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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Higher Education Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to autism services; appropriating money for grants to Minnesota Life

1.3 College.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM**

1.6 **DISORDER.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Human services.** (a) \$2,550,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from

1.8 the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant to Minnesota Life College

1.9 to meet the needs of individuals with autism spectrum disorder. This appropriation may be

1.10 used to:

1.11 (1) create a best practices curriculum for serving individuals with autism spectrum

1.12 disorder in residential placements with therapeutic programming; and

1.13 (2) expand Minnesota Life College facilities by adding safety features, living spaces,

1.14 and academic areas.

1.15 (b) Any unexpended balance in the first year is available in the second year of the

1.16 biennium.

1.17 (c) This is a onetime appropriation.

1.18 Subd. 2. **Higher education.** \$..... in fiscal year 2018 and \$..... in fiscal year 2019 are

1.19 appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education

1.20 for a grant to Minnesota Life College for need-based scholarships and tuition reduction.