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H. F. No. 218

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to corrections; directing the commissioner of corrections to issue a grant  
1.3 to a qualified nongovernmental organization to assist inmates in finding meaningful  
1.4 employment after release from incarceration.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **POSTRELEASE EMPLOYMENT FOR INMATES; REQUEST FOR**  
1.7 **PROPOSALS; GRANT.**

1.8 (a) By September 1, 2021, the commissioner of corrections must issue a request for  
1.9 proposals to identify a nongovernmental organization to provide curriculum and corporate  
1.10 mentors to inmates and assist inmates in finding meaningful employment upon release from  
1.11 a correctional facility.

1.12 (b) An interested organization must submit an application to the commissioner on a form  
1.13 prescribed by the commissioner.

1.14 (c) By December 1, 2021, the commissioner shall award a \$300,000 grant to the applicant  
1.15 that is best qualified to provide the programming described in paragraph (a).