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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Human Services Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; appropriating money for services for persons with
1.3 intellectual and developmental disabilities and outreach to persons in institutional
1.4 settings.

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

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS; SELF-ADVOCACY GRANTS.**

1.7 (a) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$200,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from
1.8 the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant to an organization
1.9 described under Minnesota Statutes, section 256.477. Grant funds must be used for the
1.10 following purposes:

1.11 (1) to maintain the infrastructure needed to train and support the activities of a statewide
1.12 network of peer-to-peer mentors for persons with developmental disabilities, focused on
1.13 building awareness of service options and advocacy skills necessary to move toward full
1.14 inclusion in community life, including the development and delivery of the curriculum to
1.15 support the peer-to-peer network;

1.16 (2) to provide outreach activities, including statewide conferences and disability
1.17 networking opportunities, focused on self-advocacy, informed choice, and community
1.18 engagement skills;

1.19 (3) to provide an annual leadership program for persons with intellectual and
1.20 developmental disabilities; and

1.21 (4) to provide for administrative and general operating costs associated with managing
1.22 and maintaining facilities, program delivery, evaluation, staff, and technology.

2.1 (b) \$150,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from
2.2 the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant to an organization
2.3 described under Minnesota Statutes, section 256.477, to be used for subgrants to organizations
2.4 in Minnesota to conduct outreach to persons working and living in institutional settings to
2.5 provide education and information about community options. Grant funds must be used to
2.6 deliver peer-led skill training sessions in six regions of the state to help persons with
2.7 intellectual and developmental disabilities understand community service options related
2.8 to:

2.9 (1) housing;

2.10 (2) employment;

2.11 (3) education;

2.12 (4) transportation;

2.13 (5) emerging service reform initiatives contained in the state's Olmstead plan; the
2.14 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Public Law 113-128; and federal home and
2.15 community-based services regulations; and

2.16 (6) connecting with individuals who can help persons with intellectual and developmental
2.17 disabilities make an informed choice and plan for a transition in services.