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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2697

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; providing grants to Advocating Change Together;  
1.3 appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH**  
1.6 **INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.**

1.7 (a) \$155,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
1.8 commissioner of human services for a grant to Advocating Change Together to maintain  
1.9 and promote services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the  
1.10 state. Grant funds must be used for:

1.11 (1) delivery and evaluation of statewide peer-to-peer training programs focusing on  
1.12 education, employment, housing, transportation, and voting;

1.13 (2) outreach activities, including statewide conferences focusing on self-advocacy  
1.14 and community engagement skills;

1.15 (3) an annual leadership program for persons with intellectual and developmental  
1.16 disabilities;

1.17 (4) subgrants to organizations in the state to conduct outreach to persons working and  
1.18 living in institutionalized settings to educate and inform them about community options;

1.19 (5) technical assistance and support for a network of groups in the state working to  
1.20 comply with integration mandates and to develop community inclusion training materials  
1.21 accessible to persons with cognitive, sensory, and physical disabilities; and

1.22 (6) administrative and general operating costs associated with managing or  
1.23 maintaining facilities, program delivery, staff, and technology.

1.24 \$155,000 is added to the annual base appropriation.

2.1 (b) \$95,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
2.2 commissioner of human services for a grant to Advocating Change Together to deliver  
2.3 training that builds self-advocating leaders to advance community integration for persons  
2.4 with disabilities under the Minnesota Olmstead plan. Grant funds shall be used for the  
2.5 following purposes:

2.6 (1) program coordination activities, program evaluation, program facilitators, and  
2.7 guest educators;

2.8 (2) lodging and meals for training participants and facilitators;

2.9 (3) administrative and indirect expenses related to training; and

2.10 (4) action learning plans that facilitate Minnesota Olmstead plan integration  
2.11 mandates.

2.12 Beginning in fiscal year 2018, the annual base appropriation is \$190,000.