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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 959

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money for transition and
1.3 employment services for deaf, hard-of-hearing, and deafblind individuals.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS; TRANSITION AND EMPLOYMENT**
1.6 **SERVICES FOR DEAF, HARD-OF-HEARING, AND DEAFBLIND INDIVIDUALS.**

1.7 (a) \$360,000 in fiscal year 2014 and \$360,000 in fiscal year 2015 are appropriated
1.8 from the workforce development fund to the commissioner of employment and economic
1.9 development for a grant to Intermediate School District No. 287 for the purpose of
1.10 providing specialized culturally and linguistically appropriate transition services that lead
1.11 to employment for deaf, hard-of-hearing, and deafblind students.

1.12 (b) \$300,000 in fiscal year 2014 and \$300,000 in fiscal year 2015 from the workforce
1.13 development fund and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2014 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2015 from
1.14 the general fund are appropriated to the commissioner of employment and economic
1.15 development for a grant under Minnesota Statutes, section 268A.03, to Rise, Inc., for the
1.16 purpose of providing employment services for individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.

1.17 (c) \$50,000 in fiscal year 2014 and \$50,000 in fiscal year 2015 are appropriated from
1.18 the workforce development fund to the commissioner of employment and economic
1.19 development for a statewide pilot training program to provide specialized culturally
1.20 and linguistically appropriate transition services that lead to employment for deaf,
1.21 hard-of-hearing, and deafblind students.