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A bill for an act

relating to economic development; appropriating money for a grant to the Minnesota High Tech Association's SciTechsperience program; providing for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) internships.

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

Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

\$507,000 in fiscal year 2014 and \$507,000 in fiscal year 2015 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to the Minnesota High Tech Association. The Minnesota High Tech Association shall use the grant to support SciTechsperience, a program that supports science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) internship opportunities for college students in their field of study. The internship opportunities must match college students with paid internships within STEM disciplines at small, for-profit companies in Minnesota with fewer than 100 employees. At least 100 students must be matched in the first year and at least 150 students must be matched in the second year. Hiring companies shall receive a dollar-for-dollar matching stipend for the intern's wages, with a matching stipend cap of \$2,500 per intern.