

A bill for an act
relating to business development; providing for a comparative study of state laws
affecting small business start-ups in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

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

Section 1. **COMPARATIVE STUDY OF STATE REGULATION AFFECTING
SMALL BUSINESS START-UPS.**

(a) The Legislative Coordinating Commission must apply to the University of
Minnesota Carlson School of Business or another grant-making organization for a grant to
fund or conduct a comparative study of the effects of state regulation on the cost and delay
required to start a typical small business in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

(b) The study must examine the typical cost and delay required by state regulation in
the two states to start a typical small services business, small retail business, and small
manufacturing business. Within each of those three categories, the study must choose a
specific type of business and follow the start-up process in the two states from beginning
to end, including formation, financing, licensing, permits, reporting requirements,
employment laws, and state and local taxes. The study must result in a written report
submitted to the Legislative Coordinating Commission no later than December 1, 2011.

(c) The Legislative Coordinating Commission shall request proposals and choose
the recipient of the grant from among higher education institutions that have a graduate
program in business, business administration, or a similar field. The Legislative
Coordinating Commission shall periodically monitor the recipient's progress on the study
and written report. The Legislative Coordinating Commission shall submit the written
report as a report to the legislature in compliance with Minnesota Statutes, sections 3.195
and 3.197.

- 2.1 (d) If a grant is not received for the comparative study, the Legislative Coordinating
2.2 Commission is not responsible for any of the tasks under this section.