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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to workforce development; education; requiring the commissioner of
1.3 education to collaborate on construction and skilled trades career counseling;
1.4 requiring a report on the safety of minors on construction sites; proposing coding
1.5 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 120B.

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

1.7 Section 1. 120B.126 CONSTRUCTION AND SKILLED TRADES COUNSELING.

1.8 The commissioner of education must collaborate with the commissioner of labor and
1.9 industry to incorporate construction and skilled trades into career counseling services for
1.10 middle and high school aged students. Career advisement should identify high-growth,
1.11 in-demand skilled trades and include information on various career paths and associated
1.12 jobs, the salary profiles of those jobs, and the credentials and other training desired by
1.13 employers for those jobs.

1.14 Sec. 2. REPORT ON THE SAFETY OF YOUTH IN SKILLED TRADES.

1.15 The commissioner of labor and industry must study ways to allow for the safety of
1.16 middle and high school aged students who receive hands-on training in skilled trades,
1.17 including on location at construction sites. The report must identify safety precautions that
1.18 should be undertaken, including proposed legislation, if any. The commissioner must report
1.19 to the chairs and ranking minority members of legislative committees with jurisdiction over
1.20 labor and industry by January 15, 2020.