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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to workforce development; appropriating money to Bridges to Healthcare's

1.3 job training programs.

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

1.5 Section 1. **BRIDGES TO HEALTHCARE; APPROPRIATION.**

1.6 \$360,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$360,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from the

1.7 workforce development fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development

1.8 for a grant to Bridges to Healthcare to provide career education, wraparound support services,

1.9 and job skills training in high-demand health care fields to low-income parents, non-native

1.10 speakers of English, and other hard-to-train individuals, helping families build secure

1.11 pathways out of poverty while also addressing worker shortages in one of Minnesota's most

1.12 innovative industries. Funds may be used for program expenses, including but not limited

1.13 to hiring instructors and navigators; space rental; and supportive services to help participants

1.14 attend classes, including assistance with course fees, child care, transportation, and safe and

1.15 stable housing. In addition, up to five percent of grant funds may be used for Bridges to

1.16 Healthcare's administrative costs. These funds are available until June 30, 2020.