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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Policy

A bill for an act

relating to state government; authorizing immigrant worker enterprise zones; requiring law enforcement to comply with federal detainers; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 116L; 299A.

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

Section 1. **[116L.991] IMMIGRANT WORKER ENTERPRISE ZONES.**

(a) The commissioner shall establish immigrant worker enterprise zones within the state to encourage immigrant settlement and alleviate labor shortages. Immigrant worker enterprise zones are areas of the state identified by the commissioner to have labor shortages that can be alleviated by recruiting and attracting immigrant populations.

(b) To identify immigrant worker enterprise zones in the state, the commissioner shall consider:

(1) the distribution of immigrant workers by region of the state;

(2) the size and growth of the immigrant workforce in the state;

(3) industries in the state that rely on immigrant workers and the impact that immigrant workers have on certain industries and regions in the state; and

(4) the services immigrant workers need to integrate into the community, including housing, education, health care, and citizenship, and the public and private sector agencies or organizations available in that region.

(c) The commissioner shall adopt efforts to attract and recruit immigrant worker populations from identified countries to immigrant worker enterprise zones. The

commissioner shall request federal approval for an exemption from federal immigration quotas for countries identified by the commissioner.

Sec. 2. **[299A.96] COORDINATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**

When an individual becomes eligible for release from the custody of a state or local law enforcement agency and the Department of Homeland Security has issued an immigration detainer under Code of Federal Regulations, title 8, section 287.7, paragraph (d), the state or local law enforcement agency shall maintain custody of an individual with a United States criminal history for a period not to exceed 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays in order to permit the assumption of custody of the individual by the Department of Homeland Security, regardless of whether the individual is eligible for bail.

Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

$..... in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for the immigrant worker enterprise zones in Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.991.