

H.B. 25 Utah Rural Jobs Act Amendments

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1 UTAH RURAL JOBS ACT AMENDMENTS

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7 LONG TITLE

8 General Description:

9 This bill modifies the Utah Rural Jobs Act.

10 Highlighted Provisions:

11 This bill:

12 defines terms;

13 authorizes additional nonrefundable tax credits related to investments in eligible

14 small businesses located in specified counties;

15 requires each eligible small business that receives a growth investment to submit a

16 document that directs and authorizes the State Tax Commission to disclose to the



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17 GO Utah office the eligible small business's returns;
 18 ▶ addresses the method for allocating new annual jobs at an
 eligible small business
 19 that receives a growth investment from more than one rural
 investment company;
 20 ▶ establishes a deadline for each rural investment company to
 exit the program; and
 21 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

22 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

23 None

24 **Other Special Clauses:**

25 This bill provides retrospective operation.

26 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

27 AMENDS:

28 **59-7-621**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 282

29 **59-10-1038**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 282

30 **63N-4-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 354

31 **63N-4-303**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 274

32 **63N-4-305**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 274

33 **63N-4-307**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 274

34 **63N-4-309**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 274

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36 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

37 Section 1. Section **59-7-621** is amended to read:

38 **59-7-621. Nonrefundable rural job creation tax credit.**

39 (1) As used in this section, "office" means the Governor's Office of
 Economic

40 Opportunity created in Section **63N-1a-301**.

41 (2) Subject to the other provisions of this section, a taxpayer may
 claim a

42 nonrefundable tax credit for rural job creation as provided in this
 section.

43 (3) The tax credit under this section is the amount listed as the tax
 credit amount on a

44 tax credit certificate that the office issues under Title 63N, Chapter 4,
 Part 3, Utah Rural Jobs

45 Act, to the taxpayer for the taxable year.

46 ~~[(4) A taxpayer may carry forward a tax credit under this section
 for the next seven~~

47 ~~taxable years if the amount of the tax credit exceeds the taxpayer's
 tax liability under this~~

48 ~~chapter for the taxable year in which the taxpayer claims the tax
 credit.]~~

49 (4) If the amount of a tax credit under this section exceeds the
 taxpayer's tax liability.

50 under this chapter for the taxable year in which the taxpayer claims

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51 may carry forward the tax credit for:

52 (a) the next seven taxable years, if the credit-eligible contribution
as defined in Section

53 63N-4-302 is made before November 1, 2022; or

54 (b) the next four taxable years, if the credit-eligible contribution as
defined in Section

55 63N-4-302 is made on or after November 1, 2022.

56 Section 2. Section **59-10-1038** is amended to read:

57 **59-10-1038. Nonrefundable rural job creation tax credit.**

58 (1) As used in this section, "office" means the Governor's Office of
 Economic

59 Opportunity created in Section **63N-1a-301**.

60 (2) Subject to the other provisions of this section, a taxpayer may
 claim a

61 nonrefundable tax credit for rural job creation as provided in this
 section.

62 (3) The tax credit under this section is the amount listed as the tax
 credit amount on a

63 tax credit certificate that the office issues under Title 63N, Chapter 4,
 Part 3, Utah Rural Jobs

64 Act, to the taxpayer for the taxable year.

65 ~~[(4) A taxpayer may carry forward a tax credit under this section
 for the next seven~~

66 ~~taxable years if the amount of the tax credit exceeds the taxpayer's
 tax liability under this~~

67 ~~chapter for the taxable year in which the taxpayer claims the tax
 credit.]~~

68 (4) If the amount of a tax credit under this section exceeds the
 taxpayer's tax liability,

69 under this chapter for the taxable year in which the taxpayer claims
the tax credit, the taxpayer

70 may carry forward the tax credit for:

71 (a) the next seven taxable years, if the credit-eligible contribution
as defined in Section

72 63N-4-302 is made before November 1, 2022; or

73 (b) the next four taxable years, if the credit-eligible contribution as
defined in Section

74 63N-4-302 is made on or after November 1, 2022.

75 Section 3. Section **63N-4-302** is amended to read:

76 **63N-4-302. Definitions.**

77 As used in this part:

78 (1) (a) "Affiliate" means a person that directly, or indirectly through
 one or more

79 intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control
 with another person.

80 (b) For the purposes of this part, a person controls another person
 if the person holds,

81 directly or indirectly, the majority voting or ownership interest in the

Tax Credits

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59-7-621

59-10-1038

63N-4-302

63N-4-303

63N-4-305

63N-4-307

63N-4-309

controlled person or has

82 control over the day-to-day operations of the controlled person by
contract or by law.

83 (2) "Claimant" means a resident or nonresident person that has
state taxable income.

84 (3) "Closing date" means the date on which a rural investment
company ~~has collected~~

85 collects;

86 (a) all of the investments described in Subsection 63N-4-303(7)
related to phase one

87 investment authority; or

88 (b) all of the investments described in Subsection 63N-4-303(7)
related to phase two

89 investment authority.

90 (4) (a) "Credit-eligible contribution" means an investment of cash
by a claimant in a

91 rural investment company that is or will be eligible for a tax credit as
evidenced by notification

92 issued by the office under Subsection 63N-4-303(5)(c).

93 (b) The investment shall purchase an equity interest in the rural
investment company or

94 purchase, at par value or premium, a debt instrument issued by the
rural investment company

95 that has a maturity date at least five years after the closing date.

96 (5) "Eligible small business" means a business that at the time of
an initial growth

97 investment in the business by a rural investment company:

98 (a) has fewer than 150 employees;

99 (b) has less than \$10,000,000 in net income for the preceding
taxable year;

100 (c) maintains the business's principal business operations in the
state; and

101 (d) is engaged in an industry related to:

102 (i) aerospace;

103 (ii) defense;

104 (iii) energy and natural resources;

105 (iv) financial services;

106 (v) life sciences;

107 (vi) outdoor products;

108 (vii) software development;

109 (viii) information technology;

110 (ix) manufacturing; or

111 (x) agribusiness.

112 (6) (a) "Excess return" means the difference between:

113 (i) the present value of all growth investments made by a rural
investment company on

114 the day the rural investment company applies to exit the program
under Section 63N-4-309,

115 including the present value of all distributions and gains from the

growth investments; and

116 (ii) the sum of the amount of the original growth investment and
an amount equal to

117 any projected increase in the equity holder's federal or state tax
liability, including penalties and

118 interest, related to the equity holder's ownership, management, or
operation of the rural

119 investment company.

120 (b) If the amount calculated in Subsection (6)(a) is less than zero,
the excess return is

121 equal to zero.

122 (7) "Federally licensed rural business investment company"
means a person licensed as

123 a rural business investment company under 7 U.S.C. Sec. 2009cc.

124 (8) "Federally licensed small business investment company"
means a person licensed

125 as a small business investment company under 15 U.S.C. Sec. 681.

126 (9) (a) "Full-time employee" means an employee that throughout
the year works at

127 least 30 hours per week or meets the customary practices accepted
by that industry as full time.

128 (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
Rulemaking Act, the

129 office may make rules that establish additional hour or other criteria
to determine what

130 constitutes a full-time employee.

131 (10) (a) "Growth investment" means any capital or equity
investment in an eligible

132 small business or any loan made from the investment authority to an
eligible small business

133 with a stated maturity at least one year after the date of issuance.

134 (b) "Growth investment" does not include, with respect to phase
two investment

135 authority:

136 (i) a secured loan or a revolving line of credit to an eligible small
business, unless the

137 eligible small business sought and was denied similar financing from
a commercial bank, as

138 established by an affidavit from the president or chief executive
officer of the eligible small

139 business; or

140 (ii) any portion of an investment, including any amount
reinvested, in an eligible small

141 business that, when added to existing investments in the eligible
small business from all rural

142 investment companies under phase two investment authority,
exceeds \$15,000,000.

143 (11) (a) "High wage" means a wage that is at least 100% of the
county average wage.

144 (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
Rulemaking Act, the

145 office may make rules that establish additional criteria to determine
what constitutes a high

146 wage.

147 (12) "Investment authority" means the minimum amount of
investment a rural

148 investment company must make in eligible small businesses in
order for credit-eligible

149 contributions to the rural investment company to qualify for a rural
job creation tax credit

150 under Section [59-7-621](#) or [59-10-1038](#).

151 (13) (a) "New annual jobs" means the difference between:

152 (i) (A) the monthly average of full-time employees that are paid a
high wage at an

153 eligible small business for the preceding calendar year; or

154 (B) if the preceding calendar year contains the initial growth
investment, the monthly

155 average of full-time employees that are paid a high wage at an
eligible small business for the

156 months including and after the initial growth investment and before
the end of the preceding

157 calendar year; and

158 (ii) the number of full-time employees that are paid a high wage
at the eligible small

159 business on the date of the initial growth investment.

160 (b) If the amount calculated in Subsection (13)(a) is less than
zero, the new annual jobs

161 amount is equal to zero.

162 (14) "Phase one investment authority" means investment
authority the office grants a

163 rural investment company based on an application submitted under
Subsection

164 [63N-4-303\(1\)\(b\)\(i\)](#).

165 (15) "Phase two investment authority" means investment
authority the office grants a

166 rural investment company based on an application submitted under
Subsection

167 [63N-4-303\(1\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#).

168 ~~[(14)]~~ (16) (a) "Principal business operations" means the location
where at least 60% of

169 a business's employees work or where employees that are paid at
least 60% of a business's

170 payroll work.

171 (b) For the purposes of this part, an out-of-state business that
agrees to relocate

172 employees to this state to establish the business's principal
business operations in this state

173 using the proceeds of a growth investment is considered to have the
business's principal

174 business operations in this state if the business satisfies the
requirements of Subsection ~~[(14)]~~

175 ~~(16)~~(a) within 180 days after receiving the growth investment, unless
the office agrees to a later

176 date.

177 ~~[(45)]~~ (17). "Program" means the provisions of this part applicable
to a rural investment

178 company.

179 ~~[(46)]~~ (18). "Rural county" means:

180 (a) with respect to phase one investment authority, any county in
this state except Salt

181 Lake, Utah, Davis, Weber, Washington, Cache, Tooele, and Summit
counties~~[-]; or~~

182 (b) with respect to phase two investment authority, any county in
this state except Salt

183 Lake, Utah, Davis, and Weber counties.

184 ~~[(47)]~~ (19). "Rural investment company" means a person
approved by the office under

185 Section [63N-4-303](#).

186 ~~[(18)]~~ (20). (a) "State reimbursement amount" means the
difference between:

187 (i) 50% of the rural investment company's credit-eligible capital
contributions; and

188 (ii) the product of:

189 (A) the total sum of new annual jobs reported to the ~~[state in the
rural investment~~

190 ~~company's exit report described in Section [63N-4-309](#)~~ office; and

191 (B) \$20,000 with respect to phase one investment authority, or
\$15,000 with respect to

192 phase two investment authority.

193 (b) If the amount calculated in Subsection ~~[(18)]~~ (20)(a) is less
than zero, the state

194 reimbursement amount is equal to zero.

195 ~~[(19)]~~ (21). "Tax credit" means a rural job creation tax credit
created by Section

196 [59-7-621](#) or [59-10-1038](#).

197 ~~[(20)]~~ (22). "Tax credit certificate" means a certificate issued by
the office that:

198 (a) lists the name of the person to which the office authorizes a
tax credit;

199 (b) lists the person's taxpayer identification number;

200 (c) lists the amount of tax credit that the office authorizes the
person to claim for the

201 taxable year; and

202 (d) may include other information as determined by the office.

203 Section 4. Section **63N-4-303** is amended to read:

204 **63N-4-303. Application, approval, and allocations.**

205 (1) (a) A person seeking approval as a rural investment company
shall submit an

206 application to the office.

207 (b) (i) For the investment authority described in Subsection

~~(6)(a)(i), the office~~

208 shall begin accepting applications on November 1, 2017.

209 ~~(ii) For the investment authority described in Subsection (6)(a)(ii),~~
~~the office shall~~

210 ~~begin accepting applications on November 1, 2022.~~

211 (2) An application submitted under Subsection (1) shall be in a
form and in accordance

212 with procedures prescribed by the office, and shall include the
following:

213 (a) the total investment authority sought by the applicant, which
may not exceed

214 \$42,000,000;

215 (b) a copy of the applicant's or an affiliate of the applicant's
license as a federally

216 licensed rural business investment company or as a federally
licensed small business

217 investment company;

218 (c) evidence that before the date the application is submitted, the
applicant or affiliates

219 of the applicant have invested at least \$50,000,000 in nonpublic
companies located in counties

220 in the United States with fewer than 50,000 inhabitants;

221 (d) a signed affidavit from each claimant that commits to make a
credit-eligible capital

222 contribution to the applicant, stating the amount of that commitment;
and

223 (e) the sum of all credit-eligible capital contribution commitments
described in

224 Subsection (2)(d), which must equal 58% of the total investment
authority sought by the

225 applicant.

226 (3) The office shall:

227 (a) review and evaluate the applications submitted under this
section within 30 days of

228 receipt in the order in which the applications are received; and

229 (b) consider applications received on the same day to have been
received

230 simultaneously.

231 (4) (a) If, after review and evaluation of an application, the office
determines that the

232 application does not meet the requirements of Subsection (2), the
office shall:

233 (i) deny the application; or

234 (ii) (A) notify the applicant that the application was inadequate
and allow the applicant

235 to provide additional information to the office to complete, clarify, or
cure defects identified by

236 the office in the application; and

237 (B) inform the applicant that the additional information described
in Subsection

238 (4)(a)(ii)(A) must be received by the office within five days of the

notice in order to be

239 considered.

240 (b) If an applicant submits additional information to the office in
accordance with

241 Subsection (4)(a)(ii), the office shall:

242 (i) consider the application to have been received on the date it
was originally received

243 by the office; and

244 (ii) review and evaluate the additional information within 10 days
of receiving the

245 additional information.

246 (5) If, after review and evaluation of an application submitted
under this section and

247 any additional information submitted in accordance with Subsection
(4)(a)(ii), the office

248 determines that the application meets the requirements of
Subsection (2), the office shall:

249 (a) determine the amount of investment authority to award the
applicant in accordance

250 with Subsection (6);

251 (b) provide to the applicant a written notice of approval as a rural
investment company

252 specifying the amount of the applicant's investment authority; and

253 (c) notify each claimant whose affidavit was included in the
application under

254 Subsection (2) that the claimant qualifies for a tax credit that will be
issued in accordance with

255 Section [63N-4-304](#).

256 (6) (a) (i) ~~[The]~~ For the first application period described in
Subsection (1)(b)(i), the

257 office may not approve more than \$42,000,000 in total investment
authority and not more than

258 \$24,360,000 in total credit-eligible contributions under this part.

259 ~~(ii) For the second application period described in Subsection (1)~~
~~(b)(ii), the office may~~

260 ~~not approve more than \$42,000,000 in total investment authority and~~
~~not more than~~

261 ~~\$24,360,000 in total credit-eligible contributions under this part.~~

262 (b) Subject to Subsection (6)(d), if an application is approved
under Subsection (5), the

263 office shall approve the amount of investment authority requested on
the application.

264 (c) (i) ~~[The]~~ During the first application period described in
Subsection (1)(b)(i), the

265 office may continue to accept applications under this section until
the amount of approved

266 investment authority reaches \$42,000,000.

267 ~~(ii) During the second application period described in Subsection~~
~~(1)(b)(ii), the office~~

268 ~~may continue to accept applications under this section until the~~

amount of approved investment

269 authority reaches \$42,000,000.

270 (d) If the office approves multiple applications received
simultaneously under

271 Subsection (3) and the total amount of investment authority
requested on those applications

272 exceeds the amount of investment authority remaining, the office
shall proportionally reduce

273 the investment authority and credit-eligible capital contributions for
each of these applications

274 as necessary to avoid exceeding the amount of investment authority
and credit-eligible capital

275 contributions remaining.

276 (7) Within 65 days after the day on which a rural investment
company receives

277 approval under Subsection (5)(b), the rural investment company
shall:

278 (a) collect the total amount of committed credit-eligible capital
contributions from each

279 claimant whose affidavit was included in the application under
Subsection (2);

280 (b) collect one or more cash equity investments contributed by
affiliates of the rural

281 investment company, including employees, officers, and directors of
such affiliates, that equal

282 at least 10% of the rural investment company's investment authority;

283 (c) collect one or more cash investments that, when added to the
amounts collected

284 under Subsections (7)(a) and (b), equal the rural investment
company's investment authority;

285 and

286 (d) send sufficient documentation to the office to prove that the
amounts described in

287 this Subsection (7) have been collected.

288 (8) If the rural investment company fails to fully comply with
Subsection (7):

289 (a) the rural investment company's approval shall lapse and the
corresponding

290 investment authority and credit-eligible capital contributions shall not
count toward the limits

291 on the program size described in Subsection (6);

292 (b) if the office awards lapsed investment authority to a rural
investment company, the

293 office shall first award lapsed investment authority pro rata to each
rural investment company

294 that was awarded less than the requested investment authority
under Subsection (6)(d), which a

295 rural investment company may allocate to the rural investment
company's investors at the

296 company's discretion; and

297 (c) the office may award any remaining investment authority to

new applicants.

298 Section 5. Section **63N-4-305** is amended to read:

299 **63N-4-305. Revocation of tax credit certificates and exit.**

300 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), the office shall revoke a tax credit certificate

301 issued under Section **63N-4-304** if the rural investment company in which the credit-eligible

302 capital contribution was made does any of the following before the rural investment company

303 exits the program in accordance with Section **63N-4-309**:

304 (a) fails to invest 100% of the rural investment company's investment authority in

305 growth investments in this state within three years of the closing date;

306 (b) fails to maintain growth investments in this state equal to 100% of the rural

307 investment company's investment authority until the seventh anniversary of the closing date in

308 accordance with this section;

309 (c) makes a distribution or payment that results in the rural investment company having

310 less than 100% of the rural investment company's investment authority invested in growth

311 investments in this state or available for investment in growth investments and held in cash and

312 other marketable securities;

313 (d) (i) with respect to phase one investment authority, fails to maintain growth

314 investments equal to 70% of the rural investment company's investment authority in eligible

315 small businesses that maintain their principal business operations in a rural county; or

316 (ii) with respect to phase two investment authority, fails to maintain growth

317 investments equal to 100% of the rural investment company's investment authority in eligible

318 small businesses that maintain their principal business operations in a rural county;

319 (e) invests more than \$5,000,000 from the investment authority in the same eligible

320 small business, including amounts invested in affiliates of the eligible small business, exclusive

321 of growth investments made with repaid or redeemed growth investments or interest or profits

322 realized on the repaid or redeemed growth investments; ~~or~~

323 (f) makes a growth investment in an eligible small business that directly, or indirectly

324 through an affiliate:

325 (i) owns or has the right to acquire an ownership interest in the rural investment

326 company, an affiliate of the rural investment company, or an investor
in the rural investment

327 company; or

328 (ii) makes a loan to or an investment in the rural investment
company, an affiliate of

329 the rural investment company, or an investor in the rural investment
company[-]; or

330 (g) fails to timely provide a document described in Subsection
63N-4-307(1)(d).

331 (2) (a) (i) For the purposes of Subsection (1), an investment is
maintained even if the

332 investment is sold or repaid if the rural investment company
reinvests an amount equal to the

333 capital returned or recovered by the fund from the original
investment, exclusive of any profits

334 realized, in other growth investments in this state within 12 months
of the receipt of such

335 capital.

336 (ii) Amounts received periodically by a rural investment company
are treated as

337 continually invested in growth investments if the amounts are
reinvested in one or more growth

338 investments by the end of the following calendar year.

339 (iii) A rural investment company is not required to reinvest capital
returned from

340 growth investments after the sixth anniversary of the closing date
and such growth investments

341 are considered as being held continuously by the rural investment
company through the seventh

342 anniversary of the closing date.

343 (b) (i) Subsection ~~[(1)(f)]~~ (1)(g) does not apply to investments in
publicly traded

344 securities by an eligible small business or an owner or affiliate of an
eligible small business.

345 (ii) Under Subsection ~~[(1)(f)]~~ (1)(g), a rural investment company is
not considered an

346 affiliate of a business concern solely as a result of the rural
investment company's growth

347 investment.

348 (c) A growth investment in an eligible small business that is not
located in a rural

349 county may count toward the requirements of Subsection (1)(d) if
the office determines that the

350 eligible small business is located in an economically disadvantaged
rural area as defined by

351 rules made by the office in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,
Utah Administrative

352 Rulemaking Act.

353 (3) (a) Before revoking one or more tax credit certificates under
this section, the office

354 shall notify the rural investment company of the reasons for the
pending revocation.
355 (b) If the rural investment company corrects any violation outlined
in the notice to the
356 satisfaction of the office within 90 days after the day on which the
notice was sent, the office
357 may not revoke the tax credit certificate.
358 (c) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
Rulemaking Act, the
359 office may make rules that establish criteria to determine what
constitutes a correction under
360 Subsection (3)(b).
361 (4) If tax credit certificates are revoked under this section:
362 (a) (i) the rural investment company shall make a cash
distribution to the office in an
363 amount equal to the sum of all tax credits awarded to persons that
have made credit-eligible
364 contributions to the rural investment company; and
365 (ii) if the rural investment company is able to provide
documentation to the office that

366 proves that a tax credit described in Subsection (4)(a)(i) has not
been claimed, the amount
367 owed under Subsection (4)(a)(i) shall be reduced by the amount of
the unclaimed tax credit;
368 (b) the rural investment company's investment authority and
credit-eligible capital
369 contributions will not count toward the limits on the program size
described in Subsection
370 [63N-4-303\(6\)](#);
371 (c) if the office awards lapsed investment authority to a rural
investment company, the
372 office shall first award lapsed investment authority pro rata to each
rural investment company
373 that was awarded less than the requested investment authority
under Subsection
374 [63N-4-303\(6\)\(d\)](#), which a rural investment company may allocate to
the rural investment
375 company's investors at the rural investment company's discretion;
and
376 (d) the office may award any remaining investment authority to
new applicants.
377 (5) The office may not revoke a tax credit certificate after a rural
investment company
378 has exited the program in accordance with Section [63N-4-309](#).
379 Section 6. Section **63N-4-307** is amended to read:
380 **63N-4-307. Reporting obligations -- Authorization to disclose
tax information --**
381 **Credit for new annual jobs.**
382 (1) A rural investment company shall submit an annual report to

the office on or before

383 the last day of February for each ~~[previous]~~ preceding calendar year
until the rural investment

384 company ~~[has exited]~~ exits the program in accordance with Section
63N-4-309. The annual

385 report shall provide documentation as to the rural investment
company's growth investments

386 and include:

387 (a) a bank statement evidencing each growth investment;

388 (b) the name, location, and industry of each business concern
receiving a growth

389 investment, including either the determination letter set forth in
Section 63N-4-306 or evidence

390 that the business qualified as an eligible small business at the time
the investment was made;

391 (c) the number of new annual jobs at each eligible small business
for the preceding

392 calendar year, accompanied by a report from a third-party
accounting firm attesting that the

393 number of new annual jobs was calculated in accordance with
procedures approved by the

394 office; ~~[and]~~

395 (d) unless provided in a previously submitted annual report, for
each eligible small

396 business to which the rural investment company provided a growth
investment during the

397 preceding calendar year, a document that expressly directs and
authorizes the State Tax

398 Commission to disclose to the office the eligible small business's
returns and other information

399 that would otherwise be subject to confidentiality under Section 59-
1-403; and

400 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) any other information required by the office.

401 (2) For the annual report due in 2022, each rural investment
company shall submit the

402 documents described in Subsection (1)(d) on or before July 1, 2022.

403 ~~[(2)]~~ (3)(a) Within 60 days of receipt of an annual report, the
office shall provide

404 written confirmation to the rural investment company of the number
of new annual jobs the

405 rural investment company has been credited with for the ~~[previous]~~
preceding calendar year.

406 (b) When granting credit for one or more new annual jobs at an
eligible small business

407 that received or held a growth investment from more than one rural
investment company during

408 the preceding calendar year, the office shall allocate credit for each
new annual job between the

409 rural investment companies:

410 (i) in proportion to each rural investment company's share of the
total growth
 411 investments the eligible small business received during the calendar
year; or
 412 (ii) in accordance with any written agreement between the rural
investment companies.
 413 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) By the fifth business day after the third anniversary of the
 closing date, a rural
 414 investment company shall submit a report to the office providing
 evidence that the rural
 415 investment company is in compliance with the investment
 requirements of Section **63N-4-305**.
 416 (5) In accordance with rules made by the office, a rural
investment company that
 417 receives phase one investment authority and phase two investment
authority shall submit an
 418 annual report under this section that provides separate information
related to the phase one
 419 investment authority and the phase two investment authority.
 420 (6)(a) The office shall submit the document described in
Subsection (1)(d) to the State
 421 Tax Commission.

422 (b) Upon receipt of a document described in Subsection (1)(d),
the State Tax
 423 Commission shall provide the office with the returns and other
information the office requests
 424 and that the State Tax Commission is directed and authorized to
provide.
 425 Section 7. Section **63N-4-309** is amended to read:
 426 **63N-4-309. Exit.**
 427 (1) (a) On or after the seventh anniversary of the closing date, [a]
and on or before the
 428 twelfth anniversary of the closing date, each rural investment
 company ~~[may]~~ shall apply to the
 429 office to exit the program and no longer be subject to this part.
 430 (b) A rural investment company that receives phase one
investment authority and phase
 431 two investment authority shall separately apply to exit the program
in relation to the phase one
 432 investment authority and the phase two investment authority.
 433 (2) An application submitted under Subsection (1) shall be in a
 form and in accordance
 434 with procedures prescribed by the office and shall include a
 calculation of the state
 435 reimbursement amount.
 436 (3) In evaluating the exit application, if no tax credit certificates
 have been revoked and
 437 the rural investment company has not received a notice of
 revocation that has remained
 438 uncorrected under Subsection **63N-4-305(3)(b)**, the rural investment

company is eligible for

439 exit.

440 (4) (a) The office shall respond to the application within 30 days
of receipt and include

441 confirmation of the state reimbursement amount.

442 (b) The office shall not unreasonably deny an application
submitted under this section.

443 (c) If the office denies the application, the office shall provide the
reasons for the

444 determination to the rural investment company.

445 (5) If a rural investment company fails to submit an exit
application in accordance with

446 Subsection (1), the office shall:

447 (a) calculate the state reimbursement amount using the best
available information; and

448 (b) provide the confirmation described in Subsection (4)(a) within
30 days of the

449 twelfth anniversary of the closing date.

450 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) Within 60 days after the day on which the confirmation of
the state

451 reimbursement amount is received by the rural investment company,
the rural investment

452 company shall make a cash distribution to the state in an amount
equal to the lesser of:

453 (a) the state reimbursement amount; and

454 (b) the excess return.

455 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) The office shall notify the rural investment company once
payments equal to

456 the amount described in Subsection (4) have been received.

457 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) Any amounts collected under this section shall be
deposited into the General

458 Fund.

459 Section 8. **Retrospective operation.**

460 The changes to Sections 59-7-621 and 59-10-1038 have
retrospective operation for a

461 taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2022.

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