

# UT S 167, Amended

Utah

SUMMARY: Modifies provisions related to motion picture incentives.

Legislative History and Analysis

Changes in Bill text reflected as:

~~Text Deleted~~

*Text Added*

~~Text Vetoed~~

Current Legislative Status 02/03/2021 INTRODUCED.

02/04/2021 To SENATE Committee on RULES.

02/05/2021 From SENATE Committee on RULES. To SENATE Standing Committee.

02/05/2021 To SENATE Committee on ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES.

02/10/2021 From SENATE Committee on ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES:

Reported favorably.

02/10/2021 Placed on 2nd Reading calendar.

02/19/2021 Substituted on SENATE floor.

02/19/2021 Passed 2nd Reading.

02/22/2021 Placed on 3rd Reading.

02/22/2021 Passed SENATE. \*\*\*\*\*To HOUSE.

02/22/2021 To HOUSE Committee on RULES.

02/26/2021 From HOUSE Committee on RULES. To Standing Committee.

02/26/2021 To HOUSE Committee on REVENUE AND TAXATION.

03/02/2021 From HOUSE Committee on REVENUE AND TAXATION: Reported favorably.

03/02/2021 To HOUSE Committee on RULES.

03/03/2021 From HOUSE Committee on RULES.

03/03/2021 Placed on 3rd Reading calendar.

03/03/2021 Placed on 3rd Reading.

03/03/2021 Amended on HOUSE floor.

03/03/2021 Passed HOUSE. \*\*\*\*\*To SENATE for concurrence.

03/04/2021 Placed on Concurrence Calendar.

03/04/2021 SENATE concurred in HOUSE amendments.

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Amended March 3, 2021

Winterton

Senator Ronald M. Winterton proposes the following substitute bill:

UTAH FILM ECONOMIC INCENTIVES  
2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ronald M. Winterton  
House Sponsor: Michael L. Kohler  
LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions related to motion picture incentives.  
Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

\* changes the maximum amount that the Governor's Office of Economic Development may award in refundable motion picture tax credit certificates during a year.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63N-8-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, First Special Session, Chapter 3 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section 63N-8-103 is amended to read:

63N-8-103. Motion Picture Incentive Account created -- Cash rebate incentives -- Refundable tax credit incentives.

- (1) (a) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account known as the Motion Picture Incentive Account, which the office shall use to provide cash rebate incentives for state-approved productions by a motion picture company.
  - (b) All interest generated from investment of money in the restricted account shall be deposited in the restricted account.
  - (c) The restricted account shall consist of an annual appropriation by the Legislature.
  - (d) The office shall:
    - (i) with the advice of the board, administer the restricted account; and
    - (ii) make payments from the restricted account as required under this section.
  - (e) The cost of administering the restricted account shall be paid from money in the restricted account.
- (2) (a) A motion picture company or digital media company seeking disbursement of an incentive allowed under an agreement with the office shall follow the procedures and requirements of this Subsection (2).
  - (b) The motion picture company or digital media company shall provide the office with an incentive request form, provided by the office, identifying and documenting the dollars left in the state and new state revenues generated by the motion picture company or digital media company for state-approved production, including any related tax returns by the motion picture company, payroll company, digital media company, or loan-out corporation under Subsection (2)(d).
  - (c) For a motion picture company, an independent certified public accountant shall:
    - (i) review the incentive request form submitted by the motion picture company; and
    - (ii) provide a report on the accuracy and validity of the incentive request form, including the amount of dollars left in the state, in accordance with the agreed upon procedures established by the office by rule.
  - (d) The motion picture company, digital media company, payroll company, or loan-out corporation shall provide the office with a

document that expressly directs and authorizes the State Tax Commission to disclose the entity's tax returns and other information concerning the entity that would otherwise be subject to confidentiality under Section 59-1-403 or Section 6103, Internal Revenue Code, to the office.

- (e) The office shall submit the document described in Subsection (2)(d) to the State Tax Commission.
- (f) Upon receipt of the document described in Subsection (2)(d), the State Tax Commission shall provide the office with the information requested by the office that the motion picture company, digital media company, payroll company, or loan-out corporation directed or authorized the State Tax Commission to provide to the office in the document described in Subsection (2)(d).
- (g) Subject to Subsection (3), for a motion picture company the office shall:
  - (i) review the incentive request form from the motion picture company described in Subsection (2)(b) and verify that the incentive request form was reviewed by an independent certified public accountant as described in Subsection (2)(c); and
  - (ii) based upon the independent certified public accountant's report under Subsection (2)(c), determine the amount of the incentive that the motion picture company is entitled to under the motion picture company's agreement with the office.
- (h) Subject to Subsection (3), for a digital media company, the office shall:
  - (i) ensure the digital media project results in new state revenues; and
  - (ii) based upon review of new state revenues, determine the amount of the incentive that a digital media company is entitled to under the digital media company's agreement with the office.
- (i) Subject to Subsection (3), if the incentive is in the form of a cash rebate, the office shall pay the incentive from the restricted account to the motion picture company, notwithstanding Subsections 51-5-3(23)(b) and 63J-1-105(6).
- (j) If the incentive is in the form of a refundable tax credit under Section 59-7-614.5 or 59-10-1108, the office shall:
  - (i) issue a tax credit certificate to the motion picture company or digital media company; and
  - (ii) provide a duplicate copy of the tax credit certificate to the State Tax Commission.
- (k) A motion picture company or digital media company may not claim a motion picture tax credit under Section 59-7-614.5 or 59-10-1108

unless the motion picture company or digital media company has received a tax credit certificate for the claim issued by the office under Subsection (2)(j)(i).

(l) A motion picture company or digital media company may claim a motion picture tax credit on the motion picture company's or the digital media company's tax return for the amount listed on the tax credit certificate issued by the office.

(m) A motion picture company or digital media company that claims a tax credit under Subsection (2)(l) shall retain the tax credit certificate and all supporting documentation in accordance with Subsection 63N-8-104(6).

(3) (a) Subject to ~~Subsection (3)(b)~~ **Subsections (3)(b) and (c)**, the office may issue \$6,793,700 in tax credit certificates under this part in ~~a~~ **each** fiscal year.

**(b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the office may issue \$10,000,000 \$8,393,700 in tax credit certificates under this part.**

~~(b)~~ **(c)** If the office does not issue tax credit certificates in a fiscal year totaling the amount authorized under ~~Subsection (3)(a)~~ **Subsections (3)(a) and (b)**, the office may carry over that amount for issuance in subsequent fiscal years.