matters relating to policies, programs and procedures affecting immigrants in this State. (NRS 223.910) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Director to advise the Governor and each state agency on such matters in order to facilitate the integration and inclusion of immigrants in this State.

Existing law authorizes the Director to adopt regulations necessary to carry out provisions of law relating to the duties of the Director and the Office for New Americans. (NRS 223.910) **Section 1** provides that any such regulation: (1) must facilitate the integration and inclusion of immigrants in this State to the extent allowed by law; and (2) must not exclude or limit an immigrant's access to any service, program, right or privilege beyond any exclusion or limitation required by law.

Existing law requires a public utility to disclose the name and address of a customer upon receipt of a subpoena by a law enforcement agency. (NRS 704.202) **Section 2** of this bill prohibits a public utility from disclosing the name or address of any customer to a federal governmental entity for any purpose relating to the enforcement of immigration laws unless such disclosure is required by federal law or a subpoena, warrant or court order.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 223.910 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 223.910 1. The Office for New Americans is hereby created
3 in the Office of the Governor.

4 2. The Governor shall appoint a Director of the Office for New
5 Americans. The Director is in the unclassified service of the State
6 and serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

7 3. The Director shall advise the Governor and each state
8 agency on all matters relating to the formulation and implementation
9 of policies, programs and procedures affecting immigrants *in order*
10 *to facilitate the integration and inclusion of immigrants* in this
11 State.

12 4. The Director may ~~[-~~
13 ~~-(a) Adopt such regulations as are]~~ *adopt any regulation*
14 necessary to carry out the provisions of NRS 223.900 to 223.930,
15 inclusive.

16 ~~[(b) Apply]~~ *Any such regulation:*

17 (a) *Must facilitate the integration and inclusion of immigrants*
18 *in this State to the extent allowed by law; and*

19 (b) *Must not exclude or limit an immigrant's access to any*
20 *service, program, right or privilege beyond any exclusion or*
21 *limitation required by law.*

22 5. *The Director may apply* for any available grants and accept
23 any gifts, grants or donations for the support of the Office and its
24 activities pursuant to NRS 223.900 to 223.930, inclusive.

25 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 704 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
26 thereto a new section to read as follows:

27 *A public utility shall not disclose the name or address of any*
28 *customer to a federal governmental entity for any purpose relating*
29 *to the enforcement of immigration laws unless such disclosure is*
30 *required by federal law or a subpoena, warrant or court order.*

