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A bill for an act

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relating to job training; appropriating money to develop training for water operators

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and wastewater operators.

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

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Section 1. APPROPRIATION; TRAINING FOR WATER OPERATORS AND

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WASTEWATER OPERATORS.

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\$350,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner

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of employment and economic development for a grant to the city of Austin to develop and

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implement training programs for water operators and for wastewater operators. The training

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programs are to be offered by Riverland Community College. This is a onetime appropriation

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and is available until June 30, 2027. Any unencumbered balance at the end of fiscal year

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2026 may be used for any purpose described in this section. Of this amount:

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(1) \$100,000 is to develop:

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(i) a training program for water supply system operators with a curriculum that relates

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to the Department of Health's certification levels for water supply system operators; and

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(ii) a training program for wastewater treatment facility operators with a curriculum that

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relates to the Pollution Control Agency's certification levels for wastewater treatment facility

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operators;

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(2) \$100,000 is for personnel at the Riverland Customized Training and Education

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division at Riverland Community College campuses to recruit program designers, assist in

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curriculum development, recruit students and instructors, work with other Riverland

2.1 Community College departments, and collaborate with external partners to support the new  
2.2 programs;

2.3 (3) \$65,000 is to develop program marketing, including marketing outreach, and to  
2.4 distribute marketing material;

2.5 (4) \$35,000 is for administrative and overhead costs for Riverland Community College  
2.6 to create and administer the water operator and wastewater operator training programs;

2.7 (5) \$35,000 is for equipment for students and instructors at Riverland Community College  
2.8 to use in training program classes; and

2.9 (6) \$15,000 is for the city's expenses to administer the grant under this section.