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Authorred by Pinto  
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy  
Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means  
Pursuant to Joint Rule 2.03, re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration  
Pursuant to Joint Rule 3.02(b), returned to the Committee on Ways and Means

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A bill for an act

relating to jobs; establishing a biennial budget for workforce, labor, and economic development; appropriating money for the Department of Employment and Economic Development, Explore Minnesota, Department of Labor and Industry, Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals, and Bureau of Mediation Services; making various policy and technical changes; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116J.431, subdivision 2; 116J.8733, subdivision 4; 116J.8752, subdivision 2; 116L.03, subdivision 2; 116L.04, subdivisions 1, 1a; 116L.05, subdivision 5; 116L.562, subdivisions 1, 3; 116L.98, subdivision 2; 116U.05; 116U.06; 116U.15; 116U.30; 116U.35; 177.27, subdivision 5; 181.211, subdivisions 7, 8; 181.988, subdivision 2; 248.07, subdivisions 7, 8; 326B.0981, subdivision 4; 326B.198, subdivisions 2, 3; 326B.31, subdivision 29; 326B.33, subdivision 21; 469.54, subdivision 4; Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivisions 2, as amended, 3, as amended; article 21, section 7, as amended; Laws 2023, chapter 64, article 15, section 30; Laws 2024, chapter 120, article 1, sections 2, subdivision 3; 4; Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 14, section 3; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116L.35; 116L.98, subdivision 7; Laws 2024, chapter 120, article 1, section 13.

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

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ARTICLE 1

APPROPRIATIONS

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Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

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(a) The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

(b) If an appropriation in this article is enacted more than once in the 2025 regular or special legislative session, the appropriation must be given effect only once.

| APPROPRIATIONS         |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Available for the Year |      |
| Ending June 30         |      |
| 2026                   | 2027 |

Sec. 2. **DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation** \$ **145,034,000** \$ **109,490,000**

| Appropriations by Fund               |            |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
|                                      | 2026       | 2027       |
| General                              | 80,513,000 | 80,513,000 |
| Family and Medical Benefit Insurance | 40,544,000 | 5,000,000  |
| Remediation                          | 700,000    | 700,000    |
| Workforce Development                | 23,277,000 | 23,277,000 |

The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. **Business and Community Development** 20,489,000 20,489,000

| Appropriations by Fund |            |            |
|------------------------|------------|------------|
| General                | 19,789,000 | 19,789,000 |
| Remediation            | 700,000    | 700,000    |

(a) \$1,037,000 each year is for the greater Minnesota business development public infrastructure grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.431. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.

(b) \$500,000 each year is for grants to small business development centers under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.68. Money made available under this paragraph may be used to match funds under the federal Small Business Development Center (SBDC) program under

3.1 United States Code, title 15, section 648, to  
3.2 provide consulting and technical services or  
3.3 to build additional SBDC network capacity to  
3.4 serve entrepreneurs and small businesses.

3.5 (c) \$2,725,000 each year is for the small  
3.6 business assistance partnerships program  
3.7 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.682.

3.8 All grant awards must be for two consecutive  
3.9 years. Grants must be awarded in the first year.

3.10 The department may use up to five percent of  
3.11 the appropriation for administrative purposes.

3.12 (d) \$350,000 each year is for administration  
3.13 of the community energy transition office  
3.14 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.5491.

3.15 (e) \$1,022,000 each year is for contaminated  
3.16 site cleanup and development grants under  
3.17 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.551 to  
3.18 116J.558. This appropriation is available until  
3.19 expended.

3.20 (f) \$700,000 each year is from the remediation  
3.21 fund for contaminated site cleanup and  
3.22 development grants under Minnesota Statutes,  
3.23 sections 116J.551 to 116J.558. This  
3.24 appropriation is available until expended.

3.25 (g) \$139,000 each year is for the Center for  
3.26 Rural Policy and Development.

3.27 (h) \$25,000 each year is for the administration  
3.28 of state aid for the Destination Medical Center  
3.29 Corporation under Minnesota Statutes,  
3.30 sections 469.40 to 469.47.

3.31 (i) \$875,000 each year is for the host  
3.32 community economic development program  
3.33 established in Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.34 116J.548.

4.1 (j)(1) \$1,500,000 each year is for grants to  
4.2 local communities to increase the number of  
4.3 quality child care providers to support  
4.4 economic development. Fifty percent of grant  
4.5 money must go to communities located outside  
4.6 the seven-county metropolitan area as defined  
4.7 in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121,  
4.8 subdivision 2.

4.9 (2) Grant recipients must obtain a 50 percent  
4.10 nonstate match to grant money in either cash  
4.11 or in-kind contribution, unless the  
4.12 commissioner waives the requirement. Grant  
4.13 money available under this subdivision must  
4.14 be used to implement projects to reduce the  
4.15 child care shortage in the state, including but  
4.16 not limited to funding for child care business  
4.17 start-ups or expansion, training, facility  
4.18 modifications, direct subsidies or incentives  
4.19 to retain employees, or improvements required  
4.20 for licensing and assistance with licensing and  
4.21 other regulatory requirements. In awarding  
4.22 grants, the commissioner must give priority  
4.23 to communities that have demonstrated a  
4.24 shortage of child care providers.

4.25 (3) Within one year of receiving grant money,  
4.26 grant recipients must report to the  
4.27 commissioner on the outcomes of the grant  
4.28 program, including but not limited to the  
4.29 number of new providers, the number of  
4.30 additional child care provider jobs created, the  
4.31 number of additional child care slots, and the  
4.32 amount of cash and in-kind local money  
4.33 invested. Within one month of all grant  
4.34 recipients reporting on program outcomes, the  
4.35 commissioner must report the grant recipients'

5.1 outcomes to the chairs and ranking minority  
5.2 members of the legislative committees with  
5.3 jurisdiction over early learning and child care  
5.4 and economic development.

5.5 (k) \$500,000 each year is for the Office of  
5.6 Child Care Community Partnerships. Of this  
5.7 amount:

5.8 (1) \$450,000 each year is for administration  
5.9 of the Office of Child Care Community  
5.10 Partnerships; and

5.11 (2) \$50,000 each year is for the Labor Market  
5.12 Information Office to conduct research and  
5.13 analysis related to the child care industry.

5.14 (l) \$1,000,000 each year is for grants in equal  
5.15 amounts to each of the Minnesota Initiative  
5.16 Foundations. This appropriation is available  
5.17 until June 30, 2029. The Minnesota Initiative  
5.18 Foundations must use grant money under this  
5.19 section to:

5.20 (1) facilitate planning processes for rural  
5.21 communities resulting in a community solution  
5.22 action plan that guides decision making to  
5.23 sustain and increase the supply of quality child  
5.24 care in the region to support economic  
5.25 development;

5.26 (2) engage the private sector to invest local  
5.27 resources to support the community solution  
5.28 action plan and ensure quality child care is a  
5.29 vital component of additional regional  
5.30 economic development planning processes;

5.31 (3) provide locally based training and technical  
5.32 assistance to rural child care business owners  
5.33 individually or through a learning cohort.  
5.34 Access to financial and business development

6.1 assistance must prepare child care businesses  
6.2 for quality engagement and improvement by  
6.3 stabilizing operations, leveraging funding from  
6.4 other sources, and fostering business acumen  
6.5 that allows child care businesses to plan for  
6.6 and afford the cost of providing quality child  
6.7 care; and

6.8 (4) recruit child care programs to participate  
6.9 in quality rating and improvement  
6.10 measurement programs. The Minnesota  
6.11 Initiative Foundations must work with local  
6.12 partners to provide low-cost training,  
6.13 professional development opportunities, and  
6.14 continuing education curricula. The Minnesota  
6.15 Initiative Foundations must fund through local  
6.16 partners an enhanced level of coaching to rural  
6.17 child care providers to obtain a quality rating  
6.18 through measurement programs.

6.19 (m) \$1,246,000 each year is for the  
6.20 redevelopment program under Minnesota  
6.21 Statutes, sections 116J.575 and 116J.5761.

6.22 (n) \$1,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota  
6.23 emerging entrepreneur loan program under  
6.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 116M.18. Money  
6.25 available under this paragraph is for transfer  
6.26 into the emerging entrepreneur program  
6.27 special revenue fund account created under  
6.28 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116M, and is  
6.29 available until expended. Of this amount, up  
6.30 to four percent is for administration and  
6.31 monitoring of the program.

6.32 (o) \$12,000 each year is for a grant to the  
6.33 Upper Minnesota Film Office.

7.1 (p) \$250,000 each year is for the publication,  
7.2 dissemination, and use of labor market  
7.3 information under Minnesota Statutes, section  
7.4 116J.401.

7.5 (q) \$3,000,000 each year is for the CanStartup  
7.6 program under Minnesota Statutes, section  
7.7 116J.659.

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|-----|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 7.8 | <b><u>Subd. 3. Employment and Training Services</u></b> | <u>26,615,000</u> | <u>26,615,000</u> |
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| 7.9 | <u>Appropriations by Fund</u> |  |  |
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| 7.10 |  | <u>2026</u> | <u>2027</u> |
|------|--|-------------|-------------|

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|------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 7.11 | <u>General</u> | <u>11,263,000</u> | <u>11,263,000</u> |
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| 7.12 | <u>Workforce</u> |  |  |
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| 7.13 | <u>Development</u> | <u>15,352,000</u> | <u>15,352,000</u> |
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7.14 (a) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce  
7.15 development fund for rural career counseling  
7.16 coordinators in the workforce service areas  
7.17 and for the purposes specified under  
7.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.667.

7.19 (b) \$1,275,000 each year is for the  
7.20 transformative career pathways workforce  
7.21 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section  
7.22 116L.43. The department may use up to five  
7.23 percent of this appropriation for  
7.24 administration, monitoring, and oversight of  
7.25 the program.

7.26 (c) \$750,000 each year is for the women and  
7.27 high-wage, high-demand, nontraditional jobs  
7.28 grant program under Minnesota Statutes,  
7.29 section 116L.99. Of this amount, up to five  
7.30 percent is for administration and monitoring  
7.31 of the program.

7.32 (d) \$3,990,000 each year from the general fund  
7.33 and \$5,954,000 each year from the workforce  
7.34 development fund are for the pathways to

8.1 prosperity competitive grant program. Of this  
8.2 amount, up to five percent is for administration  
8.3 and monitoring of the program.

8.4 (e) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce  
8.5 development fund for current Minnesota  
8.6 affiliates of OIC of America, Inc. This  
8.7 appropriation must be divided equally among  
8.8 the eligible centers.

8.9 (f) \$1,000,000 each year is for competitive  
8.10 grants to organizations providing services to  
8.11 relieve economic disparities in the Southeast  
8.12 Asian community through workforce  
8.13 recruitment, job development, job creation,  
8.14 assistance of smaller organizations to increase  
8.15 capacity, and outreach. Of this amount, up to  
8.16 five percent is for administration and  
8.17 monitoring of the program.

8.18 (g) \$1,125,000 each year is for a competitive  
8.19 grant program to provide grants to  
8.20 organizations that provide support services for  
8.21 individuals including job training, employment  
8.22 preparation, internships, job assistance to  
8.23 parents, financial literacy, academic and  
8.24 behavioral interventions for low-performing  
8.25 students, and youth intervention. Grants made  
8.26 under this paragraph must focus on  
8.27 low-income communities, young adults from  
8.28 families with a history of intergenerational  
8.29 poverty, and communities of color. Of this  
8.30 amount, up to five percent is for administration  
8.31 and monitoring of the program.

8.32 (h) \$1,500,000 each year from the general fund  
8.33 and \$3,348,000 each year from the workforce  
8.34 development fund are for the youth-at-work  
8.35 competitive grant program under Minnesota

9.1 Statutes, section 116L.562. Of this amount,  
9.2 up to five percent is for administration and  
9.3 monitoring of the youth workforce  
9.4 development competitive grant program. All  
9.5 grant awards must be for two consecutive  
9.6 years. Grants must be awarded in the first year.

9.7 (i) \$1,000,000 each year is from the workforce  
9.8 development fund for the youthbuild program  
9.9 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.361  
9.10 to 116L.366.

9.11 (j) \$4,050,000 each year is from the workforce  
9.12 development fund for the Minnesota youth  
9.13 program under Minnesota Statutes, sections  
9.14 116L.56 and 116L.561.

9.15 (k) \$750,000 each year is for the Office of  
9.16 New Americans under Minnesota Statutes,  
9.17 section 116J.4231.

9.18 (l) \$25,000 each year is for a grant to the  
9.19 University of Minnesota Tourism Center for  
9.20 ongoing system maintenance, management,  
9.21 and content updates for an online hospitality  
9.22 training program in partnership with Explore  
9.23 Minnesota Tourism. This training program  
9.24 must be made available at no cost to  
9.25 Minnesota residents in an effort to address  
9.26 critical workforce shortages in the hospitality  
9.27 and tourism industries and assist in career  
9.28 development.

9.29 (m) \$150,000 each year is for prevailing wage  
9.30 staff under Minnesota Statutes, section  
9.31 116J.871, subdivision 2.

9.32 (n)(1) \$250,000 each year is for the  
9.33 commissioner to, in consultation with the  
9.34 commissioner of children, youth, and families,

10.1 purchase and operate an online early childhood  
10.2 development professional educator program  
10.3 to be available at no cost to early childhood  
10.4 educators, Minnesota residents, and high  
10.5 school students. Of this amount, up to \$50,000  
10.6 each year is for reimbursing participating  
10.7 schools for the expense of supporting the  
10.8 program. School reimbursements must be done  
10.9 on a first-come, first-served basis, though at  
10.10 least 50 percent must go to schools outside the  
10.11 seven-county metropolitan area, as defined in  
10.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121,  
10.13 subdivision 2.

10.14 (2) The program selected must:

10.15 (i) include all of the coursework in English or  
10.16 Spanish necessary to earn a child development  
10.17 associate credential upon successful  
10.18 completion;

10.19 (ii) provide courses allowing for the award of  
10.20 continuing education units accredited by the  
10.21 International Accreditors for Continuing  
10.22 Education and Training;

10.23 (iii) provide health and safety courses meeting  
10.24 federal annual training requirements under the  
10.25 child care development block grant and the  
10.26 child care and development fund;

10.27 (iv) be usable for students in high school  
10.28 career and technical programs if requested by  
10.29 school districts;

10.30 (v) be based on research and developmentally  
10.31 appropriate practices as defined by national  
10.32 professional organizations such as the National  
10.33 Association for the Education of Young  
10.34 Children;

- 11.1 (vi) include content that spans early childhood  
11.2 development from birth to age five and that  
11.3 covers topics such as developmental  
11.4 milestones, health and safety, working with  
11.5 children with special needs, supporting  
11.6 families, the Science of Reading, and running  
11.7 a high-quality early education program;
- 11.8 (vii) include videos, interactive games,  
11.9 knowledge checks, and writing assignments;
- 11.10 (viii) have a system for program administrators  
11.11 and state agencies to capture course  
11.12 completion data, certification status, and  
11.13 individual and group professional development  
11.14 progress;
- 11.15 (ix) be accessible on a range of computers,  
11.16 tablets, and mobile devices;
- 11.17 (x) include professional development  
11.18 opportunities that are both synchronous and  
11.19 asynchronous;
- 11.20 (xi) foster a professional learning community  
11.21 with access to early childhood content experts  
11.22 and opportunities to share knowledge with  
11.23 peers around the country;
- 11.24 (xii) provide a user-friendly system with  
11.25 support by a customer help desk; and
- 11.26 (xiii) support a professional development  
11.27 system housed on a learning management  
11.28 system with proven capability to provide  
11.29 reliable simultaneous access to a network of  
11.30 early educators.
- 11.31 (o) \$448,000 each year is for a grant to the  
11.32 Minnesota STEM Ecosystem. Grant money  
11.33 must be used to support STEM learning

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|-------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 12.1  | <u>opportunities and workforce development</u>        |                          |                          |
| 12.2  | <u>within the science and technology areas. The</u>   |                          |                          |
| 12.3  | <u>Minnesota STEM Ecosystem may award</u>             |                          |                          |
| 12.4  | <u>grants to programs that support STEM</u>           |                          |                          |
| 12.5  | <u>learning and workforce development to ensure</u>   |                          |                          |
| 12.6  | <u>strategic alignment of STEM initiatives across</u> |                          |                          |
| 12.7  | <u>the state.</u>                                     |                          |                          |
| 12.8  | <b><u>Subd. 4. General Support Services</u></b>       | <b><u>5,028,000</u></b>  | <b><u>5,028,000</u></b>  |
| 12.9  | <u>Appropriations by Fund</u>                         |                          |                          |
| 12.10 |                                                       | <u>2026</u>              | <u>2027</u>              |
| 12.11 | <u>General Fund</u>                                   | <u>4,933,000</u>         | <u>4,933,000</u>         |
| 12.12 | <u>Workforce</u>                                      |                          |                          |
| 12.13 | <u>Development</u>                                    | <u>95,000</u>            | <u>95,000</u>            |
| 12.14 | <u>Of these amounts, \$1,269,000 each year is for</u> |                          |                          |
| 12.15 | <u>transfer to the Minnesota Housing Finance</u>      |                          |                          |
| 12.16 | <u>Agency for operating the Olmstead</u>              |                          |                          |
| 12.17 | <u>Compliance Office.</u>                             |                          |                          |
| 12.18 | <b><u>Subd. 5. Minnesota Trade Office</u></b>         | <b><u>2,242,000</u></b>  | <b><u>2,242,000</u></b>  |
| 12.19 | <u>(a) \$300,000 each year is for the STEP grants</u> |                          |                          |
| 12.20 | <u>in Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.979.</u>       |                          |                          |
| 12.21 | <u>(b) \$180,000 each year is for the Invest</u>      |                          |                          |
| 12.22 | <u>Minnesota marketing initiative under</u>           |                          |                          |
| 12.23 | <u>Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.9781.</u>         |                          |                          |
| 12.24 | <u>(c) \$270,000 each year is for the Minnesota</u>   |                          |                          |
| 12.25 | <u>Trade Offices under Minnesota Statutes,</u>        |                          |                          |
| 12.26 | <u>section 116J.978.</u>                              |                          |                          |
| 12.27 | <b><u>Subd. 6. Vocational Rehabilitation</u></b>      | <b><u>41,691,000</u></b> | <b><u>41,691,000</u></b> |
| 12.28 | <u>Appropriations by Fund</u>                         |                          |                          |
| 12.29 |                                                       | <u>2026</u>              | <u>2027</u>              |
| 12.30 | <u>General</u>                                        | <u>33,861,000</u>        | <u>33,861,000</u>        |
| 12.31 | <u>Workforce</u>                                      |                          |                          |
| 12.32 | <u>Development</u>                                    | <u>7,830,000</u>         | <u>7,830,000</u>         |

13.1 (a) \$16,800,000 each year is for the state's  
13.2 vocational rehabilitation program under  
13.3 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 268A.

13.4 (b) \$11,495,000 each year from the general  
13.5 fund and \$6,830,000 each year from the  
13.6 workforce development fund are for extended  
13.7 employment services for persons with severe  
13.8 disabilities under Minnesota Statutes, section  
13.9 268A.15. Of the amounts appropriated from  
13.10 the general fund, \$4,500,000 each year is for  
13.11 maintaining prior rate increases to providers  
13.12 of extended employment services for persons  
13.13 with severe disabilities under Minnesota  
13.14 Statutes, section 268A.15.

13.15 (c) \$2,555,000 each year is for grants to  
13.16 programs that provide employment support  
13.17 services to persons with mental illness under  
13.18 Minnesota Statutes, sections 268A.13 and  
13.19 268A.14.

13.20 (d) \$3,011,000 each year is for grants to  
13.21 centers for independent living under  
13.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 268A.11.

13.23 (e) \$1,000,000 each year is from the workforce  
13.24 development fund for grants under Minnesota  
13.25 Statutes, section 268A.16, for employment  
13.26 services for persons, including transition-age  
13.27 youth, who are deaf, deafblind, or  
13.28 hard-of-hearing. If the amount in the first year  
13.29 is insufficient, the amount in the second year  
13.30 is available in the first year.

13.31 Subd. 7. **Services for the Blind**

8,425,000

8,425,000

13.32 Of these amounts, \$500,000 each year is for  
13.33 senior citizens who are becoming blind. At  
13.34 least one-half of the money for this purpose

|       |                                                         |                  |                   |                             |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 14.1  | <u>must be used to provide training services for</u>    |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.2  | <u>seniors who are becoming blind. Training</u>         |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.3  | <u>services must provide independent living skills</u>  |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.4  | <u>to seniors who are becoming blind to allow</u>       |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.5  | <u>them to continue to live independently in their</u>  |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.6  | <u>homes.</u>                                           |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.7  | <u>Subd. 8. <b>Paid Leave</b></u>                       |                  | <u>40,544,000</u> | <u>5,000,000</u>            |
| 14.8  | <u>This appropriation is from the family and</u>        |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.9  | <u>medical benefit insurance account for the</u>        |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.10 | <u>purposes of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 268B.</u>    |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.11 | <u>Sec. 3. <b>EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM</b></u>         | <u>\$</u>        | <u>17,032,000</u> | <u>\$</u> <u>17,032,000</u> |
| 14.12 | <u>Of these amounts, \$500,000 each year must</u>       |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.13 | <u>be matched from nonstate sources to develop</u>      |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.14 | <u>maximum private sector involvement in</u>            |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.15 | <u>tourism. Each \$1 of state incentive must be</u>     |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.16 | <u>matched with \$6 of private sector money.</u>        |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.17 | <u>"Matched" means revenue to the state or</u>          |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.18 | <u>documented in-kind, soft match, or cash</u>          |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.19 | <u>expenditures directly expended to support</u>        |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.20 | <u>Explore Minnesota under Minnesota Statutes,</u>      |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.21 | <u>section 116U.05. The incentive in fiscal year</u>    |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.22 | <u>2026 is based on fiscal year 2025 private</u>        |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.23 | <u>sector contributions. The incentive in fiscal</u>    |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.24 | <u>year 2027 is based on fiscal year 2026 private</u>   |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.25 | <u>sector contributions. This incentive is ongoing.</u> |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.26 | <u>Sec. 4. <b>DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND</b></u>           |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.27 | <u><b>INDUSTRY</b></u>                                  |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.28 | <u>Subdivision 1. <b>Total Appropriation</b></u>        | <u>\$</u>        | <u>51,128,000</u> | <u>\$</u> <u>50,657,000</u> |
| 14.29 | <u>Appropriations by Fund</u>                           |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.30 |                                                         | <u>2026</u>      | <u>2027</u>       |                             |
| 14.31 | <u>General</u>                                          | <u>9,160,000</u> | <u>9,179,000</u>  |                             |
| 14.32 | <u>Family and Medical</u>                               |                  |                   |                             |
| 14.33 | <u>Benefit</u>                                          | <u>366,000</u>   | <u>-0-</u>        |                             |

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| 15.1  | <u>Workers'</u>                                        |                   |                   |
| 15.2  | <u>Compensation</u>                                    | <u>34,776,000</u> | <u>34,652,000</u> |
| 15.3  | <u>Workforce</u>                                       |                   |                   |
| 15.4  | <u>Development</u>                                     | <u>6,826,000</u>  | <u>6,826,000</u>  |
| 15.5  | <u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>          |                   |                   |
| 15.6  | <u>purpose are specified in the following</u>          |                   |                   |
| 15.7  | <u>subdivisions.</u>                                   |                   |                   |
| 15.8  | <u>Subd. 2. <b>General Support</b></u>                 | <u>10,990,000</u> | <u>11,300,000</u> |
| 15.9  | <u>This appropriation is from the workers'</u>         |                   |                   |
| 15.10 | <u>compensation fund.</u>                              |                   |                   |
| 15.11 | <u>Subd. 3. <b>Labor Standards</b></u>                 | <u>9,031,000</u>  | <u>8,731,000</u>  |
| 15.12 | <u>Appropriations by Fund</u>                          |                   |                   |
| 15.13 | <u>General</u>                                         | <u>6,969,000</u>  | <u>7,035,000</u>  |
| 15.14 | <u>Family and Medical</u>                              |                   |                   |
| 15.15 | <u>Benefit</u>                                         | <u>366,000</u>    | <u>-0-</u>        |
| 15.16 | <u>Workforce</u>                                       |                   |                   |
| 15.17 | <u>Development</u>                                     | <u>1,696,000</u>  | <u>1,696,000</u>  |
| 15.18 | <u>(a) \$2,046,000 each year is for wage theft</u>     |                   |                   |
| 15.19 | <u>prevention.</u>                                     |                   |                   |
| 15.20 | <u>(b) \$1,696,000 each year is from the</u>           |                   |                   |
| 15.21 | <u>workforce development fund for prevailing</u>       |                   |                   |
| 15.22 | <u>wage enforcement.</u>                               |                   |                   |
| 15.23 | <u>(c) \$355,000 each year is for education and</u>    |                   |                   |
| 15.24 | <u>training related to employee misclassification.</u> |                   |                   |
| 15.25 | <u>(d) \$1,899,000 each year is for enforcement</u>    |                   |                   |
| 15.26 | <u>and other duties regarding earned sick and safe</u> |                   |                   |
| 15.27 | <u>time under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 177,</u>     |                   |                   |
| 15.28 | <u>and sections 181.9445 to 181.9448.</u>              |                   |                   |
| 15.29 | <u>(e) \$134,000 each year is for outreach and</u>     |                   |                   |
| 15.30 | <u>enforcement efforts related to changes to the</u>   |                   |                   |
| 15.31 | <u>nursing mothers, lactating employees, and</u>       |                   |                   |
| 15.32 | <u>pregnancy accommodations law under</u>              |                   |                   |
| 15.33 | <u>Minnesota Statutes, chapter 181.</u>                |                   |                   |

16.1 (f) \$169,000 each year is for the purposes of  
16.2 the Safe Workplaces for Meat and Poultry  
16.3 Processing Workers Act.

16.4 (g) \$141,000 each year is to inform and  
16.5 educate employers relating to Minnesota  
16.6 Statutes, section 181.960.

16.7 (h) \$123,000 each year is for the purposes of  
16.8 enforcement, education, and outreach  
16.9 regarding Minnesota Statutes, sections  
16.10 181C.02 and 181C.03.

16.11 (i) \$366,000 the first year and \$0 the second  
16.12 year are from the family and medical benefit  
16.13 insurance account for the purposes of  
16.14 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 268B.

16.15 (j)(1) \$163,000 each year is for the  
16.16 misclassification fraud impact report and for  
16.17 legal, technical, and clerical staff support for  
16.18 the report. Amounts appropriated are available  
16.19 in either year and are available until June 30,  
16.20 2027.

16.21 (2) The commissioner of labor and industry  
16.22 may enter into interagency agreements with  
16.23 the commissioners of employment and  
16.24 economic development and revenue to transfer  
16.25 funds appropriated under clause (1) to cover  
16.26 costs associated with the misclassification  
16.27 fraud impact report.

16.28 Subd. 4. **Workers' Compensation** 15,725,000 15,725,000  
16.29 This appropriation is from the workers'  
16.30 compensation fund.

16.31 Subd. 5. **Workplace Safety** 8,061,000 7,627,000  
16.32 This appropriation is from the workers'  
16.33 compensation fund.

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| 17.1  | <b><u>Subd. 6. Employment-Based Initiatives</u></b>     | <u>2,404,000</u> | <u>2,404,000</u> |
| 17.2  | <u>Appropriations by Fund</u>                           |                  |                  |
| 17.3  | <u>2026</u>                                             | <u>2027</u>      |                  |
| 17.4  | <u>General</u>                                          | <u>33,000</u>    | <u>33,000</u>    |
| 17.5  | <u>Workforce</u>                                        |                  |                  |
| 17.6  | <u>Development</u>                                      | <u>2,371,000</u> | <u>2,371,000</u> |
| 17.7  | <u>(a) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce</u>    |                  |                  |
| 17.8  | <u>development fund for the dual-training</u>           |                  |                  |
| 17.9  | <u>pipeline program. Of this amount, \$200,000</u>      |                  |                  |
| 17.10 | <u>each year is for the identification of</u>           |                  |                  |
| 17.11 | <u>competency standards under Minnesota</u>             |                  |                  |
| 17.12 | <u>Statutes, section 175.45, for fields other than</u>  |                  |                  |
| 17.13 | <u>the legal cannabis industry.</u>                     |                  |                  |
| 17.14 | <u>(b) \$33,000 each year is to identify</u>            |                  |                  |
| 17.15 | <u>occupational competency standards and</u>            |                  |                  |
| 17.16 | <u>provide technical assistance for developing</u>      |                  |                  |
| 17.17 | <u>dual-training programs under Minnesota</u>           |                  |                  |
| 17.18 | <u>Statutes, section 175.45, for the legal cannabis</u> |                  |                  |
| 17.19 | <u>industry.</u>                                        |                  |                  |
| 17.20 | <u>(c) \$1,500,000 each year is from the workforce</u>  |                  |                  |
| 17.21 | <u>development fund for youth skills training</u>       |                  |                  |
| 17.22 | <u>grants under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>         |                  |                  |
| 17.23 | <u>175.46.</u>                                          |                  |                  |
| 17.24 | <u>(d) \$371,000 each year is from the workforce</u>    |                  |                  |
| 17.25 | <u>development fund for administration of the</u>       |                  |                  |
| 17.26 | <u>youth skills training grants program under</u>       |                  |                  |
| 17.27 | <u>Minnesota Statutes, section 175.46.</u>              |                  |                  |
| 17.28 | <b><u>Subd. 7. Combative Sports</u></b>                 | <u>254,000</u>   | <u>254,000</u>   |
| 17.29 | <b><u>Subd. 8. Apprenticeship</u></b>                   | <u>4,259,000</u> | <u>4,259,000</u> |
| 17.30 | <u>Appropriations by Fund</u>                           |                  |                  |
| 17.31 | <u>2026</u>                                             | <u>2027</u>      |                  |
| 17.32 | <u>General</u>                                          | <u>1,500,000</u> | <u>1,500,000</u> |
| 17.33 | <u>Workforce</u>                                        |                  |                  |
| 17.34 | <u>Development</u>                                      | <u>2,759,000</u> | <u>2,759,000</u> |

- 18.1 (a) \$1,000,000 each year is from the workforce  
18.2 development fund for labor education and  
18.3 advancement program grants under Minnesota  
18.4 Statutes, section 178.11.
- 18.5 (b) \$225,000 each year is from the workforce  
18.6 development fund for grants to Building  
18.7 Strong Communities, Inc. for the Helmets to  
18.8 Hardhats Minnesota initiative. Grant money  
18.9 must be used to recruit, retain, assist, and  
18.10 support National Guard, reserve, and active  
18.11 duty military members' and veterans'  
18.12 participation in apprenticeship programs  
18.13 registered with the Department of Labor and  
18.14 Industry and connect service members and  
18.15 veterans with career training and employment  
18.16 in the building and construction industry. The  
18.17 recruitment, selection, employment, and  
18.18 training must be without discrimination due  
18.19 to race, color, creed, religion, national origin,  
18.20 sex, sexual orientation, marital status, physical  
18.21 or mental disability, receipt of public  
18.22 assistance, or age.
- 18.23 (c) \$1,500,000 each year is for a registered  
18.24 teacher apprenticeship competitive grant  
18.25 program. Funds must be awarded through a  
18.26 competitive request for proposal process.  
18.27 Grant awards must be used to establish,  
18.28 administer, and operationalize registered  
18.29 teacher apprenticeship programs and joint  
18.30 apprenticeship training committees statewide  
18.31 in accordance with the requirements of  
18.32 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 178. Grant money  
18.33 may be used to:
- 18.34 (1) fund personnel costs;

19.1 (2) design and update related instruction for  
19.2 the programs in coordination with teacher  
19.3 preparation providers approved by the  
19.4 Professional Educators Licensing and  
19.5 Standards Board;

19.6 (3) purchase equipment, training materials,  
19.7 and software licenses for apprentice tracking  
19.8 systems for the programs;

19.9 (4) fund marketing costs associated with the  
19.10 recruitment of signatory school districts,  
19.11 journeyworker teachers, and apprentices; and

19.12 (5) fund subawards to signatory school  
19.13 districts to offset costs for participation in the  
19.14 program. Subawards may be used for:

19.15 (i) apprentice tuition, scholarships, and other  
19.16 supportive services; and

19.17 (ii) journeyworker teacher stipends.

19.18 Grant money may not be used to pay for  
19.19 apprentice wages and registered apprentices  
19.20 must not incur any cost for their participation  
19.21 in the apprenticeship programs.

19.22 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,  
19.23 payments under clause (5) must not be  
19.24 considered income, assets, or personal  
19.25 property for purposes of determining eligibility  
19.26 or recertifying eligibility for aid authorized by  
19.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1465.

19.28 By January 15 every year, beginning in 2028,  
19.29 the commissioner must report to the legislative  
19.30 committees with jurisdiction over kindergarten  
19.31 through grade 12 education, higher education,  
19.32 labor, and workforce development on how  
19.33 teacher apprenticeship program funding was  
19.34 used and recommendations for statutory or

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| 20.1  | <u>rule changes to facilitate program</u>               |                     |                  |
| 20.2  | <u>improvement and expansion of teacher</u>             |                     |                  |
| 20.3  | <u>apprenticeship programs as a pathway to</u>          |                     |                  |
| 20.4  | <u>teacher licensure.</u>                               |                     |                  |
| 20.5  | <u>Subd. 9. <b>Nursing Home Workforce Standards</b></u> |                     |                  |
| 20.6  | <u><b>Board</b></u>                                     | <u>404,000</u>      | <u>357,000</u>   |
| 20.7  | <u>Sec. 5. <b>BUREAU OF MEDIATION SERVICES</b></u> \$   | <u>3,775,000</u> \$ | <u>3,775,000</u> |
| 20.8  | <u>Of these amounts, \$751,000 each year is for</u>     |                     |                  |
| 20.9  | <u>purposes of the Public Employment Relations</u>      |                     |                  |
| 20.10 | <u>Board under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>          |                     |                  |
| 20.11 | <u>179A.041.</u>                                        |                     |                  |
| 20.12 | <u>Sec. 6. <b>WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT</b></u>       |                     |                  |
| 20.13 | <u><b>OF APPEALS</b></u> \$                             | <u>2,962,000</u> \$ | <u>2,895,000</u> |
| 20.14 | <u>This appropriation is from the workers'</u>          |                     |                  |
| 20.15 | <u>compensation fund.</u>                               |                     |                  |
| 20.16 | <u>Sec. 7. <b>DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN,</b></u>           |                     |                  |
| 20.17 | <u><b>YOUTH, AND FAMILIES</b></u> \$                    | <u>250,000</u> \$   | <u>250,000</u>   |
| 20.18 | <u>\$250,000 each year is for child care</u>            |                     |                  |
| 20.19 | <u>improvement grants under Minnesota Statutes,</u>     |                     |                  |
| 20.20 | <u>section 142D.20, subdivision 3, paragraph (a),</u>   |                     |                  |
| 20.21 | <u>clause (7). Notwithstanding Minnesota</u>            |                     |                  |
| 20.22 | <u>Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the</u>    |                     |                  |
| 20.23 | <u>amount for administrative costs under these</u>      |                     |                  |
| 20.24 | <u>appropriations is \$0.</u>                           |                     |                  |

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| 20.25 | <b>ARTICLE 2</b>                                                                           |             |             |
| 20.26 | <b>APPROPRIATION MODIFICATIONS</b>                                                         |             |             |
| 20.27 | Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 2, as amended by Laws |             |             |
| 20.28 | 2024, chapter 120, article 1, section 6, is amended to read:                               |             |             |
| 20.29 | <b>Subd. 2. Business and Community Development</b>                                         | 195,061,000 | 139,104,000 |
| 20.30 | Appropriations by Fund                                                                     |             |             |
| 20.31 | General                                                                                    | 193,011,000 | 137,054,000 |
| 20.32 | Remediation                                                                                | 700,000     | 700,000     |
| 20.33 | Workforce                                                                                  |             |             |
| 20.34 | Development                                                                                | 1,350,000   | 1,350,000   |

- 21.1 (a) \$2,287,000 each year is for the greater  
21.2 Minnesota business development public  
21.3 infrastructure grant program under Minnesota  
21.4 Statutes, section 116J.431. This appropriation  
21.5 is available until June 30, 2027.
- 21.6 (b) \$500,000 each year is for grants to small  
21.7 business development centers under Minnesota  
21.8 Statutes, section 116J.68. Money made  
21.9 available under this paragraph may be used to  
21.10 match funds under the federal Small Business  
21.11 Development Center (SBDC) program under  
21.12 United States Code, title 15, section 648, to  
21.13 provide consulting and technical services or  
21.14 to build additional SBDC network capacity to  
21.15 serve entrepreneurs and small businesses.
- 21.16 (c) \$2,500,000 the first year is for Launch  
21.17 Minnesota. This is a onetime appropriation.  
21.18 Of this amount:
- 21.19 (1) \$1,500,000 is for innovation grants to  
21.20 eligible Minnesota entrepreneurs or start-up  
21.21 businesses to assist with their operating needs;
- 21.22 (2) \$500,000 is for administration of Launch  
21.23 Minnesota; and
- 21.24 (3) \$500,000 is for grantee activities at Launch  
21.25 Minnesota.
- 21.26 (d)(1) \$500,000 each year is for grants to  
21.27 MNSBIR, Inc., to support moving scientific  
21.28 excellence and technological innovation from  
21.29 the lab to the market for start-ups and small  
21.30 businesses by securing federal research and  
21.31 development funding. The purpose of the grant  
21.32 is to build a strong Minnesota economy and  
21.33 stimulate the creation of novel products,  
21.34 services, and solutions in the private sector;

22.1 strengthen the role of small business in  
22.2 meeting federal research and development  
22.3 needs; increase the commercial application of  
22.4 federally supported research results; and  
22.5 develop and increase the Minnesota  
22.6 workforce, especially by fostering and  
22.7 encouraging participation by small businesses  
22.8 owned by women and people who are Black,  
22.9 Indigenous, or people of color. This is a  
22.10 onetime appropriation.

22.11 (2) MNSBIR, Inc., shall use the grant money  
22.12 to be the dedicated resource for federal  
22.13 research and development for small businesses  
22.14 of up to 500 employees statewide to support  
22.15 research and commercialization of novel ideas,  
22.16 concepts, and projects into cutting-edge  
22.17 products and services for worldwide economic  
22.18 impact. MNSBIR, Inc., shall use grant money  
22.19 to:

22.20 (i) assist small businesses in securing federal  
22.21 research and development funding, including  
22.22 the Small Business Innovation Research and  
22.23 Small Business Technology Transfer programs  
22.24 and other federal research and development  
22.25 funding opportunities;

22.26 (ii) support technology transfer and  
22.27 commercialization from the University of  
22.28 Minnesota, Mayo Clinic, and federal  
22.29 laboratories;

22.30 (iii) partner with large businesses;

22.31 (iv) conduct statewide outreach, education,  
22.32 and training on federal rules, regulations, and  
22.33 requirements;

22.34 (v) assist with scientific and technical writing;

- 23.1 (vi) help manage federal grants and contracts;  
23.2 and
- 23.3 (vii) support cost accounting and sole-source  
23.4 procurement opportunities.
- 23.5 (e) \$10,000,000 the first year is for transfer to  
23.6 the Minnesota Expanding Opportunity Fund  
23.7 Program special revenue account under  
23.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8733. This  
23.9 is a onetime ~~appropriation~~ transfer and is  
23.10 available until June 30, 2025.
- 23.11 (f) \$6,425,000 each year is for the small  
23.12 business assistance partnerships program  
23.13 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.682.  
23.14 All grant awards shall be for two consecutive  
23.15 years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.  
23.16 The department may use up to five percent of  
23.17 the appropriation for administrative purposes.  
23.18 The base for this appropriation is \$2,725,000  
23.19 in fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.
- 23.20 (g) \$350,000 each year is for administration  
23.21 of the community energy transition office.
- 23.22 (h) \$5,000,000 each year is transferred from  
23.23 the general fund to the community energy  
23.24 transition account for grants under Minnesota  
23.25 Statutes, section 116J.55. This is a onetime  
23.26 transfer.
- 23.27 (i) \$1,772,000 each year is for contaminated  
23.28 site cleanup and development grants under  
23.29 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.551 to  
23.30 116J.558. This appropriation is available until  
23.31 expended.
- 23.32 (j) \$700,000 each year is from the remediation  
23.33 fund for contaminated site cleanup and  
23.34 development grants under Minnesota Statutes,

24.1 sections 116J.551 to 116J.558. This  
24.2 appropriation is available until expended.

24.3 (k) \$389,000 each year is for the Center for  
24.4 Rural Policy and Development. The base for  
24.5 this appropriation is \$139,000 in fiscal year  
24.6 2026 and each year thereafter.

24.7 (l) \$25,000 each year is for the administration  
24.8 of state aid for the Destination Medical Center  
24.9 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.40 to  
24.10 469.47.

24.11 (m) \$875,000 each year is for the host  
24.12 community economic development program  
24.13 established in Minnesota Statutes, section  
24.14 116J.548.

24.15 (n) \$6,500,000 each year is for grants to local  
24.16 communities to increase the number of quality  
24.17 child care providers to support economic  
24.18 development. Fifty percent of grant money  
24.19 must go to communities located outside the  
24.20 seven-county metropolitan area as defined in  
24.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121,  
24.22 subdivision 2. The base for this appropriation  
24.23 is \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year  
24.24 thereafter.

24.25 Grant recipients must obtain a 50 percent  
24.26 nonstate match to grant money in either cash  
24.27 or in-kind contribution, unless the  
24.28 commissioner waives the requirement. Grant  
24.29 money available under this subdivision must  
24.30 be used to implement projects to reduce the  
24.31 child care shortage in the state, including but  
24.32 not limited to funding for child care business  
24.33 start-ups or expansion, training, facility  
24.34 modifications, direct subsidies or incentives

25.1 to retain employees, or improvements required  
25.2 for licensing, and assistance with licensing  
25.3 and other regulatory requirements. In awarding  
25.4 grants, the commissioner must give priority  
25.5 to communities that have demonstrated a  
25.6 shortage of child care providers.

25.7 Within one year of receiving grant money,  
25.8 grant recipients must report to the  
25.9 commissioner on the outcomes of the grant  
25.10 program, including but not limited to the  
25.11 number of new providers, the number of  
25.12 additional child care provider jobs created, the  
25.13 number of additional child care openings, and  
25.14 the amount of cash and in-kind local money  
25.15 invested. Within one month of all grant  
25.16 recipients reporting on program outcomes, the  
25.17 commissioner must report the grant recipients'  
25.18 outcomes to the chairs and ranking members  
25.19 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
25.20 over early learning and child care and  
25.21 economic development.

25.22 (o) \$500,000 each year is for the Office of  
25.23 Child Care Community Partnerships. Of this  
25.24 amount:

25.25 (1) \$450,000 each year is for administration  
25.26 of the Office of Child Care Community  
25.27 Partnerships; and

25.28 (2) \$50,000 each year is for the Labor Market  
25.29 Information Office to conduct research and  
25.30 analysis related to the child care industry.

25.31 (p) \$3,500,000 each year is for grants in equal  
25.32 amounts to each of the Minnesota Initiative  
25.33 Foundations. This appropriation is available  
25.34 until June 30, 2027. The base for this

26.1 appropriation is \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026  
26.2 and each year thereafter. The Minnesota  
26.3 Initiative Foundations must use grant money  
26.4 under this section to:

26.5 (1) facilitate planning processes for rural  
26.6 communities resulting in a community solution  
26.7 action plan that guides decision making to  
26.8 sustain and increase the supply of quality child  
26.9 care in the region to support economic  
26.10 development;

26.11 (2) engage the private sector to invest local  
26.12 resources to support the community solution  
26.13 action plan and ensure quality child care is a  
26.14 vital component of additional regional  
26.15 economic development planning processes;

26.16 (3) provide locally based training and technical  
26.17 assistance to rural business owners  
26.18 individually or through a learning cohort.  
26.19 Access to financial and business development  
26.20 assistance must prepare child care businesses  
26.21 for quality engagement and improvement by  
26.22 stabilizing operations, leveraging funding from  
26.23 other sources, and fostering business acumen  
26.24 that allows child care businesses to plan for  
26.25 and afford the cost of providing quality child  
26.26 care; and

26.27 (4) recruit child care programs to participate  
26.28 in quality rating and improvement  
26.29 measurement programs. The Minnesota  
26.30 Initiative Foundations must work with local  
26.31 partners to provide low-cost training,  
26.32 professional development opportunities, and  
26.33 continuing education curricula. The Minnesota  
26.34 Initiative Foundations must fund, through local  
26.35 partners, an enhanced level of coaching to

27.1 rural child care providers to obtain a quality  
27.2 rating through measurement programs.

27.3 (q) \$8,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota  
27.4 job creation fund under Minnesota Statutes,  
27.5 section 116J.8748. Of this amount, the  
27.6 commissioner of employment and economic  
27.7 development may use up to three percent for  
27.8 administrative expenses. This appropriation  
27.9 is available until expended. Notwithstanding  
27.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8748, money  
27.11 appropriated for the job creation fund may be  
27.12 used for redevelopment under Minnesota  
27.13 Statutes, sections 116J.575 and 116J.5761, at  
27.14 the discretion of the commissioner.

27.15 (r) \$12,370,000 each year is for the Minnesota  
27.16 investment fund under Minnesota Statutes,  
27.17 section 116J.8731. Of this amount, the  
27.18 commissioner of employment and economic  
27.19 development may use up to three percent for  
27.20 administration and monitoring of the program.  
27.21 This appropriation is available until expended.  
27.22 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
27.23 116J.8731, money appropriated to the  
27.24 commissioner for the Minnesota investment  
27.25 fund may be used for the redevelopment  
27.26 program under Minnesota Statutes, sections  
27.27 116J.575 and 116J.5761, at the discretion of  
27.28 the commissioner. Grants under this paragraph  
27.29 are not subject to the grant amount limitation  
27.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731.

27.31 (s) \$4,246,000 each year is for the  
27.32 redevelopment program under Minnesota  
27.33 Statutes, sections 116J.575 and 116J.5761.  
27.34 The base for this appropriation is \$2,246,000

28.1 in fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.

28.2 This appropriation is available until expended.

28.3 (t) \$1,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota

28.4 emerging entrepreneur loan program under

28.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 116M.18. Money

28.6 available under this paragraph is for transfer

28.7 into the emerging entrepreneur program

28.8 special revenue fund account created under

28.9 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116M, and are

28.10 available until expended. Of this amount, up

28.11 to four percent is for administration and

28.12 monitoring of the program.

28.13 (u) \$325,000 the first year is for the Minnesota

28.14 Film and TV Board. The appropriation is

28.15 available only upon receipt by the board of \$1

28.16 in matching contributions of money or in-kind

28.17 contributions from nonstate sources for every

28.18 \$3 provided by this appropriation, except that

28.19 up to \$50,000 is available on July 1 even if

28.20 the required matching contribution has not

28.21 been received by that date. This is a onetime

28.22 appropriation.

28.23 (v) \$12,000 each year is for a grant to the

28.24 Upper Minnesota Film Office.

28.25 (w) \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to the

28.26 Minnesota Film and TV Board for the film

28.27 production jobs program under Minnesota

28.28 Statutes, section 116U.26. This appropriation

28.29 is available until June 30, 2027. This is a

28.30 onetime appropriation.

28.31 (x) \$4,195,000 each year is for the Minnesota

28.32 job skills partnership program under

28.33 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.01 to

28.34 116L.17. If the appropriation for either year

29.1 is insufficient, the appropriation for the other  
29.2 year is available. This appropriation is  
29.3 available until expended.

29.4 (y) \$1,350,000 each year from the workforce  
29.5 development fund is for jobs training grants  
29.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.41.

29.7 (z) \$47,475,000 the first year and \$50,475,000  
29.8 the second year are for the PROMISE grant  
29.9 program. This is a onetime appropriation and  
29.10 is available until June 30, 2027. Any  
29.11 unencumbered balance remaining at the end  
29.12 of the first year does not cancel but is available  
29.13 the second year. Of this amount:

29.14 (1) \$475,000 each year is for administration  
29.15 of the PROMISE grant program;

29.16 (2) \$7,500,000 each year is for grants in equal  
29.17 amounts to each of the Minnesota Initiative  
29.18 Foundations to serve businesses in greater  
29.19 Minnesota. Of this amount, \$600,000 each  
29.20 year is for grants to businesses with less than  
29.21 \$100,000 in revenue in the prior year; and

29.22 (3) \$39,500,000 the first year and \$42,500,000  
29.23 the second year are for grants to the  
29.24 Neighborhood Development Center. Of this  
29.25 amount, the following amounts are designated  
29.26 for the following areas:

29.27 (i) \$16,000,000 each year is for North  
29.28 Minneapolis' West Broadway, Camden, or  
29.29 other Northside neighborhoods. Of this  
29.30 amount, \$1,000,000 each year is for grants to  
29.31 businesses with less than \$100,000 in revenue  
29.32 in the prior year;

29.33 (ii) ~~\$13,500,000~~ \$12,500,000 each year is for  
29.34 South Minneapolis' Lake Street, 38th and

30.1 Chicago, Franklin, Nicollet, and Riverside  
30.2 corridors. Of this amount, \$750,000 each year  
30.3 is for grants to businesses with less than  
30.4 \$100,000 in revenue in the prior year;

30.5 (iii) \$10,000,000 each year is for St. Paul's  
30.6 University Avenue, Midway, Eastside, or other  
30.7 St. Paul neighborhoods. Of this amount,  
30.8 \$750,000 each year is for grants to businesses  
30.9 with less than \$100,000 in revenue in the prior  
30.10 year;

30.11 (iv) \$1,000,000 the first year is for South  
30.12 Minneapolis' Hennepin Avenue Commercial  
30.13 corridor, South Hennepin Community  
30.14 corridor, and Uptown Special Service District;  
30.15 and

30.16 (v) \$3,000,000 the second year is for grants  
30.17 to businesses in the counties of Anoka, Carver,  
30.18 Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and  
30.19 Washington, excluding the cities of  
30.20 Minneapolis and St. Paul.

30.21 (aa) \$15,150,000 each year is for the  
30.22 PROMISE loan program. This is a onetime  
30.23 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
30.24 2027. Of this amount:

30.25 (1) \$150,000 each year is for administration  
30.26 of the PROMISE loan program;

30.27 (2) \$3,000,000 each year is for grants in equal  
30.28 amounts to each of the Minnesota Initiative  
30.29 Foundations to serve businesses in greater  
30.30 Minnesota; and

30.31 (3) \$12,000,000 each year is for grants to the  
30.32 Metropolitan Economic Development  
30.33 Association (MEDA). Of this amount, the

31.1 following amounts are designated for the  
31.2 following areas:

31.3 (i) \$4,500,000 each year is for North  
31.4 Minneapolis' West Broadway, Camden, or  
31.5 other Northside neighborhoods;

31.6 (ii) \$4,500,000 each year is for South  
31.7 Minneapolis' Lake Street, 38th and Chicago,  
31.8 Franklin, Nicollet, and Riverside corridors;  
31.9 and

31.10 (iii) \$3,000,000 each year is for St. Paul's  
31.11 University Avenue, Midway, Eastside, or other  
31.12 St. Paul neighborhoods.

31.13 (bb) \$1,500,000 each year is for a grant to the  
31.14 Metropolitan Consortium of Community  
31.15 Developers for the community wealth-building  
31.16 grant program pilot project. Of this amount,  
31.17 up to two percent is for administration and  
31.18 monitoring of the community wealth-building  
31.19 grant program pilot project. This is a onetime  
31.20 appropriation.

31.21 (cc) \$250,000 each year is for the publication,  
31.22 dissemination, and use of labor market  
31.23 information under Minnesota Statutes, section  
31.24 116J.401.

31.25 (dd) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to  
31.26 the Bloomington Port Authority to provide  
31.27 funding for the Expo 2027 host organization.  
31.28 The Bloomington Port Authority must enter  
31.29 into an agreement with the host organization  
31.30 over the use of money, which may be used for  
31.31 activities, including but not limited to  
31.32 finalizing the community dossier and staffing  
31.33 the host organization and for infrastructure  
31.34 design and planning, financial modeling,

32.1 development planning and coordination of  
32.2 both real estate and public private partnerships,  
32.3 and reimbursement of costs the Bloomington  
32.4 Port Authority incurred. In selecting vendors  
32.5 and exhibitors for Expo 2027, the host  
32.6 organization shall prioritize outreach to,  
32.7 collaboration with, and inclusion of businesses  
32.8 that are majority owned by people of color,  
32.9 women, and people with disabilities. The host  
32.10 organization and Bloomington Port Authority  
32.11 may be reimbursed for expenses 90 days prior  
32.12 to encumbrance. This appropriation is  
32.13 contingent on approval of the project by the  
32.14 Bureau International des Expositions. If the  
32.15 project is not approved by the Bureau  
32.16 International des Expositions, the money shall  
32.17 transfer to the Minnesota investment fund  
32.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731.  
32.19 Any unencumbered balance remaining at the  
32.20 end of the first year does not cancel but is  
32.21 available for the second year.

32.22 (ee) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to  
32.23 the Neighborhood Development Center for  
32.24 small business programs, including training,  
32.25 lending, business services, and real estate  
32.26 programming; small business incubator  
32.27 development in the Twin Cities and outside  
32.28 the seven-county metropolitan area; and  
32.29 technical assistance activities for partners  
32.30 outside the seven-county metropolitan area;  
32.31 and for high-risk, character-based loan capital  
32.32 for nonrecourse loans. This is a onetime  
32.33 appropriation. Any unencumbered balance  
32.34 remaining at the end of the first year does not  
32.35 cancel but is available for the second year.

33.1 (ff) \$5,000,000 the first year is for transfer to  
33.2 the emerging developer fund account in the  
33.3 special revenue fund. Of this amount, up to  
33.4 five percent is for administration and  
33.5 monitoring of the emerging developer fund  
33.6 program under Minnesota Statutes, section  
33.7 116J.9926, and the remainder is for a grant to  
33.8 the Local Initiatives Support Corporation -  
33.9 Twin Cities to serve as a partner organization  
33.10 under the program. This is a onetime  
33.11 appropriation.

33.12 (gg) \$5,000,000 the first year is for the  
33.13 Canadian border counties economic relief  
33.14 program under article 5. Of this amount, up  
33.15 to \$1,000,000 is for Tribal economic  
33.16 development and \$2,100,000 is for a grant to  
33.17 Lake of the Woods County for the forgivable  
33.18 loan program for remote recreational  
33.19 businesses. This is a onetime appropriation  
33.20 and is available until June 30, 2026.

33.21 (hh) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to  
33.22 African Economic Development Solutions.  
33.23 This is a onetime appropriation and is  
33.24 available until June 30, 2026. Of this amount:

33.25 (1) \$500,000 each year is for a loan fund that  
33.26 must address pervasive economic inequities  
33.27 by supporting business ventures of  
33.28 entrepreneurs in the African immigrant  
33.29 community; and

33.30 (2) \$250,000 each year is for workforce  
33.31 development and technical assistance,  
33.32 including but not limited to business  
33.33 development, entrepreneur training, business  
33.34 technical assistance, loan packing, and  
33.35 community development services.

34.1 (ii) \$1,500,000 each year is for a grant to the  
34.2 Latino Economic Development Center. This  
34.3 is a onetime appropriation and is available  
34.4 until June 30, 2025. Of this amount:

34.5 (1) \$750,000 each year is to assist, support,  
34.6 finance, and launch microentrepreneurs by  
34.7 delivering training, workshops, and  
34.8 one-on-one consultations to businesses; and

34.9 (2) \$750,000 each year is to guide prospective  
34.10 entrepreneurs in their start-up process by  
34.11 introducing them to key business concepts,  
34.12 including business start-up readiness. Grant  
34.13 proceeds must be used to offer workshops on  
34.14 a variety of topics throughout the year,  
34.15 including finance, customer service,  
34.16 food-handler training, and food-safety  
34.17 certification. Grant proceeds may also be used  
34.18 to provide lending to business startups.

34.19 (jj) \$627,000 the first year is for a grant to  
34.20 Community and Economic Development  
34.21 Associates (CEDA) to provide funding for  
34.22 economic development technical assistance  
34.23 and economic development project grants to  
34.24 small communities across rural Minnesota and  
34.25 for CEDA to design, implement, market, and  
34.26 administer specific types of basic community  
34.27 and economic development programs tailored  
34.28 to individual community needs. Technical  
34.29 assistance grants shall be based on need and  
34.30 given to communities that are otherwise  
34.31 unable to afford these services. Of the amount  
34.32 appropriated, up to \$270,000 may be used for  
34.33 economic development project implementation  
34.34 in conjunction with the technical assistance  
34.35 received. This is a onetime appropriation. Any

35.1 unencumbered balance remaining at the end  
35.2 of the first year does not cancel but is available  
35.3 the second year.

35.4 (kk) \$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant to  
35.5 WomenVenture to:

35.6 (1) support child care providers through  
35.7 business training and shared services programs  
35.8 and to create materials that could be used, free  
35.9 of charge, for start-up, expansion, and  
35.10 operation of child care businesses statewide,  
35.11 with the goal of helping new and existing child  
35.12 care businesses in underserved areas of the  
35.13 state become profitable and sustainable; and

35.14 (2) support business expansion for women  
35.15 food entrepreneurs throughout Minnesota's  
35.16 food supply chain to help stabilize and  
35.17 strengthen their business operations, create  
35.18 distribution networks, offer technical  
35.19 assistance and support to beginning women  
35.20 food entrepreneurs, develop business plans,  
35.21 develop a workforce, research expansion  
35.22 strategies, and for other related activities.

35.23 Eligible uses of the money include but are not  
35.24 limited to:

35.25 (i) leasehold improvements;

35.26 (ii) additions, alterations, remodeling, or  
35.27 renovations to rented space;

35.28 (iii) inventory or supplies;

35.29 (iv) machinery or equipment purchases;

35.30 (v) working capital; and

35.31 (vi) debt refinancing.

36.1 Money distributed to entrepreneurs may be  
36.2 loans, forgivable loans, and grants. Of this  
36.3 amount, up to five percent may be used for  
36.4 the Women Venture's technical assistance and  
36.5 administrative costs. This is a onetime  
36.6 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
36.7 2026.

36.8 By December 15, 2026, Women Venture must  
36.9 submit a report to the chairs and ranking  
36.10 minority members of the legislative  
36.11 committees with jurisdiction over agriculture  
36.12 and employment and economic development.  
36.13 The report must include a summary of the uses  
36.14 of the appropriation, including the amount of  
36.15 the appropriation used for administration. The  
36.16 report must also provide a breakdown of the  
36.17 amount of funding used for loans, forgivable  
36.18 loans, and grants; information about the terms  
36.19 of the loans issued; a discussion of how money  
36.20 from repaid loans will be used; the number of  
36.21 entrepreneurs assisted; and a breakdown of  
36.22 how many entrepreneurs received assistance  
36.23 in each county.

36.24 (ll) \$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant to  
36.25 African Career, Education, and Resource, Inc.,  
36.26 for operational infrastructure and technical  
36.27 assistance to small businesses. This  
36.28 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.

36.29 (mm) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant  
36.30 to the African Development Center to provide  
36.31 loans to purchase commercial real estate and  
36.32 to expand organizational infrastructure. This  
36.33 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.  
36.34 Of this amount:

37.1 (1) \$2,800,000 is for loans to purchase  
37.2 commercial real estate targeted at African  
37.3 immigrant small business owners;

37.4 (2) \$364,000 is for loan loss reserves to  
37.5 support loan volume growth and attract  
37.6 additional capital;

37.7 (3) \$836,000 is for increasing organizational  
37.8 capacity;

37.9 (4) \$300,000 is for the safe 2 eat project of  
37.10 inclusive assistance with required restaurant  
37.11 licensing examinations; and

37.12 (5) \$700,000 is for a center for community  
37.13 resources for language and technology  
37.14 assistance for small businesses.

37.15 (nn) \$7,000,000 the first year is for grants to  
37.16 the Minnesota Initiative Foundations to  
37.17 capitalize their revolving loan funds, which  
37.18 address unmet financing needs of for-profit  
37.19 business start-ups, expansions, and ownership  
37.20 transitions; nonprofit organizations; and  
37.21 developers of housing to support the  
37.22 construction, rehabilitation, and conversion  
37.23 of housing units. Of the amount appropriated:

37.24 (1) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Southwest  
37.25 Initiative Foundation;

37.26 (2) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the West  
37.27 Central Initiative Foundation;

37.28 (3) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Southern  
37.29 Minnesota Initiative Foundation;

37.30 (4) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Northwest  
37.31 Minnesota Foundation;

37.32 (5) \$2,000,000 is for a grant to the Initiative  
37.33 Foundation of which \$1,000,000 is for

38.1 redevelopment of the St. Cloud Youth and  
38.2 Family Center; and

38.3 (6) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Northland  
38.4 Foundation.

38.5 (oo) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to  
38.6 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc., to reach and  
38.7 deliver talent, leadership, employee retention,  
38.8 continuous improvement, strategy, quality  
38.9 management systems, revenue growth, and  
38.10 manufacturing peer-to-peer advisory services  
38.11 to small manufacturing companies employing  
38.12 35 or fewer full-time equivalent employees.  
38.13 This is a onetime appropriation. No later than  
38.14 February 1, 2025, and February 1, 2026,  
38.15 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc., must provide a  
38.16 report to the chairs and ranking minority  
38.17 members of the legislative committees with  
38.18 jurisdiction over economic development that  
38.19 includes:

38.20 (1) the grants awarded during the past 12  
38.21 months;

38.22 (2) the estimated financial impact of the grants  
38.23 awarded to each company receiving services  
38.24 under the program;

38.25 (3) the actual financial impact of grants  
38.26 awarded during the past 24 months; and

38.27 (4) the total amount of federal funds leveraged  
38.28 from the Manufacturing Extension Partnership  
38.29 at the United States Department of Commerce.

38.30 (pp) \$375,000 each year is for a grant to  
38.31 PFund Foundation to provide grants to  
38.32 LGBTQ+-owned small businesses and  
38.33 entrepreneurs. Of this amount, up to five  
38.34 percent may be used for PFund Foundation's

39.1 technical assistance and administrative costs.

39.2 This is a onetime appropriation and is  
39.3 available until June 30, 2026. To the extent  
39.4 practicable, money must be distributed by  
39.5 PFund Foundation as follows:

39.6 (1) at least 33.3 percent to businesses owned  
39.7 by members of racial minority communities;  
39.8 and

39.9 (2) at least 33.3 percent to businesses outside  
39.10 of the seven-county metropolitan area as  
39.11 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section  
39.12 473.121, subdivision 2.

39.13 (qq) \$125,000 each year is for a grant to  
39.14 Quorum to provide business support, training,  
39.15 development, technical assistance, and related  
39.16 activities for LGBTQ+-owned small  
39.17 businesses that are recipients of a PFund  
39.18 Foundation grant. Of this amount, up to five  
39.19 percent may be used for Quorum's technical  
39.20 assistance and administrative costs. This is a  
39.21 onetime appropriation and is available until  
39.22 June 30, 2026.

39.23 (rr) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to  
39.24 the Metropolitan Economic Development  
39.25 Association (MEDA) for statewide business  
39.26 development and assistance services to  
39.27 minority-owned businesses. This is a onetime  
39.28 appropriation. Any unencumbered balance  
39.29 remaining at the end of the first year does not  
39.30 cancel but is available the second year. Of this  
39.31 amount:

39.32 (1) \$3,000,000 is for a revolving loan fund to  
39.33 provide additional minority-owned businesses  
39.34 with access to capital; and

40.1 (2) \$2,000,000 is for operating support  
40.2 activities related to business development and  
40.3 assistance services for minority business  
40.4 enterprises.

40.5 By February 1, 2025, MEDA shall report to  
40.6 the commissioner and the chairs and ranking  
40.7 minority members of the legislative  
40.8 committees with jurisdiction over economic  
40.9 development policy and finance on the loans  
40.10 and operating support activities, including  
40.11 outcomes and expenditures, supported by the  
40.12 appropriation under this paragraph.

40.13 (ss) \$2,500,000 each year is for a grant to a  
40.14 Minnesota-based automotive component  
40.15 manufacturer and distributor specializing in  
40.16 electric vehicles and sensor technology that  
40.17 manufactures all of their parts onshore to  
40.18 expand their manufacturing. The grant  
40.19 recipient under this paragraph shall submit  
40.20 reports on the uses of the money appropriated,  
40.21 the number of jobs created due to the  
40.22 appropriation, wage information, and the city  
40.23 and state in which the additional  
40.24 manufacturing activity was located to the  
40.25 chairs and ranking minority members of the  
40.26 legislative committees with jurisdiction over  
40.27 economic development. An initial report shall  
40.28 be submitted by December 15, 2023, and a  
40.29 final report is due by December 15, 2025. This  
40.30 is a onetime appropriation.

40.31 (tt)(1) \$125,000 each year is for grants to the  
40.32 Latino Chamber of Commerce Minnesota to  
40.33 support the growth and expansion of small  
40.34 businesses statewide. Funds may be used for

41.1 the cost of programming, outreach, staffing,  
41.2 and supplies. This is a onetime appropriation.

41.3 (2) By January 15, 2026, the Latino Chamber  
41.4 of Commerce Minnesota must submit a report  
41.5 to the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
41.6 over economic development that details the  
41.7 use of grant funds and the grant's economic  
41.8 impact.

41.9 (uu) \$175,000 the first year is for a grant to  
41.10 the city of South St. Paul to study options for  
41.11 repurposing the 1927 American Legion  
41.12 Memorial Library after the property is no  
41.13 longer used as a library. This appropriation is  
41.14 available until the project is completed or  
41.15 abandoned, subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
41.16 section 16A.642.

41.17 (vv) \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to  
41.18 LatinoLEAD for organizational  
41.19 capacity-building.

41.20 (ww) \$80,000 the first year is for a grant to  
41.21 the Neighborhood Development Center for  
41.22 small business competitive grants to software  
41.23 companies working to improve employee  
41.24 engagement and workplace culture and to  
41.25 reduce turnover.

41.26 (xx)(1) \$3,000,000 in the first year is for a  
41.27 grant to the Center for Economic Inclusion for  
41.28 strategic, data-informed investments in job  
41.29 creation strategies that respond to the needs  
41.30 of underserved populations statewide. This  
41.31 may include forgivable loans, revenue-based  
41.32 financing, and equity investments for  
41.33 entrepreneurs with barriers to growth. Of this  
41.34 amount, up to five percent may be used for

42.1 the center's technical assistance and  
42.2 administrative costs. This appropriation is  
42.3 available until June 30, 2025.

42.4 (2) By January 15, 2026, the Center for  
42.5 Economic Inclusion shall submit a report on  
42.6 the use of grant funds, including any loans  
42.7 made, to the legislative committees with  
42.8 jurisdiction over economic development.

42.9 (yy) \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to  
42.10 the Asian Economic Development Association  
42.11 for asset building and financial empowerment  
42.12 for entrepreneurs and small business owners,  
42.13 small business development and technical  
42.14 assistance, and cultural placemaking. This is  
42.15 a onetime appropriation.

42.16 (zz) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to  
42.17 Isuroon to support primarily African  
42.18 immigrant women with entrepreneurial  
42.19 training to start, manage, and grow  
42.20 self-sustaining microbusinesses, develop  
42.21 incubator space for these businesses, and  
42.22 provide support with financial and language  
42.23 literacy, systems navigation to eliminate  
42.24 capital access disparities, marketing, and other  
42.25 technical assistance. This is a onetime  
42.26 appropriation.

42.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively to July 1, 2023.

42.28 Sec. 2. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 3, as amended by Laws  
42.29 2024, chapter 120, article 1, section 7, is amended to read:

|       |                                                  |             |             |
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| 42.30 | <b>Subd. 3. Employment and Training Programs</b> | 112,038,000 | 104,499,000 |
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42.31 Appropriations by Fund

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| 42.32 | 2024 | 2025 |
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|      |             |            |            |
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| 43.1 | General     | 91,036,000 | 83,497,000 |
| 43.2 | Workforce   |            |            |
| 43.3 | Development | 21,002,000 | 21,002,000 |

43.4 (a) \$500,000 each year from the general fund  
43.5 and \$500,000 each year from the workforce  
43.6 development fund are for rural career  
43.7 counseling coordinators in the workforce  
43.8 service areas and for the purposes specified  
43.9 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.667.

43.10 (b) \$25,000,000 each year is for the targeted  
43.11 population workforce grants under Minnesota  
43.12 Statutes, section 116L.43. The department  
43.13 may use up to five percent of this  
43.14 appropriation for administration, monitoring,  
43.15 and oversight of the program. Of this amount:

43.16 (1) \$18,500,000 each year is for job and  
43.17 entrepreneurial skills training grants under  
43.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.43,  
43.19 subdivision 2;

43.20 (2) \$1,500,000 each year is for diversity and  
43.21 inclusion training for small employers under  
43.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.43,  
43.23 subdivision 3; and

43.24 (3) \$5,000,000 each year is for capacity  
43.25 building grants under Minnesota Statutes,  
43.26 section 116L.43, subdivision 4.

43.27 The base for this appropriation is \$1,275,000  
43.28 in fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.

43.29 (c) \$750,000 each year is for the women and  
43.30 high-wage, high-demand, nontraditional jobs  
43.31 grant program under Minnesota Statutes,  
43.32 section 116L.99. Of this amount, up to five  
43.33 percent is for administration and monitoring  
43.34 of the program.

44.1 (d) \$10,000,000 each year is for the Drive for  
44.2 Five Initiative to conduct outreach and provide  
44.3 job skills training, career counseling, case  
44.4 management, and supportive services for  
44.5 careers in (1) technology, (2) labor, (3) the  
44.6 caring professions, (4) manufacturing, and (5)  
44.7 educational and professional services. This is  
44.8 a onetime appropriation.

44.9 (e) Of the amounts appropriated in paragraph  
44.10 (d), the commissioner must make \$7,000,000  
44.11 each year available through a competitive  
44.12 request for proposal process. The grant awards  
44.13 must be used to provide education and training  
44.14 in the five industries identified in paragraph  
44.15 (d). Education and training may include:

44.16 (1) student tutoring and testing support  
44.17 services;

44.18 (2) training and employment placement in high  
44.19 wage and high growth employment;

44.20 (3) assistance in obtaining industry-specific  
44.21 certifications;

44.22 (4) remedial training leading to enrollment in  
44.23 employment training programs or services;

44.24 (5) real-time work experience;

44.25 (6) career and educational counseling;

44.26 (7) work experience and internships; and

44.27 (8) supportive services.

44.28 (f) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph  
44.29 (d), \$2,000,000 each year must be awarded  
44.30 through competitive grants made to trade  
44.31 associations or chambers of commerce for job  
44.32 placement services. Grant awards must be used  
44.33 to encourage workforce training efforts to

45.1 ensure that efforts are aligned with employer  
45.2 demands and that graduates are connected with  
45.3 employers that are currently hiring. Trade  
45.4 associations or chambers must partner with  
45.5 employers with current or anticipated  
45.6 employment opportunities and nonprofit  
45.7 workforce training partners participating in  
45.8 this program. The trade associations or  
45.9 chambers must work closely with the industry  
45.10 sector training providers in the five industries  
45.11 identified in paragraph (d). Grant awards may  
45.12 be used for:

45.13 (1) employer engagement strategies to align  
45.14 employment opportunities for individuals  
45.15 exiting workforce development training  
45.16 programs. These strategies may include  
45.17 business recruitment, job opening  
45.18 development, employee recruitment, and job  
45.19 matching. Trade associations must utilize the  
45.20 state's labor exchange system;

45.21 (2) diversity, inclusion, and retention training  
45.22 of their members to increase the business'  
45.23 understanding of welcoming and retaining a  
45.24 diverse workforce; and

45.25 (3) industry-specific training.

45.26 (g) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph  
45.27 (d), \$1,000,000 each year is to hire, train, and  
45.28 deploy business services representatives in  
45.29 local workforce development areas throughout  
45.30 the state. Business services representatives  
45.31 must work with an assigned local workforce  
45.32 development area to address the hiring needs  
45.33 of Minnesota's businesses by connecting job  
45.34 seekers and program participants in the  
45.35 CareerForce system. Business services

46.1 representatives serve in the classified service  
46.2 of the state and operate as part of the agency's  
46.3 Employment and Training Office. The  
46.4 commissioner shall develop and implement  
46.5 training materials and reporting and evaluation  
46.6 procedures for the activities of the business  
46.7 services representatives. The business services  
46.8 representatives must:

46.9 (1) serve as the primary contact for businesses  
46.10 in that area;

46.11 (2) actively engage employers by assisting  
46.12 with matching employers to job seekers by  
46.13 referring candidates, convening job fairs, and  
46.14 assisting with job announcements; and

46.15 (3) work with the local area board and its  
46.16 partners to identify candidates for openings in  
46.17 small and midsize companies in the local area.

46.18 (h) \$2,546,000 each year from the general fund  
46.19 and \$4,604,000 each year from the workforce  
46.20 development fund are for the pathways to  
46.21 prosperity competitive grant program. Of this  
46.22 amount, up to five percent is for administration  
46.23 and monitoring of the program.

46.24 (i) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce  
46.25 development fund for current Minnesota  
46.26 affiliates of OIC of America, Inc. This  
46.27 appropriation shall be divided equally among  
46.28 the eligible centers.

46.29 (j) \$1,000,000 each year is for competitive  
46.30 grants to organizations providing services to  
46.31 relieve economic disparities in the Southeast  
46.32 Asian community through workforce  
46.33 recruitment, development, job creation,  
46.34 assistance of smaller organizations to increase

47.1 capacity, and outreach. Of this amount, up to  
47.2 five percent is for administration and  
47.3 monitoring of the program.

47.4 (k) \$1,000,000 each year is for a competitive  
47.5 grant program to provide grants to  
47.6 organizations that provide support services for  
47.7 individuals, such as job training, employment  
47.8 preparation, internships, job assistance to  
47.9 parents, financial literacy, academic and  
47.10 behavioral interventions for low-performing  
47.11 students, and youth intervention. Grants made  
47.12 under this section must focus on low-income  
47.13 communities, young adults from families with  
47.14 a history of intergenerational poverty, and  
47.15 communities of color. Of this amount, up to  
47.16 five percent is for administration and  
47.17 monitoring of the program.

47.18 (l) \$750,000 each year from the general fund  
47.19 and \$6,698,000 each year from the workforce  
47.20 development fund are for the youth-at-work  
47.21 competitive grant program under Minnesota  
47.22 Statutes, section 116L.562. Of this amount,  
47.23 up to five percent is for administration and  
47.24 monitoring of the youth workforce  
47.25 development competitive grant program. All  
47.26 grant awards shall be for two consecutive  
47.27 years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.  
47.28 The base for this appropriation is \$750,000  
47.29 from the general fund and \$3,348,000 from  
47.30 the workforce development fund beginning in  
47.31 fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.

47.32 (m) \$1,093,000 each year is from the general  
47.33 fund and \$1,000,000 each year is from the  
47.34 workforce development fund for the  
47.35 youthbuild program under Minnesota Statutes,

48.1 sections 116L.361 to 116L.366. The base for  
48.2 this appropriation is \$1,000,000 from the  
48.3 workforce development fund in fiscal year  
48.4 2026 and each year thereafter.

48.5 (n) \$4,511,000 each year from the general fund  
48.6 and \$4,050,000 each year from the workforce  
48.7 development fund are for the Minnesota youth  
48.8 program under Minnesota Statutes, sections  
48.9 116L.56 and 116L.561. The base for this  
48.10 appropriation is \$0 from the general fund and  
48.11 \$4,050,000 from the workforce development  
48.12 fund in fiscal year 2026 and each year  
48.13 thereafter.

48.14 (o) \$750,000 each year is for the Office of  
48.15 New Americans under Minnesota Statutes,  
48.16 section 116J.4231.

48.17 (p) \$1,000,000 each year from the workforce  
48.18 development fund is for a grant to the  
48.19 Minnesota Technology Association to support  
48.20 the SciTech internship program, a program  
48.21 that supports science, technology, engineering,  
48.22 and math (STEM) internship opportunities for  
48.23 two- and four-year college students and  
48.24 graduate students in their fields of study. The  
48.25 internship opportunities must match students  
48.26 with paid internships within STEM disciplines  
48.27 at small, for-profit companies located in  
48.28 Minnesota having fewer than 250 employees  
48.29 worldwide. At least 325 students must be  
48.30 matched each year. No more than 15 percent  
48.31 of the hires may be graduate students. Selected  
48.32 hiring companies shall receive from the grant  
48.33 50 percent of the wages paid to the intern,  
48.34 capped at \$3,000 per intern. The program must  
48.35 work toward increasing the participation

49.1 among women or other underserved  
49.2 populations. This is a onetime appropriation.

49.3 (q) \$750,000 each year is for grants to the  
49.4 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Teen  
49.5 Teamworks youth employment and training  
49.6 programs. This is a onetime appropriation and  
49.7 available until June 30, 2027. Any  
49.8 unencumbered balance remaining at the end  
49.9 of the first year does not cancel but is available  
49.10 in the second year.

49.11 (r) \$900,000 each year is for a grant to Avivo  
49.12 to provide low-income individuals with career  
49.13 education and job skills training that is fully  
49.14 integrated with chemical and mental health  
49.15 services. Of this amount, up to \$250,000 each  
49.16 year is for a grant to Avivo to provide  
49.17 resources and support services to survivors of  
49.18 sex trafficking and domestic abuse in the  
49.19 greater St. Cloud area as they search for  
49.20 employment. Program resources include but  
49.21 are not limited to costs for day care,  
49.22 transportation, housing, legal advice, procuring  
49.23 documents required for employment, interview  
49.24 clothing, technology, and Internet access. The  
49.25 program shall also include public outreach and  
49.26 corporate training components to communicate  
49.27 to the public and potential employers about  
49.28 the specific struggles faced by survivors as  
49.29 they re-enter the workforce. This is a onetime  
49.30 appropriation.

49.31 (s) \$1,000,000 each year is for the getting to  
49.32 work grant program under Minnesota Statutes,  
49.33 section 116J.545. Of this amount, up to five  
49.34 percent is for administration and monitoring

50.1 of the program. This is a onetime  
50.2 appropriation.

50.3 (t) \$400,000 each year is for a grant to the  
50.4 nonprofit 30,000 Feet to fund youth  
50.5 apprenticeship jobs, wraparound services,  
50.6 after-school programming, and summer  
50.7 learning loss prevention efforts targeted at  
50.8 African American youth. This is a onetime  
50.9 appropriation.

50.10 (u) \$463,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
50.11 Boys and Girls Club of Central Minnesota.  
50.12 This is a onetime appropriation. Of this  
50.13 amount:

50.14 (1) \$313,000 is to fund one year of free  
50.15 full-service programming for a new program  
50.16 in Waite Park that will employ part-time youth  
50.17 development staff and provide community  
50.18 volunteer opportunities for people of all ages.  
50.19 Career exploration and life skills programming  
50.20 will be a significant dimension of  
50.21 programming at this new site; and

50.22 (2) \$150,000 is for planning and design for a  
50.23 new multiuse facility for the Boys and Girls  
50.24 Club of Waite Park and other community  
50.25 partners, including the Waite Park Police  
50.26 Department and the Whitney Senior Center.

50.27 (v) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to the  
50.28 Minnesota Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs  
50.29 to administer a statewide project of youth job  
50.30 skills and career development. This project,  
50.31 which may have career guidance components  
50.32 including health and life skills, must be  
50.33 designed to encourage, train, and assist youth  
50.34 in early access to education and job-seeking

51.1 skills, work-based learning experience,  
51.2 including career pathways in STEM learning,  
51.3 career exploration and matching, and first job  
51.4 placement through local community  
51.5 partnerships and on-site job opportunities. This  
51.6 grant requires a 25 percent match from  
51.7 nonstate resources. This is a onetime  
51.8 appropriation.

51.9 (w) \$1,000,000 the first year is for a grant to  
51.10 the Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce  
51.11 Foundation for the Learn and Earn Initiative  
51.12 to help the Owatonna and Steele County  
51.13 region grow and retain a talented workforce.  
51.14 This is a onetime appropriation and is  
51.15 available until June 30, 2025. Of this amount:

51.16 (1) \$900,000 is to develop an advanced  
51.17 manufacturing career pathway program for  
51.18 youth and adult learners with shared learning  
51.19 spaces, state-of-the-art equipment, and  
51.20 instructional support to grow and retain talent  
51.21 in Owatonna; and

51.22 (2) \$100,000 is to create the Owatonna  
51.23 Opportunity scholarship model for the Learn  
51.24 and Earn Initiative for students and employers.

51.25 (x) \$250,000 each year from the workforce  
51.26 development fund is for a grant to the White  
51.27 Bear Center for the Arts for establishing a paid  
51.28 internship program for high school students  
51.29 to learn professional development skills  
51.30 through an arts perspective. This is a onetime  
51.31 appropriation.

51.32 (y) \$250,000 each year is for the Minnesota  
51.33 Family Resiliency Partnership under  
51.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.96. The

52.1 commissioner, through the adult career  
52.2 pathways program, shall distribute the money  
52.3 to existing nonprofit and state displaced  
52.4 homemaker programs. This is a onetime  
52.5 appropriation.

52.6 (z) \$600,000 each year is for a grant to East  
52.7 Side Neighborhood Services. This is a onetime  
52.8 appropriation of which:

52.9 (1) \$300,000 each year is for the senior  
52.10 community service employment program,  
52.11 which provides work readiness training to  
52.12 low-income adults ages 55 and older to  
52.13 provide ongoing support and mentoring  
52.14 services to the program participants as well as  
52.15 the transition period from subsidized wages  
52.16 to unsubsidized wages; and

52.17 (2) \$300,000 each year is for the nursing  
52.18 assistant plus program to serve the increased  
52.19 need for growth of medical talent pipelines  
52.20 through expansion of the existing program and  
52.21 development of in-house training.

52.22 The amounts specified in clauses (1) and (2)  
52.23 may also be used to enhance employment  
52.24 programming for youth and young adults, ages  
52.25 14 to 24, to introduce them to work culture,  
52.26 develop essential work readiness skills, and  
52.27 make career plans through paid internship  
52.28 experiences and work readiness training.

52.29 (aa) \$1,500,000 each year from the workforce  
52.30 development fund is for a grant to Ujamaa  
52.31 Place to assist primarily African American  
52.32 men with job training, employment  
52.33 preparation, internships, education, vocational

53.1 housing, and organizational capacity building.

53.2 This is a onetime appropriation.

53.3 (bb) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to

53.4 Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la

53.5 Acción Latina (COPAL) for worker center

53.6 programming that supports primarily

53.7 low-income, migrant, and Latinx workers with

53.8 career planning, workforce training and

53.9 education, workers' rights advocacy, health

53.10 resources and navigation, and wealth creation

53.11 resources. This is a onetime appropriation.

53.12 (cc) \$2,000,000 each year is for a grant to

53.13 Propel Nonprofits to provide capacity-building

53.14 grants and related technical assistance to small,

53.15 culturally specific organizations that primarily

53.16 serve historically underserved cultural

53.17 communities. Propel Nonprofits may only

53.18 award grants to nonprofit organizations that

53.19 have an annual organizational budget of less

53.20 than \$1,000,000. These grants may be used

53.21 for:

53.22 (1) organizational infrastructure

53.23 improvements, including developing database

53.24 management systems and financial systems,

53.25 or other administrative needs that increase the

53.26 organization's ability to access new funding

53.27 sources;

53.28 (2) organizational workforce development,

53.29 including hiring culturally competent staff,

53.30 training and skills development, and other

53.31 methods of increasing staff capacity; or

53.32 (3) creating or expanding partnerships with

53.33 existing organizations that have specialized

53.34 expertise in order to increase capacity of the

54.1 grantee organization to improve services to  
54.2 the community.

54.3 Of this amount, up to five percent may be used  
54.4 by Propel Nonprofits for administrative costs.  
54.5 This is a onetime appropriation.

54.6 (dd) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to  
54.7 Goodwill Easter Seals Minnesota and its  
54.8 partners. The grant must be used to continue  
54.9 the FATHER Project in Rochester, St. Cloud,  
54.10 St. Paul, Minneapolis, and the surrounding  
54.11 areas to assist fathers in overcoming barriers  
54.12 that prevent fathers from supporting their  
54.13 children economically and emotionally,  
54.14 including with community re-entry following  
54.15 confinement. This is a onetime appropriation.

54.16 (ee) \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to  
54.17 the ProStart and Hospitality Tourism  
54.18 Management Program for a well-established,  
54.19 proven, and successful education program that  
54.20 helps young people advance careers in the  
54.21 hospitality industry and addresses critical  
54.22 long-term workforce shortages in that industry.

54.23 (ff) \$450,000 each year is for grants to  
54.24 Minnesota Diversified Industries to provide  
54.25 inclusive employment opportunities and  
54.26 services for people with disabilities. This is a  
54.27 onetime appropriation.

54.28 (gg) \$1,000,000 the first year is for a grant to  
54.29 Minnesota Diversified Industries to assist  
54.30 individuals with disabilities through the  
54.31 unified work model by offering virtual and  
54.32 in-person career skills classes augmented with  
54.33 virtual reality tools. Minnesota Diversified  
54.34 Industries shall submit a report on the number

55.1 and demographics of individuals served, hours  
55.2 of career skills programming delivered,  
55.3 outreach to employers, and recommendations  
55.4 for future career skills delivery methods to the  
55.5 chairs and ranking minority members of the  
55.6 legislative committees with jurisdiction over  
55.7 labor and workforce development policy and  
55.8 finance by January 15, 2026. This is a onetime  
55.9 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
55.10 2025.

55.11 (hh) \$1,264,000 each year is for a grant to  
55.12 Summit Academy OIC to expand employment  
55.13 placement, GED preparation and  
55.14 administration, and STEM programming in  
55.15 the Twin Cities, Saint Cloud, and Bemidji.  
55.16 This is a onetime appropriation.

55.17 (ii) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to  
55.18 Minnesota Independence College and  
55.19 Community to provide employment  
55.20 preparation, job placement, job retention, and  
55.21 service coordination services to adults with  
55.22 autism and learning differences. This is a  
55.23 onetime appropriation.

55.24 (jj) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000  
55.25 the second year are for a clean economy  
55.26 equitable workforce grant program. Money  
55.27 must be used for grants to support partnership  
55.28 development, planning, and implementation  
55.29 of workforce readiness programs aimed at  
55.30 workers who are Black, Indigenous, and  
55.31 People of Color. Programs must include  
55.32 workforce training, career development,  
55.33 workers' rights training, employment  
55.34 placement, and culturally appropriate job  
55.35 readiness and must prepare workers for careers

56.1 in the high-demand fields of construction,  
56.2 clean energy, and energy efficiency. Grants  
56.3 must be given to nonprofit organizations that  
56.4 serve historically disenfranchised  
56.5 communities, including new Americans, with  
56.6 preference for organizations that are new  
56.7 providers of workforce programming or which  
56.8 have partnership agreements with registered  
56.9 apprenticeship programs. This is a onetime  
56.10 appropriation.

56.11 (kk) \$350,000 the first year and \$25,000 the  
56.12 second year are for a grant to the University  
56.13 of Minnesota Tourism Center for the creation  
56.14 and operation of an online hospitality training  
56.15 program in partnership with Explore  
56.16 Minnesota Tourism. This training program  
56.17 must be made available at no cost to  
56.18 Minnesota residents in an effort to address  
56.19 critical workforce shortages in the hospitality  
56.20 and tourism industries and assist in career  
56.21 development. The base for this appropriation  
56.22 is \$25,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year  
56.23 thereafter for ongoing system maintenance,  
56.24 management, and content updates.

56.25 (ll) \$3,000,000 the first year is for competitive  
56.26 grants to support high school robotics teams  
56.27 and prepare youth for careers in STEM fields.  
56.28 Of this amount, \$2,000,000 is for creating  
56.29 internships for high school students to work  
56.30 at private companies in STEM fields,  
56.31 including the payment of student stipends.  
56.32 This is a onetime appropriation and is  
56.33 available until June 30, 2028.

56.34 (mm) \$750,000 each year is for grants to the  
56.35 nonprofit Sanneh Foundation to fund

57.1 out-of-school and summer programs focused  
57.2 on mentoring and behavioral, social, and  
57.3 emotional learning interventions and  
57.4 enrichment activities directed toward  
57.5 low-income students of color. This is a  
57.6 onetime appropriation and available until June  
57.7 30, 2027.

57.8 (nn) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to the  
57.9 Hmong American Partnership to expand job  
57.10 training and placement programs primarily  
57.11 serving the Southeast Asian community. This  
57.12 is a onetime appropriation.

57.13 (oo) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to  
57.14 Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio  
57.15 (CLUES) to address employment, economic,  
57.16 and technology access disparities for  
57.17 low-income unemployed or underemployed  
57.18 individuals. Grant money must support  
57.19 short-term certifications and transferable skills  
57.20 in high-demand fields, workforce readiness,  
57.21 customized financial capability, and  
57.22 employment supports. At least 50 percent of  
57.23 this amount must be used for programming  
57.24 targeted at greater Minnesota. This is a  
57.25 onetime appropriation.

57.26 (pp) \$300,000 each year is for a grant to All  
57.27 Square. The grant must be used to support the  
57.28 operations of All Square's Fellowship and  
57.29 Prison to Law Pipeline programs which  
57.30 operate in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and  
57.31 surrounding correctional facilities to assist  
57.32 incarcerated and formerly incarcerated  
57.33 Minnesotans in overcoming employment  
57.34 barriers that prevent economic and emotional  
57.35 freedom. This is a onetime appropriation.

58.1 (qq) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to the  
58.2 Redemption Project to provide employment  
58.3 services to adults leaving incarceration,  
58.4 including recruiting, educating, training, and  
58.5 retaining employment mentors and partners.

58.6 This is a onetime appropriation.

58.7 (rr) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to  
58.8 Greater Twin Cities United Way to make  
58.9 grants to partner organizations to provide  
58.10 workforce training using the career pathways  
58.11 model that helps students gain work  
58.12 experience, earn experience in high-demand  
58.13 fields, and transition into family-sustaining  
58.14 careers. This is a onetime appropriation.

58.15 (ss) \$3,000,000 each year is for a grant to  
58.16 Community Action Partnership of Hennepin  
58.17 County. This is a onetime appropriation. Of  
58.18 this amount:

58.19 (1) \$1,500,000 each year is for grants to 21  
58.20 Days of Peace for social equity building and  
58.21 community engagement activities; and

58.22 (2) \$1,500,000 each year is for grants to A  
58.23 Mother's Love for community outreach,  
58.24 empowerment training, and employment and  
58.25 career exploration services.

58.26 (tt) \$750,000 each year is for a grant to Mind  
58.27 the G.A.P.P. (Gaining Assistance to Prosperity  
58.28 Program) to improve the quality of life of  
58.29 unemployed and underemployed individuals  
58.30 by improving their employment outcomes and  
58.31 developing individual earnings potential. This  
58.32 is a onetime appropriation. Any unencumbered  
58.33 balance remaining at the end of the first year

59.1 does not cancel but is available in the second  
59.2 year.

59.3 (uu) \$550,000 each year is for a grant to the  
59.4 International Institute of Minnesota. Grant  
59.5 money must be used for workforce training  
59.6 for new Americans in industries in need of a  
59.7 trained workforce. This is a onetime  
59.8 appropriation.

59.9 (vv) \$400,000 each year from the workforce  
59.10 development fund is for a grant to Hired to  
59.11 expand their career pathway job training and  
59.12 placement program that connects lower-skilled  
59.13 job seekers to entry-level and gateway jobs in  
59.14 high-growth sectors. This is a onetime  
59.15 appropriation.

59.16 (ww) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to the  
59.17 American Indian Opportunities and  
59.18 Industrialization Center for workforce  
59.19 development programming, including reducing  
59.20 academic disparities for American Indian  
59.21 students and adults. This is a onetime  
59.22 appropriation.

59.23 (xx) \$500,000 each year from the workforce  
59.24 development fund is for a grant to the Hmong  
59.25 Chamber of Commerce to train ethnically  
59.26 Southeast Asian business owners and  
59.27 operators in better business practices. Of this  
59.28 amount, up to \$5,000 may be used for  
59.29 administrative costs. This is a onetime  
59.30 appropriation.

59.31 (yy) \$275,000 each year is for a grant to  
59.32 Southeast Minnesota Workforce Development  
59.33 Area 8 and Workforce Development, Inc., to  
59.34 provide career planning, career pathway

60.1 training and education, wraparound support  
60.2 services, and job skills advancement in  
60.3 high-demand careers to individuals with  
60.4 barriers to employment in Steele County, and  
60.5 to help families build secure pathways out of  
60.6 poverty and address worker shortages in the  
60.7 Owatonna and Steele County area, as well as  
60.8 supporting Employer Outreach Services that  
60.9 provide solutions to workforce challenges and  
60.10 direct connections to workforce programming.  
60.11 Money may be used for program expenses,  
60.12 including but not limited to hiring instructors  
60.13 and navigators; space rental; and supportive  
60.14 services to help participants attend classes,  
60.15 including assistance with course fees, child  
60.16 care, transportation, and safe and stable  
60.17 housing. Up to five percent of grant money  
60.18 may be used for Workforce Development,  
60.19 Inc.'s administrative costs. This is a onetime  
60.20 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
60.21 2027.

60.22 (zz) \$589,000 the first year and \$588,000 the  
60.23 second year are for grants to the Black  
60.24 Women's Wealth Alliance to provide  
60.25 low-income individuals with job skills  
60.26 training, career counseling, and job placement  
60.27 assistance. This is a onetime appropriation.

60.28 (aaa) \$250,000 each year is for a grant to  
60.29 Abijahs on the Backside to provide equine  
60.30 experiential mental health therapy to first  
60.31 responders suffering from job-related trauma  
60.32 and post-traumatic stress disorder. For  
60.33 purposes of this paragraph, a "first responder"  
60.34 is a peace officer as defined in Minnesota  
60.35 Statutes, section 626.84, subdivision 1,

61.1 paragraph (c); a full-time firefighter as defined  
61.2 in Minnesota Statutes, section 299N.03,  
61.3 subdivision 5; or a volunteer firefighter as  
61.4 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section  
61.5 299N.03, subdivision 7.

61.6 Abijahs on the Backside must report to the  
61.7 commissioner of employment and economic  
61.8 development and the chairs and ranking  
61.9 minority members of the legislative  
61.10 committees with jurisdiction over employment  
61.11 and economic development policy and finance  
61.12 on the equine experiential mental health  
61.13 therapy provided to first responders under this  
61.14 paragraph. The report must include an  
61.15 overview of the program's budget, a detailed  
61.16 explanation of program expenditures, the  
61.17 number of first responders served by the  
61.18 program, and a list and explanation of the  
61.19 services provided to and benefits received by  
61.20 program participants. An initial report is due  
61.21 by January 15, 2024, and a final report is due  
61.22 by January 15, 2026. This is a onetime  
61.23 appropriation.

61.24 (bbb) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to  
61.25 Ramsey County to provide job training and  
61.26 workforce development for underserved  
61.27 communities. Grant money may be subgranted  
61.28 to Milestone Community Development for the  
61.29 Milestone Tech program. This is a onetime  
61.30 appropriation.

61.31 (ccc) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to  
61.32 Ramsey County for a technology training  
61.33 pathway program focused on intergenerational  
61.34 community tech work for residents who are  
61.35 at least 18 years old and no more than 24 years

62.1 old and whose household income is at or  
62.2 below 200 percent of the federal poverty level.  
62.3 Grant money may be used for program  
62.4 administration, training, training stipends,  
62.5 wages, and support services. This is a onetime  
62.6 appropriation and is available until December  
62.7 31, 2027.

62.8 (ddd) \$200,000 each year is for a grant to  
62.9 Project Restore Minnesota for the Social  
62.10 Kitchen project, a pathway program for careers  
62.11 in the culinary arts. This is a onetime  
62.12 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
62.13 2027.

62.14 (eee) \$100,000 each year is for grants to the  
62.15 Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation  
62.16 for Carts to Careers, a statewide initiative to  
62.17 promote careers, conduct outreach, provide  
62.18 job skills training, and award scholarships for  
62.19 students pursuing careers in the food industry.  
62.20 This is a onetime appropriation.

62.21 (fff) \$1,200,000 each year is for a grant to  
62.22 Twin Cities R!SE. Of this amount, \$700,000  
62.23 each year is for performance grants under  
62.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8747, to  
62.25 Twin Cities R!SE to provide training to  
62.26 individuals facing barriers to employment;  
62.27 and \$500,000 each year is to increase the  
62.28 capacity of the Empowerment Institute through  
62.29 employer partnerships across Minnesota and  
62.30 expansion of the youth personal empowerment  
62.31 curriculum. This is a onetime appropriation  
62.32 and available until June 30, 2026.

62.33 (ggg) \$750,000 each year is for a grant to  
62.34 Bridges to Healthcare to provide career  
62.35 education, wraparound support services, and

63.1 job skills training in high-demand health care  
63.2 fields to low-income parents, nonnative  
63.3 speakers of English, and other hard-to-train  
63.4 individuals, helping families build secure  
63.5 pathways out of poverty while also addressing  
63.6 worker shortages in one of Minnesota's most  
63.7 innovative industries. Grants may be used for  
63.8 program expenses, including but not limited  
63.9 to hiring instructors and navigators; space  
63.10 rental; and supportive services to help  
63.11 participants attend classes, including assistance  
63.12 with course fees, child care, transportation,  
63.13 and safe and stable housing. In addition, up to  
63.14 five percent of grant money may be used for  
63.15 Bridges to Healthcare's administrative costs.  
63.16 This is a onetime appropriation.

63.17 (hhh) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to Big  
63.18 Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities  
63.19 to provide disadvantaged youth ages 12 to 21  
63.20 with job-seeking skills, connections to job  
63.21 training and education opportunities, and  
63.22 mentorship while exploring careers. The grant  
63.23 shall serve youth in the Big Brothers Big  
63.24 Sisters chapters in the Twin Cities, central  
63.25 Minnesota, and southern Minnesota. This is a  
63.26 onetime appropriation.

63.27 (iii) \$3,000,000 each year is for a grant to  
63.28 Youthprise to provide economic development  
63.29 services designed to enhance long-term  
63.30 economic self-sufficiency in communities with  
63.31 concentrated African populations statewide.  
63.32 ~~Of these amounts, 50 percent is for subgrants~~  
63.33 ~~to Ka Joog and 50 percent is for competitive~~  
63.34 ~~subgrants to community organizations by~~  
63.35 offering subgrants to community

64.1 organizations. This is a onetime appropriation  
64.2 and money is available until June 30, 2026.

64.3 (jjj) \$350,000 each year is for a grant to the  
64.4 YWCA Minneapolis to provide training to  
64.5 eligible individuals, including job skills  
64.6 training, career counseling, and job placement  
64.7 assistance necessary to secure a child  
64.8 development associate credential and to have  
64.9 a career path in early education. This is a  
64.10 onetime appropriation.

64.11 (kkk) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to  
64.12 Emerge Community Development to support  
64.13 and reinforce critical workforce training at the  
64.14 Emerge Career and Technical Center, Cedar  
64.15 Riverside Opportunity Center, and Emerge  
64.16 Second Chance programs in the city of  
64.17 Minneapolis. This is a onetime appropriation.

64.18 (lll) \$425,000 each year is for a grant to Better  
64.19 Futures Minnesota to provide job skills  
64.20 training to individuals who have been released  
64.21 from incarceration for a felony-level offense  
64.22 and are no more than 12 months from the date  
64.23 of release. This is a onetime appropriation.

64.24 Better Futures Minnesota shall annually report  
64.25 to the commissioner on how the money was  
64.26 spent and what results were achieved. The  
64.27 report must include, at a minimum,  
64.28 information and data about the number of  
64.29 participants; participant homelessness,  
64.30 employment, recidivism, and child support  
64.31 compliance; and job skills training provided  
64.32 to program participants.

64.33 (mmm) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to  
64.34 Pillsbury United Communities to provide job

65.1 training and workforce development services  
65.2 for underserved communities. This is a  
65.3 onetime appropriation.

65.4 (nnn) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to  
65.5 Project for Pride in Living for job training and  
65.6 workforce development services for  
65.7 underserved communities. This is a onetime  
65.8 appropriation.

65.9 (ooo) \$300,000 each year is for a grant to  
65.10 YMCA of the North to provide career  
65.11 exploration, job training, and workforce  
65.12 development services for underserved youth  
65.13 and young adults. This is a onetime  
65.14 appropriation.

65.15 (ppp) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to Al  
65.16 Maa'uun, formerly the North at Work program,  
65.17 for a strategic intervention program designed  
65.18 to target and connect program participants to  
65.19 meaningful, sustainable living wage  
65.20 employment. This is a onetime appropriation.

65.21 (qqq) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to  
65.22 CAIRO to provide workforce development  
65.23 services in health care, technology, and  
65.24 transportation (CDL) industries. This is a  
65.25 onetime appropriation.

65.26 (rrr) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to the  
65.27 Central Minnesota Community Empowerment  
65.28 Organization for providing services to relieve  
65.29 economic disparities in the African immigrant  
65.30 community through workforce recruitment,  
65.31 development, job creation, assistance of  
65.32 smaller organizations to increase capacity, and  
65.33 outreach. Of this amount, up to five percent

66.1 is for administration and monitoring of the  
66.2 program. This is a onetime appropriation.

66.3 (sss) \$270,000 each year is for a grant to the  
66.4 Stairstep Foundation for community-based  
66.5 workforce development efforts. This is a  
66.6 onetime appropriation.

66.7 (ttt) \$400,000 each year is for a grant to  
66.8 Building Strong Communities, Inc, for a  
66.9 statewide apprenticeship readiness program  
66.10 to prepare women, BIPOC community  
66.11 members, and veterans to enter the building  
66.12 and construction trades. This is a onetime  
66.13 appropriation.

66.14 (uuu) \$150,000 each year is for prevailing  
66.15 wage staff under Minnesota Statutes, section  
66.16 116J.871, subdivision 2.

66.17 (vvv) \$250,000 each year is for the purpose  
66.18 of awarding a grant to Minnesota Community  
66.19 of African People with Disabilities  
66.20 (MNCAPD), Roots Connect, and Fortune  
66.21 Relief and Youth Empowerment Organization  
66.22 (FRAYEO). This is a onetime appropriation.  
66.23 MNCAPD, Roots Connect, and FRAYEO  
66.24 must use grant proceeds to provide funding  
66.25 for workforce development activities for  
66.26 at-risk youth from low-income families and  
66.27 unengaged young adults experiencing  
66.28 disabilities, including:

66.29 (1) job readiness training for at-risk youth,  
66.30 including resume building, interview skills,  
66.31 and job search strategies;

66.32 (2) on-the-job training opportunities with local  
66.33 businesses;

67.1 (3) support services such as transportation  
67.2 assistance and child care to help youth attend  
67.3 job training programs; and

67.4 (4) mentorship and networking opportunities  
67.5 to connect youth with professionals in the  
67.6 youth's desired fields.

67.7 (www)(1) \$250,000 each year is for a grant  
67.8 to Greater Rochester Advocates for  
67.9 Universities and Colleges (GRAUC), a  
67.10 collaborative organization representing health  
67.11 care, business, workforce development, and  
67.12 higher education institutions, for expenses  
67.13 relating to starting up a state-of-the-art  
67.14 simulation center for training health care  
67.15 workers in southeast Minnesota. Once  
67.16 established, this center must be self-sustaining  
67.17 through user fees. Eligible expenses include  
67.18 leasing costs, developing and providing  
67.19 training, and operational costs. This is a  
67.20 onetime appropriation.

67.21 (2) By January 15, 2025, GRAUC must submit  
67.22 a report, including an independent financial  
67.23 audit of the use of grant money, to the chairs  
67.24 and ranking minority members of the  
67.25 legislative committees having jurisdiction over  
67.26 higher education and economic development.  
67.27 This report must include details on the training  
67.28 provided at the simulation center, including  
67.29 the names of all organizations that use the  
67.30 center for training, the number of individuals  
67.31 each organization trained, and the type of  
67.32 training provided.

67.33 (xxx)(1) \$350,000 each year is for a grant to  
67.34 the Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers  
67.35 for a pilot program supporting black

68.1 undergraduate students pursuing admission to  
68.2 law school. This is a onetime appropriation.

68.3 (2) The program must:

68.4 (i) enroll an initial cohort of ten to 20 black  
68.5 Minnesota resident students attending a  
68.6 baccalaureate degree-granting postsecondary  
68.7 institution in Minnesota full time;

68.8 (ii) support each of the program's students with  
68.9 an academic scholarship in the amount of  
68.10 \$4,000 per academic year;

68.11 (iii) organize events and programming,  
68.12 including but not limited to one-on-one  
68.13 mentoring, to familiarize enrolled students  
68.14 with law school and legal careers; and

68.15 (iv) provide the program's students free test  
68.16 preparation materials, academic support, and  
68.17 registration for the Law School Admission  
68.18 Test (LSAT) examination.

68.19 (3) The Minnesota Association of Black  
68.20 Lawyers may use grant funds under clause (1)  
68.21 for costs related to:

68.22 (i) student scholarships;

68.23 (ii) academic events and programming,  
68.24 including food and transportation costs for  
68.25 students;

68.26 (iii) LSAT preparation materials, courses, and  
68.27 registrations; and

68.28 (iv) hiring staff for the program.

68.29 (4) By January 30, 2024, and again by January  
68.30 30, 2025, the Minnesota Association of Black  
68.31 Lawyers must submit a report to the  
68.32 commissioner and to the chairs and ranking

69.1 minority members of legislative committees  
69.2 with jurisdiction over workforce development  
69.3 finance and policy and higher education  
69.4 finance and policy. The report must include  
69.5 an accurate and detailed account of the pilot  
69.6 program, its outcomes, and its revenues and  
69.7 expenses, including the use of all state funds  
69.8 appropriated in clause (1).

69.9 (yyy) \$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant  
69.10 to the Power of People Leadership Institute  
69.11 (POPLI) to expand pre- and post-release  
69.12 personal development and leadership training  
69.13 and community reintegration services, to  
69.14 reduce recidivism, and increase access to  
69.15 employment. This is a onetime appropriation  
69.16 and is available until June 30, 2025.

69.17 (zzz) \$500,000 the first year is to the  
69.18 Legislative Coordinating Commission for the  
69.19 Working Group on Youth Interventions. This  
69.20 is a onetime appropriation.

69.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

69.22 Sec. 3. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 21, section 7, as amended by Laws 2024, chapter  
69.23 120, article 1, section 12; and Laws 2024, chapter 125, article 8, section 9, is amended to  
69.24 read:

69.25 Sec. 7. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

69.26 (a) \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the Minnesota forward fund  
69.27 account to the commissioner of employment and economic development ~~for providing~~  
69.28 ~~businesses with matching funds required by federal programs.~~ Money awarded under this  
69.29 program is made retroactive to February 1, 2023, for applications and projects. The  
69.30 commissioner may use up to two percent of this appropriation for administration. This is a  
69.31 onetime appropriation and is available until ~~June 30, 2027~~ spent. ~~Any funds that remain~~  
69.32 ~~unspent are canceled to the general fund.~~

(b) \$100,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the Minnesota forward fund account to the commissioner of employment and economic development to match existing federal funds made available in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, Public Law 117-328. This appropriation must be used to (1) construct and operate a bioindustrial manufacturing pilot innovation facility, biorefinery, or commercial campus utilizing agricultural feedstocks or (2) for a Minnesota aerospace center for research, development, and testing, or both (1) and (2). This appropriation is not subject to the grant limit requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8752, subdivisions 4, paragraph (b), and 5. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8752, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), this appropriation may include land acquisition as an eligible use to construct a bioindustrial manufacturing pilot innovation facility, a biorefinery, and an aerospace center for research, development, and testing. The commissioner may use up to two percent of this appropriation for administration. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027 spent. ~~Any funds that remain unspent are canceled to the general fund.~~

(c) \$240,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the Minnesota forward fund account to the commissioner of employment and economic development to match federal funds made available in the Chips and Science Act, Public Law 117-167. Money awarded under this program is made retroactive to February 1, 2023, for applications and projects. This appropriation is not subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8752, subdivision 5. The commissioner may use up two percent for administration. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027 spent. ~~Any funds that remain unspent are canceled to the general fund.~~

(d) The commissioner may use the appropriation under paragraph (c) to allocate up to 15 percent of the total project cost with a maximum of \$75,000,000 per project for the purpose of constructing, modernizing, or expanding commercial facilities on the front- and back-end fabrication of leading-edge, current-generation, and mature-node semiconductors; funding semiconductor materials and manufacturing equipment facilities; and for research and development facilities.

(e) The commissioner may use the appropriation under paragraph (c) to award:

(1) grants to institutions of higher education for developing and deploying training programs and to build pipelines to serve the needs of industry; and

(2) grants to increase the capacity of institutions of higher education to serve industrial requirements for research and development that coincide with current and future requirements of projects eligible under this section. Grant money may be used to construct and equip

71.1 facilities that serve the purpose of the industry. The maximum grant award per institution  
 71.2 of higher education under this section is \$5,000,000 and may not represent more than 50  
 71.3 percent of the total project funding from other sources. Use of this funding must be supported  
 71.4 by businesses receiving funds under clause (1).

71.5 (f) Money appropriated in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) may be transferred between  
 71.6 appropriations within the Minnesota forward fund account by the commissioner of  
 71.7 employment and economic development with approval of the commissioner of management  
 71.8 and budget. The commissioner must notify the Legislative Advisory Commission at least  
 71.9 15 days prior to changing appropriations under this paragraph.

71.10 Sec. 4. Laws 2023, chapter 64, article 15, section 30, is amended to read:

71.11 Sec. 30. **APPROPRIATION; CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS; GRANT.**

71.12 (a) \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
 71.13 commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to the city of  
 71.14 Minneapolis. This is a onetime appropriation. ~~The grant must be paid by July 15, 2023.~~ The  
 71.15 city of Minneapolis may use up to one percent of the grant for administrative costs. This  
 71.16 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

71.17 (b) Of the amount granted to the city of Minneapolis under paragraph (a), \$8,000,000  
 71.18 must be used for a grant to a foundation that provides business advising, branding and  
 71.19 marketing support, and real estate consulting to businesses located on Lake Street in  
 71.20 Minneapolis, between 30th Avenue South and Nicollet Avenue. The organization must use  
 71.21 the funds for direct business support or direct corridor support, including assistance with  
 71.22 marketing, placemaking, and public relations services.

71.23 (c) Of the amount granted to the city of Minneapolis under paragraph (a), \$2,000,000  
 71.24 must be used for property acquisition in the city of Minneapolis at 1860 28th Street East  
 71.25 and 2717 Longfellow Avenue.

71.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

71.27 Sec. 5. Laws 2024, chapter 120, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

71.28 Subd. 3. **Employment and Training Programs**      \$                      -0- \$                      12,207,000

71.29                      Appropriations by Fund

71.30                                      2024                      2025

|      |             |     |            |
|------|-------------|-----|------------|
| 72.1 | General     | -0- | 50,000     |
| 72.2 | Workforce   |     |            |
| 72.3 | Development | -0- | 12,157,000 |

72.4 (a) \$400,000 the second year is from the  
72.5 workforce development fund for a grant to  
72.6 Sabathani Community Center for specialized  
72.7 community outreach and engagement, a  
72.8 marketing and communication plan, program  
72.9 evaluation, personal empowerment training  
72.10 for men, empowerment and truancy  
72.11 curriculum for youth, wellness training for  
72.12 seniors, a workforce strategies mentorship and  
72.13 jobs training program, a 15-passenger van,  
72.14 and service kiosks for the Sabathani  
72.15 Community Center, including a onetime paid  
72.16 internship to support these programs. This is  
72.17 a onetime appropriation.

72.18 (b) \$700,000 the second year is from the  
72.19 workforce development fund for a grant to the  
72.20 Shakopee Chamber Foundation for the  
72.21 Shakopee area workforce development  
72.22 scholarship pilot program. This is a onetime  
72.23 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
72.24 2027. The commissioner of employment and  
72.25 economic development may enter into an  
72.26 interagency agreement with the Office of  
72.27 Higher Education, including agreements to  
72.28 transfer funds and to administer the program.

72.29 (c) \$100,000 the second year is from the  
72.30 workforce development fund for a grant to  
72.31 Inspire Change Clinic for their health care  
72.32 fellowship program designed to create  
72.33 pathways to medicine for high school and  
72.34 college students interested in pursuing a career  
72.35 in the health care workforce. The health care

73.1 fellowship program is intended to remove  
73.2 barriers for minority students, foster  
73.3 inclusivity and diversity in the health care  
73.4 sector, and provide valuable opportunities for  
73.5 students, including mentorship programs,  
73.6 access to renowned health institutions in the  
73.7 state of Minnesota, and hands-on work  
73.8 experience. In addition to the reporting  
73.9 requirements in section 14, the commissioner  
73.10 must include the number of participants served  
73.11 by the grant and provide information about  
73.12 program outcomes. This is a onetime  
73.13 appropriation.

73.14 (d) \$250,000 the second year is from the  
73.15 workforce development fund for a grant to  
73.16 Bolder Options Youth Mentoring Program to  
73.17 provide disadvantaged youth ages 12 to 22  
73.18 with intensive one-to-one wellness,  
73.19 goal-setting, and academic-focused  
73.20 mentorship; programming that teaches life and  
73.21 job-seeking skills; career and college  
73.22 achievement coaches; and connections to  
73.23 employment, job training, and education  
73.24 opportunities. The grant must serve youth in  
73.25 the Bolder Options program in the Twin Cities  
73.26 and the city of Rochester. In addition to the  
73.27 reporting requirements in section 14, the  
73.28 commissioner must include the number of  
73.29 participants served by the grant. This is a  
73.30 onetime appropriation.

73.31 (e) \$1,000,000 the second year is from the  
73.32 workforce development fund for a grant to  
73.33 Change Starts With Community for a violence  
73.34 prevention program. Grant money must be  
73.35 used to establish a comprehensive workforce

74.1 development initiative, specifically tailored  
74.2 for at-risk youth and adults, located on site at  
74.3 Shiloh Cares Food Shelf in the city of  
74.4 Minneapolis. This is a onetime appropriation.

74.5 (f) \$100,000 the second year is from the  
74.6 workforce development fund for a grant to  
74.7 InspireMSP to develop programming to assist  
74.8 middle school-aged children in Minneapolis  
74.9 and St. Paul to develop an interest in and  
74.10 connect with the creative industry in  
74.11 Minnesota. Money must be used for program  
74.12 development and career exploration in the  
74.13 creative industry for historically excluded  
74.14 youth by providing access to essential  
74.15 resources, networks, and hands-on experience.  
74.16 This is a onetime appropriation.

74.17 (g) \$100,000 the second year is from the  
74.18 workforce development fund for a grant to  
74.19 Lake County Ambulance Service to establish  
74.20 a training program for Cook County and Lake  
74.21 County high school students interested in  
74.22 pursuing careers as emergency medical  
74.23 technicians. This is a onetime appropriation.

74.24 (h) \$350,000 the second year is from the  
74.25 workforce development fund for a grant to the  
74.26 city of Austin to develop and implement  
74.27 training programs for water operators and  
74.28 wastewater operators. Riverland Community  
74.29 College must offer the training programs. This  
74.30 is a onetime appropriation and is available  
74.31 until June 30, 2027. Of this amount, the city  
74.32 of Austin may use up to five percent for  
74.33 administration of the program. The  
74.34 commissioner must provide an annual report  
74.35 by January 5 of each year until January 5,

75.1 2028, regarding the use of grant funds under  
75.2 this paragraph to the chairs and ranking  
75.3 minority members of the legislative  
75.4 committees with jurisdiction over economic  
75.5 development and higher education. The report  
75.6 must include the number of students enrolled  
75.7 and number of students who have completed  
75.8 courses funded by this appropriation.

75.9 (i) \$250,000 the second year is from the  
75.10 workforce development fund for a grant to the  
75.11 Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches for  
75.12 a STEM training and career preparation  
75.13 program targeted at the needs of BIPOC youth.  
75.14 The program shall serve youth who are at least  
75.15 11 years of age and less than 24 years of age  
75.16 and shall provide career training, job skills  
75.17 development, mentorship, and employment  
75.18 opportunities. This is a onetime appropriation  
75.19 and is available until June 30, 2027.

75.20 (j) \$200,000 the second year is from the  
75.21 workforce development fund and is for a grant  
75.22 to the Jobs Foundation for direct training,  
75.23 support services, safety enhancements, and  
75.24 economic support for formerly incarcerated  
75.25 individuals participating in the Repowered  
75.26 work readiness program. This is a onetime  
75.27 appropriation.

75.28 (k) \$100,000 the second year is from the  
75.29 workforce development fund for a grant to the  
75.30 North Minneapolis Pet Resource Center, also  
75.31 known as Mypitbullisfamilycom.Inc,  
75.32 Community Animal Medicine Professionals  
75.33 (CAMP) program to provide training,  
75.34 professional development workshops,  
75.35 mentorship and leadership programs, and

76.1 develop recruitment and retention strategies.

76.2 This is a onetime appropriation.

76.3 (l) \$1,000,000 the second year is from the

76.4 workforce development fund and is for a grant

76.5 to African Immigrants Community Services

76.6 for workforce development for new

76.7 Americans. This is a onetime appropriation.

76.8 (m) \$1,000,000 the second year is from the

76.9 workforce development fund and is for a grant

76.10 to WomenVenture for supporting child care

76.11 providers by providing business training,

76.12 mentorship, services, and educational

76.13 materials, by facilitating shared administrative

76.14 staff and pooled management of services such

76.15 as banking and payroll, by providing child

76.16 care management software and software

76.17 training, and by distributing subgrants and

76.18 loans, which may be forgivable at

76.19 WomenVenture's discretion. This is a onetime

76.20 appropriation and is available until June 30,

76.21 2027.

76.22 (n) \$1,000,000 the second year is from the

76.23 workforce development fund and is for a grant

76.24 to the Black Chamber of Commerce for

76.25 technical support to Black-owned small

76.26 businesses, for implementing initiatives to

76.27 address barriers facing the Black business

76.28 community, and for networking, mentorship,

76.29 and training programs. This is a onetime

76.30 appropriation and is available until June 30,

76.31 2027.

76.32 (o) \$250,000 the second year is from the

76.33 workforce development fund and is for a grant

76.34 to the Karen Organization of Minnesota for

76.35 job training and financial support and

77.1 incentives for job training participants. This  
77.2 is a onetime appropriation.

77.3 (p) \$100,000 the second year is from the  
77.4 workforce development fund and is for a grant  
77.5 to Indigenous Roots for soft skills training and  
77.6 career readiness training for youth. This is a  
77.7 onetime appropriation.

77.8 (q) \$100,000 the second year is from the  
77.9 workforce development fund and is for a grant  
77.10 to Ramsey County for a subgrant with People  
77.11 in Action to provide workforce development  
77.12 programming. This amount is available until  
77.13 June 30, 2026, and 40 percent of the amount  
77.14 must be expended within the city of St. Paul.  
77.15 Grants provided by People in Action must be  
77.16 awarded through at least two requests for  
77.17 proposals. This is a onetime appropriation.

77.18 (r) \$500,000 the second year is from the  
77.19 workforce development fund and is for a grant  
77.20 to the Metro Youth Diversion Center to  
77.21 support its Youth-Care Assessment and  
77.22 Readiness Education program to enhance  
77.23 workforce development opportunities for  
77.24 youth with a focus on underrepresented East  
77.25 African students. This is a onetime  
77.26 appropriation.

77.27 (s) \$174,000 the second year is from the  
77.28 workforce development fund and is for a grant  
77.29 to Independent School District No. 709,  
77.30 Duluth, for a software subscription to facilitate  
77.31 the career planning of students. This is a  
77.32 onetime appropriation.

77.33 (t) \$171,000 the second year is from the  
77.34 workforce development fund and is for a grant

78.1 to Independent School District No. 704,  
78.2 Proctor, to develop a regional career and  
78.3 technical education program to serve  
78.4 Independent School District No. 704, Proctor,  
78.5 Independent School District No. 700,  
78.6 Hermantown, and Independent School District  
78.7 No. 99, Esko. This is a onetime appropriation.

78.8 (u) \$1,000,000 the second year is from the  
78.9 workforce development fund and is for a grant  
78.10 to the city of Brooklyn Park for the Brooklyn  
78.11 Park Small Business Center and for the city  
78.12 to expand the workforce development  
78.13 programming of Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn  
78.14 Center through workforce development  
78.15 programs serving primarily underrepresented  
78.16 populations, including such programs as  
78.17 Brooklynk, Career Pathways, Youth  
78.18 Entrepreneurship, and Community Partnership.  
78.19 This is a onetime appropriation and is  
78.20 available until June 30, 2027.

78.21 (v) \$500,000 the second year is from the  
78.22 workforce development fund and is for a grant  
78.23 to Riverside Plaza Tenant Association to  
78.24 address employment, economic, and  
78.25 technology access disparities for low-income  
78.26 unemployed or underemployed individuals  
78.27 through training in health care, technology,  
78.28 and construction or skilled trades industries.  
78.29 This is a onetime appropriation.

78.30 (w) \$300,000 the second year is from the  
78.31 workforce development fund and is for a grant  
78.32 to African Career, Education, and Resources,  
78.33 Inc., to develop a program for health care  
78.34 skills training and computer skills training in  
78.35 collaboration with the Organization of

79.1 Liberians in Minnesota. This is a onetime  
79.2 appropriation.

79.3 (x) \$75,000 the second year is from the  
79.4 workforce development fund and is for a grant  
79.5 to Equitable Development Action for it to fund  
79.6 programs and provide technical assistance to  
79.7 underserved businesses. This is a onetime  
79.8 appropriation.

79.9 (y) \$50,000 the second year is from the  
79.10 workforce development fund and is for a grant  
79.11 to HIRPHA International for use on youth  
79.12 apprenticeships, entrepreneurship training,  
79.13 computer skills, and work readiness training.  
79.14 This is a onetime appropriation.

79.15 (z) \$200,000 the second year is from the  
79.16 workforce development fund and is for a grant  
79.17 to YWCA St. Paul for a strategic intervention  
79.18 program designed to target and connect  
79.19 program participants to meaningful,  
79.20 sustainable living wage employment. This is  
79.21 a onetime appropriation.

79.22 (aa) \$50,000 the second year is from the  
79.23 workforce development fund and is for a grant  
79.24 to United Senior Lao American Association  
79.25 to provide job and skills training for an  
79.26 underserved population. This is a onetime  
79.27 appropriation.

79.28 (bb) \$100,000 the second year is from the  
79.29 workforce development fund and is for a grant  
79.30 to Hmong American Farmers Association for  
79.31 workforce readiness, employment exploration,  
79.32 and skills development. This is a onetime  
79.33 appropriation.

80.1 (cc) \$240,000 the second year is from the  
80.2 workforce development fund and is for a grant  
80.3 to MN Zej Zog for workforce readiness,  
80.4 employment exploration, and skills  
80.5 development. This is a onetime appropriation.

80.6 (dd) \$100,000 the second year is from the  
80.7 workforce development fund and is for a grant  
80.8 to Ramsey County for a Justice Impact  
80.9 Navigator to support Ramsey County residents  
80.10 who have a justice impact or who are  
80.11 reentering the community after incarceration  
80.12 to connect to resources with a focus on  
80.13 employment and training supports. Funds must  
80.14 be used for a navigator pilot and other  
80.15 administrative expenses such as outreach,  
80.16 marketing, and resources for residents. This  
80.17 is a onetime appropriation.

80.18 (ee) \$100,000 the second year is from the  
80.19 workforce development fund and is for a grant  
80.20 to Ramsey County for a Digital Equity  
80.21 Specialist to support Ramsey County residents  
80.22 with digital literacy resources and skills to  
80.23 connect to employment and training supports.  
80.24 Funds must be used for a digital navigator  
80.25 pilot serving in Ramsey County Career Labs  
80.26 and community-based locations and other  
80.27 administrative expenses, such as outreach,  
80.28 marketing, and resources for residents. This  
80.29 is a onetime appropriation.

80.30 (ff) \$100,000 the second year is from the  
80.31 workforce development fund for a grant to  
80.32 Film North to attract a film festival. This is a  
80.33 onetime appropriation. The commissioner of  
80.34 employment and economic development may  
80.35 enter into an interagency agreement with

81.1 Explore Minnesota, including agreements to  
81.2 transfer funds and administer the grant.

81.3 (gg) \$400,000 the second year is from the  
81.4 workforce development fund for a grant to the  
81.5 Twin Cities Urban League for support,  
81.6 capacity building, and expansion of the Work  
81.7 Readiness Program. This is a onetime  
81.8 appropriation.

81.9 (hh) \$500,000 the second year is from the  
81.10 workforce development fund for a grant to  
81.11 Arrowhead Opportunity Agency for the  
81.12 purposes of expanding workforce development  
81.13 opportunities ~~in the region~~ through the creation  
81.14 of a regional hub building where services can  
81.15 be provided. Money may be used for the costs  
81.16 of acquiring and refurbishing a building to  
81.17 serve as the hub. This is a onetime  
81.18 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
81.19 2026.

81.20 (ii) \$597,000 the second year is from the  
81.21 workforce development fund for a grant to the  
81.22 Minneapolis Downtown Council for  
81.23 infrastructure and associated costs for the  
81.24 Taste of Minnesota event, including but not  
81.25 limited to buildout, permits, garbage services,  
81.26 staffing, security, equipment rentals, signage,  
81.27 and insurance. This is a onetime appropriation.

81.28 The commissioner of employment and  
81.29 economic development may enter into an  
81.30 interagency agreement with Explore  
81.31 Minnesota, including agreements to transfer  
81.32 funds and administer the grant.

81.33 (jj) \$50,000 the second year is from the  
81.34 general fund for a grant to Block Builders  
81.35 Foundation. This appropriation must be used

82.1 for programming targeted toward at-risk youth  
82.2 coaching, financial literacy education, juvenile  
82.3 offender diversion programming, and  
82.4 community outreach. This is a onetime  
82.5 appropriation.

82.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after final enactment.

82.7 Sec. 6. Laws 2024, chapter 120, article 1, section 4, is amended to read:

|      |                                  |    |     |    |                  |
|------|----------------------------------|----|-----|----|------------------|
| 82.8 | Sec. 4. <b>EXPLORE MINNESOTA</b> | \$ | -0- | \$ | <b>4,475,000</b> |
|------|----------------------------------|----|-----|----|------------------|

82.9 (a) \$825,000 the second year is for Explore  
82.10 Minnesota Film. This appropriation is added  
82.11 to the Explore MN base in fiscal year 2026  
82.12 and each year thereafter.

82.13 (b) \$400,000 the second year is for ~~a grant to~~  
82.14 ~~Ka Joog~~ for Somali community and cultural  
82.15 festivals and events, including festivals and  
82.16 events in greater Minnesota. This is a onetime  
82.17 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
82.18 2026.

82.19 (c) \$2,000,000 the second year is for a grant  
82.20 to the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games to  
82.21 expend on providing food and housing to 2026  
82.22 Special Olympics USA Games athletes. This  
82.23 is a onetime appropriation.

82.24 (d) \$1,250,000 the second year is for a grant  
82.25 to the Minneapolis Downtown Council for  
82.26 infrastructure and associated costs for the  
82.27 Taste of Minnesota event, including but not  
82.28 limited to buildout, permits, garbage services,  
82.29 staffing, security, equipment rentals, signage,  
82.30 and insurance. This is a onetime appropriation.

82.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The section is effective the day following final enactment.

83.1 Sec. 7. Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 14, section 3, is amended to read:

|      |                                        |    |     |            |
|------|----------------------------------------|----|-----|------------|
| 83.2 | Sec. 3. <b>DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND</b> |    |     |            |
| 83.3 | <b>INDUSTRY</b>                        | \$ | -0- | \$ 225,000 |

83.4 This appropriation is for the single-egress  
83.5 stairway apartment building report under  
83.6 article 15, section 46. This is a onetime  
83.7 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
83.8 2026.

83.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

83.10 Sec. 8. **APPROPRIATION CANCELLATION; JOB CREATION FUND.**

83.11 \$3,000,000 of the appropriation in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund as appropriated  
83.12 under Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (q), is canceled  
83.13 to the general fund. This is a onetime cancellation.

83.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

83.15 Sec. 9. **REPEALER.**

83.16 Laws 2024, chapter 120, article 1, section 13, is repealed retroactively from July 1, 2024.

83.17 **ARTICLE 3**  
83.18 **DEED POLICY**

83.19 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116J.431, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

83.20 Subd. 2. **Eligible projects.** (a) An economic development project for which a county or  
83.21 city may be eligible to receive a grant under this section includes:

83.22 (1) manufacturing;

83.23 (2) technology;

83.24 (3) warehousing and distribution;

83.25 (4) research and development;

83.26 (5) agricultural processing, defined as transforming, packaging, sorting, or grading  
83.27 livestock or livestock products or plants and plant-based products into goods that are used  
83.28 for intermediate or final consumption, including goods for nonfood use; or

(6) industrial park development that would be used by any other business listed in this subdivision even if no business has committed to locate in the industrial park at the time the grant application is made.

(b) Up to 15 percent of the development of a project may be for a purpose that is not included under this subdivision as an eligible project. A city or county must provide notice to the commissioner for the commissioner's approval of the proposed project.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116J.8733, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. ~~Revolving loan fund~~ **Minnesota expanding opportunity account.** (a) ~~The commissioner shall establish a revolving loan fund to make loans to nonprofit corporations, Tribal economic development entities, and community development financial institutions for the purpose of increasing nonprofit corporation, Tribal economic development entity, and community development financial institution capital and lending activities with Minnesota small businesses.~~ A Minnesota expanding opportunity account is created in the special revenue fund in the state treasury. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner for revolving loans to nonprofit corporations for the purpose of increasing nonprofit corporation capital and lending activities with Minnesota small businesses.

(b) ~~Nonprofit corporations, Tribal economic development entities, and community development financial institutions~~ that receive loans from the commissioner under the program must establish appropriate accounting practices for the purpose of tracking eligible loans.

(c) All loan repayments must be paid into the Minnesota expanding opportunity account created in this section to fund additional loans.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116J.8752, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Purpose.** The Minnesota forward fund account is created to increase the state's competitiveness by providing the state the authority and flexibility to facilitate private investment. The fund serves as a closing fund to allow the authority and flexibility to negotiate incentives to better compete with other states for business retention, expansion and attraction of projects in existing and new industries, and develop properties for business use, and leverage to meet matching requirements of federal funding for resiliency in economic security and economic enhancement opportunities that provide the public high-quality employment opportunities.

85.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

85.2 Subd. 2. **Appointment.** The Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board consists of: seven  
85.3 members appointed by the governor, the commissioner of employment and economic  
85.4 development or the commissioner's designee, the chancellor, or the chancellor's designee,  
85.5 of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, the president, or the president's designee,  
85.6 of the University of Minnesota, and two nonlegislator members, one appointed by the  
85.7 Subcommittee on Committees of the senate Committee on Rules and Administration and  
85.8 one appointed by the speaker of the house. If the chancellor or the president of the university  
85.9 makes a designation under this subdivision, the designee must have experience in technical  
85.10 education. Four of the appointed members must be members of the governor's Workforce  
85.11 Development Board, of whom two must represent organized labor and two must represent  
85.12 business and industry. One of the appointed members must be a representative of a nonprofit  
85.13 organization that provides workforce development or job training services.

85.14 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

85.15 Subdivision 1. **Partnership program.** (a) The partnership program may provide  
85.16 grants-in-aid to educational or other nonprofit educational institutions using the following  
85.17 guidelines:

85.18 (1) the educational or other nonprofit educational institution is a provider of training  
85.19 within the state in either the public or private sector;

85.20 (2) the program involves skills training that is an area of employment need; and

85.21 (3) preference will be given to educational or other nonprofit training institutions which  
85.22 serve economically disadvantaged people, minorities, or those who are victims of economic  
85.23 dislocation and to businesses located in rural areas.

85.24 (b) A single grant to any one institution shall not exceed ~~\$400,000~~ \$500,000. A portion  
85.25 of a grant may be used for preemployment training.

85.26 (c) Each institution must provide for the dissemination of summary results of a  
85.27 grant-funded project, including, but not limited to, information about curriculum and all  
85.28 supporting materials developed in conjunction with the grant. Results of projects developed  
85.29 by any Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system institution must be disseminated  
85.30 throughout the system.

85.31 (d) At the discretion of the board, higher education institutions may charge up to a  
85.32 15-percent increase on the direct project costs, not including equipment costs.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.04, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

Subd. 1a. **Pathways program.** (a) The pathways program may provide grants-in-aid for developing programs which assist in the transition of persons from welfare to work and assist individuals at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. The program is to be operated by the board. The board shall consult and coordinate with program administrators at the Department of Employment and Economic Development to design and provide services for temporary assistance for needy families recipients.

(b) Pathways grants-in-aid may be awarded to educational or other nonprofit training institutions or to workforce development intermediaries for education and training programs and services supporting education and training programs that serve eligible recipients.

Preference shall be given to projects that:

(1) provide employment with benefits paid to employees;

(2) provide employment where there are defined career paths for trainees;

(3) pilot the development of an educational pathway that can be used on a continuing basis for transitioning persons from welfare to work; and

(4) demonstrate the active participation of Department of Employment and Economic Development workforce centers, Minnesota State College and University institutions and other educational institutions, and local welfare agencies.

(c) Pathways projects must demonstrate the active involvement and financial commitment of a participating business. Pathways projects must be matched with cash or in-kind contributions on at least a one-half-to-one ratio by a participating business.

(d) A single grant to any one institution shall not exceed ~~\$400,000~~ \$500,000. A portion of a grant may be used for preemployment training.

(e) At the discretion of the board, higher education institutions may charge up to a 15-percent increase on the direct project costs, not including equipment costs.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.05, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Use of workforce development funds.** After ~~March~~ September 1 of any fiscal year, the board may use workforce development funds for the purposes outlined in sections 116L.02 and 116L.04, or to provide incumbent worker training services under section 116L.18 if the following conditions have been met:

87.1 (1) the board examines relevant economic indicators, including the projected number  
87.2 of layoffs for the remainder of the fiscal year and the next fiscal year, evidence of declining  
87.3 and expanding industries, the number of initial applications for and the number of exhaustions  
87.4 of unemployment benefits, job vacancy data, and any additional relevant information brought  
87.5 to the board's attention;

87.6 (2) the board accounts for all allocations made in section 116L.17, subdivision 2;

87.7 (3) based on the past expenditures and projected revenue, the board estimates future  
87.8 funding needs for services under section 116L.17 for the remainder of the current fiscal  
87.9 year and the next fiscal year;

87.10 (4) the board determines there will be unspent funds after meeting the needs of dislocated  
87.11 workers in the current fiscal year and there will be sufficient revenue to meet the needs of  
87.12 dislocated workers in the next fiscal year; and

87.13 (5) the board reports its findings in clauses (1) to (4) to the chairs of legislative  
87.14 committees with jurisdiction over the workforce development fund, to the commissioners  
87.15 of revenue and management and budget, and to the public.

87.16 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.562, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

87.17 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner shall award grants to eligible  
87.18 organizations for the purpose of providing workforce development and training opportunities  
87.19 or preemployment services and mentorship opportunities to economically disadvantaged  
87.20 or at-risk youth ages 14 to 24.

87.21 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.562, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

87.22 Subd. 3. **Competitive grant awards.** (a) In awarding competitive grants, priority shall  
87.23 be given to programs that:

87.24 (1) provide students with information about education and training requirements for  
87.25 careers in high-growth, in-demand occupations;

87.26 (2) serve youth from communities of color who are underrepresented in the workforce;  
87.27 or

87.28 (3) serve youth with disabilities.

87.29 (b) Eligible organizations must have demonstrated effectiveness in administering youth  
87.30 ~~workforce~~ programs and must leverage nonstate or private sector funds.

88.1 (c) New eligible applicants must be youth-serving organizations with significant capacity  
88.2 and demonstrable youth development experience and outcomes to operate a youth workforce  
88.3 development an eligible project.

88.4 (d) If a program is not operated by a local unit of government or a workforce development  
88.5 board, the grant recipient must coordinate the program with the local workforce development  
88.6 board.

88.7 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.98, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

88.8 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in this  
88.9 subdivision have the meanings given.

88.10 (b) "Credential" means ~~postsecondary~~ degrees, diplomas, licenses, and certificates  
88.11 awarded in recognition of an individual's attainment of measurable technical or occupational  
88.12 skills necessary to obtain employment or advance with an occupation. This definition does  
88.13 not include certificates awarded by workforce investment boards or work-readiness  
88.14 certificates.

88.15 (c) "Exit" means to have not received service under a workforce program for 90  
88.16 consecutive calendar days. The exit date is the last date of service.

88.17 (d) "Net impact" means the use of matched control groups and regression analysis to  
88.18 estimate the impacts attributable to program participation net of other factors, including  
88.19 observable personal characteristics and economic conditions.

88.20 (e) "Pre-enrollment" means the period of time before an individual was enrolled in a  
88.21 workforce program.

88.22 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.05, is amended to read:

88.23 **116U.05 EXPLORE MINNESOTA; ESTABLISHMENT.**

88.24 Explore Minnesota is an office in the executive branch with a director appointed by the  
88.25 governor. The director is under the supervision of the commissioner of employment and  
88.26 economic development and oversees Explore Minnesota Tourism and, Explore Minnesota  
88.27 for Business, and Explore Minnesota Film divisions. The director serves in the unclassified  
88.28 service and must be qualified by experience and training in related fields.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.06, is amended to read:

**116U.06 EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM.**

Explore Minnesota Tourism is a division of Explore Minnesota and exists to support Minnesota's economy through promotion and facilitation of travel to and within the state of Minnesota.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.15, is amended to read:

**116U.15 MISSION.**

(a) The mission of Explore Minnesota is to ~~promote and facilitate increased travel to and within the state of Minnesota, promote overall livability, and promote workforce and economic opportunity in Minnesota~~ support the growth of Minnesota's economy through the management of the state's tourism, livability and economic opportunity, outdoor recreation, film, and other statewide promotion efforts as directed. To further the mission of Explore Minnesota, the office is advised by various advisory ~~councils focused on tourism and talent attraction and business marketing.~~ Its goals are to:

(1) expand public and private partnerships through increased interagency efforts and increased tourism and business industry participation;

(2) increase productivity through enhanced flexibility and options; and

(3) use innovative fiscal and human resource practices to manage the state's resources and operate the office as efficiently as possible.

(b) The director shall report to the legislature on the performance of the office's operations and the accomplishment of its goals in the office's biennial budget according to section 16A.10, subdivision 1.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.30, is amended to read:

**116U.30 DUTIES OF DIRECTOR.**

(a) The director shall:

(1) publish, disseminate, and distribute informational and promotional materials;

(2) ~~promote and encourage the coordination of Explore Minnesota travel, tourism, overall livability, and workforce and economic opportunity~~ promote and encourage the coordination of Explore Minnesota travel, tourism, overall livability, and workforce and economic opportunity promotion efforts with other state agencies and develop multiagency marketing strategies when appropriate;

(3) promote and encourage the expansion and development of ~~international tourism, trade, and Minnesota livability marketing~~ programs that support the mission of the office;

(4) advertise and disseminate information about ~~Minnesota travel, tourism, and workforce and economic development opportunities~~ Explore Minnesota and its activities that support the mission of the office;

(5) ~~aid various~~ provide local communities a reasonable level of support to improve their ~~travel, tourism, and overall livability~~ marketing programs as they relate to the mission of the office;

(6) coordinate and implement comprehensive state ~~travel, tourism, workforce and economic development, and overall livability~~ mission-driven marketing programs that take into consideration public and private businesses and attractions;

(7) contract, in accordance with section 16C.08, for professional services if the work or services cannot be satisfactorily performed by employees of the agency or by any other state agency;

(8) provide local, regional, and statewide organizations with information, ~~technical assistance~~ educational opportunities, training, and advice on ~~using state tourism and livability information and~~ promotional programs related to the office's mission; and

(9) generally gather, compile, and make available statistical information relating to ~~Minnesota travel, tourism, workforce and economic development, overall livability, and related areas in this state~~ the office's mission. The director has the authority to call upon other state agencies for statistical data and results obtained by them and to arrange and compile that statistical information.

(b) The director may:

(1) apply for, receive, and spend money ~~for travel, tourism, workforce and economic development, and overall livability development and marketing,~~ as it relates to the mission of the office, from other agencies, organizations, and businesses;

(2) apply for, accept, and disburse grants and other aids for ~~tourism~~ development and marketing from the federal government and other sources;

(3) enter into joint powers or cooperative agreements with agencies of the federal government, local governmental units, regional development commissions, other state agencies, the University of Minnesota and other educational institutions, other states, Canadian provinces, and local, statewide, and regional organizations as necessary to perform the director's duties;

91.1 (4) enter into interagency agreements and agree to share net revenues with the contributing  
91.2 agencies;

91.3 (5) make grants;

91.4 (6) conduct market research and analysis to improve marketing techniques ~~in the area~~  
91.5 ~~of travel, tourism, workforce and economic development, and overall livability;~~

91.6 (7) monitor and study trends in the related industries and provide resources and training  
91.7 to address change;

91.8 (8) annually convene conferences of Minnesota providers for the purposes of exchanging  
91.9 information on tourism development, coordinating marketing activities, and formulating  
91.10 ~~tourism, overall livability, and workforce and economic opportunity~~ mission-related  
91.11 promotion development strategies; and

91.12 (9) enter into promotion contracts or other agreements with private persons and public  
91.13 entities, including agreements to establish and maintain offices and other types of  
91.14 representation in foreign countries to promote international travel and to implement this  
91.15 chapter.

91.16 (c) Contracts for goods and ~~nonprofessional~~ services and professional technical services  
91.17 made under paragraph (b), clauses (3) and (9), are not subject to the provisions of sections  
91.18 16C.03, subdivision 3, and 16C.06 concerning competitive bidding and section 16C.055  
91.19 concerning barter arrangements. Professional technical service contracts that promote  
91.20 Minnesota as a tourism travel destination or a talent attraction may be negotiated and are  
91.21 not subject to the provisions of chapter 16C relating to competitive bidding.

91.22 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.35, is amended to read:

91.23 **116U.35 PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES.**

91.24 To promote ~~travel, tourism, workforce and economic development, and overall livability~~  
91.25 ~~of the state~~ programs that align with Explore Minnesota's mission, the director may expend  
91.26 money appropriated by the legislature for these purposes in the same manner as private  
91.27 persons, firms, corporations, and associations make expenditures for these purposes. Policies  
91.28 on promotional expenses must be approved by the commissioner of administration. A policy  
91.29 for expenditures on food, lodging, and travel must be approved by the commissioner of  
91.30 management and budget. No money may be expended for the appearance in radio or  
91.31 television broadcasts by an elected public official.

92.1 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 248.07, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

92.2 Subd. 7. **Blind, vending ~~stands and machines~~ facilities on governmental property;**  
92.3 **liability limited.** (a) Notwithstanding any other law, for the rehabilitation of blind persons  
92.4 the commissioner shall have exclusive authority to establish and to operate vending ~~stands~~  
92.5 ~~and vending machines~~ facilities in all buildings and properties owned or rented exclusively  
92.6 by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities at a state university, a community college,  
92.7 a consolidated community technical college, or a technical college served by the  
92.8 commissioner before January 1, 1996, or by any department or agency of the state of  
92.9 Minnesota except the Department of Natural Resources properties operated directly by the  
92.10 Division of State Parks and not subject to private leasing. Vending ~~stands and machines~~  
92.11 facilities authorized under this subdivision may dispense nonalcoholic beverages, food,  
92.12 candies, tobacco, souvenirs, notions, and related items and must be operated on the same  
92.13 basis as other vending ~~stands~~ facilities for the blind established and supervised by the  
92.14 commissioner under federal law. The commissioner shall waive this authority to displace  
92.15 any present private individual concessionaire in any state-owned or rented building or  
92.16 property who is operating under a contract with a specific renewal or termination date, until  
92.17 the renewal or termination date. With the consent of the governing body of a governmental  
92.18 subdivision of the state, the commissioner may establish and supervise vending ~~stands and~~  
92.19 ~~vending machines~~ facilities for the blind in any building or property exclusively owned or  
92.20 rented by the governmental subdivision.

92.21 (b) The Department of Employment and Economic Development is not liable under  
92.22 chapter 176 for any injury sustained by a blind vendor's employee or agent. The Department  
92.23 of Employment and Economic Development, its officers, and its agents are not liable for  
92.24 the acts or omissions of a blind vendor or of a blind vendor's employee or agent that may  
92.25 result in the blind vendor's liability to third parties. The Department of Employment and  
92.26 Economic Development, its officers, and its agents are not liable for negligence based on  
92.27 any theory of liability for claims arising from the relationship created under this subdivision  
92.28 with the blind vendor.

92.29 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 248.07, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

92.30 Subd. 8. **Use of revolving fund, licenses for operation of vending ~~stands~~ facilities.** (a)  
92.31 The revolving fund created by Laws 1947, chapter 535, section 5, is continued as provided  
92.32 in this subdivision and shall be known as the revolving fund for vocational rehabilitation  
92.33 of the blind. It shall be used for the purchase of equipment and supplies for establishing and  
92.34 operating of vending ~~stands~~ facilities by blind persons. All income, receipts, earnings, and

93.1 federal vending ~~machine~~ facility income due to the operation of vending ~~stands~~ facilities  
93.2 operated under this subdivision shall also be paid into the fund. All interest earned on money  
93.3 accrued in the fund must be credited to the fund by the commissioner of management and  
93.4 budget. All equipment, supplies, and expenses for setting up these ~~stands~~ facilities shall be  
93.5 paid for from the fund.

93.6 (b) The commissioner is authorized to use the money available in the revolving fund  
93.7 that originated as operational charges to individuals licensed under this subdivision for the  
93.8 establishment, operation, and supervision of vending ~~stands~~ facilities by blind persons for  
93.9 the following purposes:

93.10 (1) purchase, upkeep and replacement of equipment;

93.11 (2) expenses incidental to the setting up of new ~~stands~~ facilities and improvement of old  
93.12 ~~stands~~ facilities;

93.13 (3) reimbursement under section 15.059 to individual blind vending operators for  
93.14 reasonable expenses incurred in attending supervisory meetings as called by the commissioner  
93.15 and other expenditures for management services consistent with federal law; and

93.16 (4) purchase of fringe benefits for blind vending operators and their employees such as  
93.17 group health insurance, retirement program, vacation or sick leave assistance provided that  
93.18 the purchase of any fringe benefit is approved by a majority vote of blind vending operators  
93.19 licensed pursuant to this subdivision after the commissioner provides to each blind vending  
93.20 operator information on all matters relevant to the fringe benefits. "Majority vote" means  
93.21 a majority of blind vending operators voting. Fringe benefits shall be paid only from  
93.22 assessments of operators for specific benefits, gifts to the fund for fringe benefit purposes,  
93.23 and vending income which is not assignable to an individual ~~stand~~ facility.

93.24 (c) Money originally deposited as merchandise and supplies repayments by individuals  
93.25 licensed under this subdivision may be expended for initial and replacement stocks of  
93.26 supplies and merchandise. Money originally deposited from vending income on federal  
93.27 property must be spent consistent with federal law.

93.28 (d) All other deposits may be used for the purchase of general liability insurance or any  
93.29 other expense related to the operation and supervision of vending ~~stands~~ facilities.

93.30 (e) The commissioner shall issue each license for the operation of a vending ~~stand~~ facility  
93.31 or vending machine for an indefinite period but may terminate any license in the manner  
93.32 provided. In granting licenses for new or vacated ~~stands~~ facilities preference on the basis  
93.33 of seniority of experience in operating ~~stands~~ facilities under the control of the commissioner

94.1 shall be given to capable operators who are deemed competent to handle the enterprise  
94.2 under consideration. Application of this preference shall not prohibit the commissioner from  
94.3 selecting an operator from the community in which the ~~stand~~ facility is located.

94.4 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 469.54, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

94.5 Subd. 4. **Credit for parking revenue.** (a) By March 1 of the year following the year in  
94.6 which the parking facilities or structures are constructed within the district, the city must  
94.7 certify to the commissioner:

94.8 (1) the total amount of revenue generated by the parking facilities and structures in the  
94.9 preceding year; and

94.10 (2) the total amount necessary for operational and maintenance expenses of the facilities  
94.11 or structures in the ~~current~~ preceding year.

94.12 (b) By July 1 of each year thereafter, for a period of 25 years, the commissioner must  
94.13 confirm or revise the amounts as reported. An amount equal to 50 percent of the amount of  
94.14 revenue received by the city by the parking structures and facilities in the ~~previous~~ preceding  
94.15 year that is greater than the amount necessary for operational and maintenance expenses of  
94.16 the facilities or structures in the ~~current~~ preceding year must be paid by the city to the  
94.17 commissioner of employment and economic development by September 1 for deposit into  
94.18 the general fund.

94.19 Sec. 19. **REPEALER.**

94.20 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116L.35; and 116L.98, subdivision 7, are repealed.

## 94.21 ARTICLE 4

### 94.22 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY POLICY

94.23 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 177.27, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

94.24 Subd. 5. **Civil actions.** The commissioner may bring an action in the district court where  
94.25 an employer resides or where the commissioner maintains an office to enforce or require  
94.26 compliance with orders issued under subdivision 4. In addition to any other remedy provided  
94.27 by law, the commissioner may also apply in the district court where an employer resides or  
94.28 where the commissioner maintains an office for an order enjoining and restraining violations  
94.29 of any statute or rule listed in subdivision 4.

95.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 181.211, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

95.2 Subd. 7. **Nursing home.** "Nursing home" means a nursing home licensed under chapter  
95.3 144A and reimbursed under chapter 256R, or a boarding care home licensed under sections  
95.4 144.50 to 144.56 and reimbursed under chapter 256R.

95.5 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 181.211, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

95.6 Subd. 8. **Nursing home employer.** "Nursing home employer" means an employer of  
95.7 nursing home workers in a ~~licensed, Medicaid-certified facility that is reimbursed under~~  
95.8 ~~chapter 256R~~ nursing home as defined under subdivision 7.

95.9 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 181.988, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

95.10 Subd. 2. **Covenants not to compete void and unenforceable.** (a) Any covenant not to  
95.11 compete contained in a contract or agreement is void and unenforceable.

95.12 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a covenant not to compete is valid and enforceable  
95.13 if:

95.14 (1) the covenant not to compete restricts an employee from engaging in competition for  
95.15 no more than one year and the employee received a clear, written explanation of the covenant  
95.16 not to compete prior to entering into the contract or agreement, and either:

95.17 (i) the employee has a salary of \$200,000 or more and whose primary duties include:

95.18 (A) research and development or the creation, analysis, or modification of confidential,  
95.19 proprietary, or trade secret information; or

95.20 (B) management of a project, team, or department with responsibility over research and  
95.21 development or the creation, analysis, or modification of confidential, proprietary, or trade  
95.22 secret information; or

95.23 (ii) the employee has a salary of \$500,000 or more regardless of the employee's primary  
95.24 job duties;

95.25 ~~(1)~~ (2) the covenant not to compete is agreed upon during the sale of a business. The  
95.26 person selling the business and the partners, members, or shareholders, and the buyer of the  
95.27 business may agree on a temporary and geographically restricted covenant not to compete  
95.28 that will prohibit the seller of the business from carrying on a similar business within a  
95.29 reasonable geographic area and for a reasonable length of time; or

95.30 ~~(2)~~ (3) the covenant not to compete is agreed upon in anticipation of the dissolution of  
95.31 a business. The partners, members, or shareholders, upon or in anticipation of a dissolution

96.1 of a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation may agree that all or any number  
96.2 of the parties will not carry on a similar business within a reasonable geographic area where  
96.3 the business has been transacted.

96.4 (c) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to render void or unenforceable any  
96.5 other provisions in a contract or agreement containing a void or unenforceable covenant  
96.6 not to compete.

96.7 (d) In addition to injunctive relief and any other remedies available, a court may award  
96.8 an employee who is enforcing rights under this section reasonable attorney fees.

96.9 (e) For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "trade secret" means all forms and  
96.10 types of scientific, technical, or engineering information, including patterns, plans,  
96.11 compilations, program devices, formulas, designs, prototypes, methods, techniques, processes,  
96.12 procedures, programs, or codes; whether tangible or intangible, and whether or how stored,  
96.13 compiled, or memorialized physically, electronically, graphically, photographically, or in  
96.14 writing, if:

96.15 (1) the owner thereof has taken reasonable measures to keep such information secret;  
96.16 and

96.17 (2) the information derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not  
96.18 being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable through proper means by,  
96.19 another person who can obtain economy value from the disclosure or use of the information.

96.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

96.21 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.0981, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

96.22 Subd. 4. **Internet continuing education.** (a) The design and delivery of an Internet  
96.23 continuing education course must be approved by the International Distance Education  
96.24 Certification Center (IDECC) or the International ~~Association~~ Accreditors for Continuing  
96.25 Education and Training (IACET) before the course is submitted for the commissioner's  
96.26 approval. The approval must accompany the course submitted.

96.27 (b) Paragraphs (a) and (d) do not apply to approval of an Internet continuing education  
96.28 course for manufactured home installers. An Internet continuing education course for  
96.29 manufactured home installers must be approved by the United States Department of Housing  
96.30 and Urban Development or by the commissioner of labor and industry. The approval must  
96.31 accompany the course completion certificate issued to each student by the course sponsor.

97.1 (c) Paragraph (a) does not apply to approval of an Internet continuing education course  
97.2 for elevator constructors. An Internet continuing education course for elevator constructors  
97.3 must be approved by the commissioner of labor and industry. The approval must accompany  
97.4 the course completion certificate issued to each student by the course sponsor.

97.5 (d) An Internet continuing education course must:

97.6 (1) specify the minimum computer system requirements;

97.7 (2) provide encryption that ensures that all personal information, including the student's  
97.8 name, address, and credit card number, cannot be read as it passes across the Internet;

97.9 (3) include technology to guarantee seat time;

97.10 (4) include a high level of interactivity;

97.11 (5) include graphics that reinforce the content;

97.12 (6) include the ability for the student to contact an instructor or course sponsor within  
97.13 a reasonable amount of time;

97.14 (7) include the ability for the student to get technical support within a reasonable amount  
97.15 of time;

97.16 (8) include a statement that the student's information will not be sold or distributed to  
97.17 any third party without prior written consent of the student. Taking the course does not  
97.18 constitute consent;

97.19 (9) be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, excluding minimal downtime for  
97.20 updating and administration, except that this provision does not apply to live courses taught  
97.21 by an actual instructor and delivered over the Internet;

97.22 (10) provide viewing access to the online course at all times to the commissioner,  
97.23 excluding minimal downtime for updating and administration;

97.24 (11) include a process to authenticate the student's identity;

97.25 (12) inform the student and the commissioner how long after its purchase a course will  
97.26 be accessible;

97.27 (13) inform the student that license education credit will not be awarded for taking the  
97.28 course after it loses its status as an approved course;

97.29 (14) provide clear instructions on how to navigate through the course;

97.30 (15) provide automatic bookmarking at any point in the course;

98.1 (16) provide questions after each unit or chapter that must be answered before the student  
98.2 can proceed to the next unit or chapter;

98.3 (17) include a reinforcement response when a quiz question is answered correctly;

98.4 (18) include a response when a quiz question is answered incorrectly;

98.5 (19) include a final examination in which the student must correctly answer 70 percent  
98.6 of the questions;

98.7 (20) allow the student to go back and review any unit at any time, except during the final  
98.8 examination;

98.9 (21) provide a course evaluation at the end of the course. At a minimum, the evaluation  
98.10 must ask the student to report any difficulties caused by the online education delivery  
98.11 method;

98.12 (22) provide a completion certificate when the course and exam have been completed  
98.13 and the provider has verified the completion. Electronic certificates are sufficient and shall  
98.14 include the name of the provider, date and location of the course, educational program  
98.15 identification that was provided by the department, hours of instruction or continuing  
98.16 education hours, and licensee's or attendee's name and license, certification, or registration  
98.17 number or the last four digits of the licensee's or attendee's Social Security number; and

98.18 (23) allow the commissioner the ability to electronically review the class to determine  
98.19 if credit can be approved.

98.20 (e) The final examination must be either an encrypted online examination or a paper  
98.21 examination that is monitored by a proctor who certifies that the student took the examination.

98.22 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.198, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

98.23 Subd. 2. **Installation requirements.** (a) The installation of underground  
98.24 telecommunications infrastructure that is located within ten feet of existing underground  
98.25 utilities or that crosses the existing underground utilities must be performed by  
98.26 safety-qualified underground telecommunications installers as follows:

98.27 (1) the location of existing utilities by hand- or hydro-excavation or other accepted  
98.28 methods must be performed by a safety-qualified underground telecommunications installer;  
98.29 and

98.30 (2) where telecommunications infrastructure is installed by means of directional drilling,  
98.31 the monitoring of the location and depth of the drill head must be performed by a  
98.32 safety-qualified underground telecommunications installer; ~~and.~~

99.1 ~~(3) no fewer than two safety-qualified underground telecommunications installers must~~  
99.2 ~~be present at all times at any location where telecommunications infrastructure is being~~  
99.3 ~~installed by means of directional drilling.~~

99.4 ~~(b) Beginning July 1, 2025, all installations of underground telecommunications~~  
99.5 ~~infrastructure subject to this subdivision within the seven-county metropolitan area must~~  
99.6 ~~be performed by safety-qualified underground telecommunications installers that meet the~~  
99.7 ~~requirements of this subdivision.~~

99.8 ~~(e)~~ (b) Beginning January 1, 2026, all installations of underground telecommunications  
99.9 infrastructure subject to this subdivision within this state must be performed by  
99.10 safety-qualified underground telecommunications installers that meet the requirements of  
99.11 this subdivision.

99.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

99.13 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.198, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

99.14 Subd. 3. **Certification Standards.** (a) The commissioner of labor and industry, in  
99.15 consultation with the Office of Broadband, shall approve standards for a safety-qualified  
99.16 underground telecommunications installer certification program that requires a person to:

99.17 (1) complete a 40-hour initial course that includes classroom and hands-on instruction  
99.18 covering proper work procedures for safe installation of underground utilities, including:

99.19 (i) regulations applicable to excavation near existing utilities;

99.20 (ii) identification, location, and verification of utility lines using hand- or  
99.21 hydro-excavation or other accepted methods;

99.22 (iii) response to line strike incidents;

99.23 (iv) traffic control procedures;

99.24 (v) use of a tracking device to safely guide directional drill equipment along a drill path;  
99.25 and

99.26 (vi) avoidance and mitigation of safety hazards posed by underground utility installation  
99.27 projects;

99.28 (2) demonstrate knowledge of the course material by successfully completing an  
99.29 examination approved by the commissioner; and

99.30 (3) complete a four-hour refresher course within three years of completing the original  
99.31 course and every three years thereafter in order to maintain certification.

(b) The commissioner must develop an approval process for training providers under this subdivision and may suspend or revoke the approval of any training provider that fails to demonstrate consistent delivery of approved curriculum or success in preparing participants to complete the examination.

(c) An approved training provider may apply for approval of classroom instruction course material delivered up to two years prior to becoming an approved training provider and before January 1, 2026, as being equivalent or substantially equivalent to classroom instruction course material that is contained in the approved program. An application must provide a copy of all written materials used for the training for which equivalent credit is sought, the specific subjects covered in the training, the name and qualifications of the training provider, a description of the delivery method for the training, and the date of the training. Once approved, a training provider may grant full or partial retroactive credit for completion of classroom instruction training delivered prior to the commissioner's decision to approve a program. A person granted retroactive credit must successfully complete the examination that the training provider is approved to administer in order to be certified as a safety-qualified underground telecommunications installer.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.31, subdivision 29, is amended to read:

Subd. 29. **Technology circuits or systems.** "Technology circuits or systems" means class 2 ~~or~~, class 3, or class 4 circuits or systems for, but not limited to, remote control, signaling, control, alarm, and audio signal, including associated components as covered by the National Electrical Code, ~~articles 640, 645, 650, 725, 760, 770, and 780,~~ and which are isolated from circuits or systems other than class 2 ~~or~~, class 3, or class 4 by a demarcation and are not process control circuits or systems; antenna and communication circuits or systems as covered by ~~chapter 8 of the National Electrical Code;~~ and circuitry and equipment ~~for indoor lighting and outdoor landscape lighting systems that are supplied by the secondary circuit of an isolating power supply operating at 30 volts or less as~~ for low-voltage lighting, limited to a class 2 or class 3 power supply covered by the Low-Voltage Lighting article in the National Electrical Code, article 411. The planning, laying out, installing, altering, and repairing of technology circuits or systems must be performed in accordance with the applicable requirements of the National Electrical Code pursuant to section 326B.35.

101.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.33, subdivision 21, is amended to read:

101.2 Subd. 21. **Exemptions from licensing.** (a) An individual who is a maintenance electrician  
101.3 is not required to hold or obtain a license under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399 if:

101.4 (1) the individual is engaged in the maintenance and repair of electrical equipment,  
101.5 apparatus, and facilities that are owned or leased by the individual's employer and that are  
101.6 located within the limits of property operated, maintained, and either owned or leased by  
101.7 the individual's employer;

101.8 (2) the individual is supervised by:

101.9 (i) the responsible master electrician for a contractor who has contracted with the  
101.10 individual's employer to provide services for which a contractor's license is required; or

101.11 (ii) a licensed master electrician, a licensed maintenance electrician, an electrical engineer,  
101.12 or, if the maintenance and repair work is limited to technology circuits or systems work, a  
101.13 licensed power limited technician; and

101.14 (3) the individual's employer has on file with the commissioner a current certificate of  
101.15 responsible person, signed by the responsible master electrician of the contractor, the licensed  
101.16 master electrician, the licensed maintenance electrician, the electrical engineer, or the  
101.17 licensed power limited technician, and stating that the person signing the certificate is  
101.18 responsible for ensuring that the maintenance and repair work performed by the employer's  
101.19 employees complies with the Minnesota Electrical Act and the rules adopted under that act.  
101.20 The employer must pay a filing fee to file a certificate of responsible person with the  
101.21 commissioner. The certificate shall expire two years from the date of filing. In order to  
101.22 maintain a current certificate of responsible person, the employer must resubmit a certificate  
101.23 of responsible person, with a filing fee, no later than two years from the date of the previous  
101.24 submittal.

101.25 (b) Employees of a licensed electrical or technology systems contractor or other employer  
101.26 where provided with supervision by a master electrician in accordance with subdivision 1,  
101.27 or power limited technician in accordance with subdivision 7, paragraph (a), clause (1), are  
101.28 not required to hold a license under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399 for the planning, laying  
101.29 out, installing, altering, and repairing of technology circuits or systems except planning,  
101.30 laying out, or installing:

101.31 (1) in other than residential dwellings, class 2 or class 3 remote control circuits that  
101.32 control circuits or systems other than class 2 or class 3, except circuits that interconnect

102.1 these systems through communication, alarm, and security systems are exempted from this  
102.2 paragraph;

102.3 (2) class 2 or class 3 circuits in electrical cabinets, enclosures, or devices containing  
102.4 physically unprotected circuits other than class 2 or class 3; ~~or~~

102.5 (3) class 4 circuits or systems; or

102.6 ~~(3)~~ (4) technology circuits or systems in hazardous classified locations as covered by  
102.7 the National Electrical Code.

102.8 (c) Companies and their employees that plan, lay out, install, alter, or repair class 2 and  
102.9 class 3 remote control wiring associated with plug or cord and plug connected appliances  
102.10 other than security or fire alarm systems installed in a residential dwelling are not required  
102.11 to hold a license under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399.

102.12 (d) Heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration contractors and their  
102.13 employees are not required to hold or obtain a license under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399  
102.14 when performing heating, ventilating, air conditioning, or refrigeration work as described  
102.15 in section 326B.38.

102.16 (e) Employees of any electrical, communications, or railway utility, cable communications  
102.17 company as defined in section 238.02, or a telephone company as defined under section  
102.18 237.01 or its employees, or of any independent contractor performing work on behalf of  
102.19 any such utility, cable communications company, or telephone company, shall not be required  
102.20 to hold a license under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399:

102.21 (1) while performing work on installations, materials, or equipment which are owned  
102.22 or leased, and operated and maintained by such utility, cable communications company, or  
102.23 telephone company in the exercise of its utility, antenna, or telephone function, and which:

102.24 (i) are used exclusively for the generation, transformation, distribution, transmission, or  
102.25 metering of electric current, or the operation of railway signals, or the transmission of  
102.26 intelligence and do not have as a principal function the consumption or use of electric current  
102.27 or provided service by or for the benefit of any person other than such utility, cable  
102.28 communications company, or telephone company; ~~and~~

102.29 (ii) are generally accessible only to employees of such utility, cable communications  
102.30 company, or telephone company or persons acting under its control or direction; and

102.31 (iii) are not on the load side of the service point or point of entrance for communication  
102.32 systems;

103.1 (2) while performing work on installations, materials, or equipment which are a part of  
103.2 the street lighting operations of such utility; or

103.3 (3) while installing or performing work on outdoor area lights which are directly  
103.4 connected to a utility's distribution system and located upon the utility's distribution poles,  
103.5 and which are generally accessible only to employees of such utility or persons acting under  
103.6 its control or direction.

103.7 (f) An individual who physically performs electrical work on a residential dwelling that  
103.8 is located on a property the individual owns and actually occupies as a residence or owns  
103.9 and will occupy as a residence upon completion of its construction is not required to hold  
103.10 or obtain a license under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399 if the residential dwelling has a  
103.11 separate electrical utility service not shared with any other residential dwelling.

103.12 (g) Companies and their employees licensed under section 326B.164 shall not be required  
103.13 to hold or obtain a license under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399 while performing elevator  
103.14 work.

103.15 Sec. 10. **MISCLASSIFICATION FRAUD IMPACT REPORT.**

103.16 (a) Every two years, the commissioners of revenue, employment and economic  
103.17 development, and labor and industry must coordinate to conduct an analysis of the costs of  
103.18 misclassification to illustrate how misclassification impacts misclassified workers,  
103.19 government programs, and tax collections.

103.20 (b) By January 15 of every odd-numbered year, beginning January 15, 2027, the  
103.21 commissioner of labor and industry must report on the analysis performed under paragraph  
103.22 (a) to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
103.23 over taxes, workforce, and labor. The commissioner of labor and industry may contract  
103.24 with external experts or an independent third party to conduct a study, develop a report, and  
103.25 perform other functions.

103.26 (c) At a minimum, the study and report must provide:

103.27 (1) an estimate of the number of workers experiencing misclassification in Minnesota;

103.28 (2) an estimate of the cost of misclassification to impacted workers;

103.29 (3) an estimate of the prevalence of misclassification by industry; and

103.30 (4) an estimate of the impact to:

103.31 (i) the unemployment insurance trust fund;

- 104.1 (ii) the family and medical benefit insurance account;
- 104.2 (iii) state income tax collection;
- 104.3 (iv) the workers' compensation fund; and
- 104.4 (v) the workforce development fund.
- 104.5 (d) Data and information relevant to the required report elements in paragraph (c) must
- 104.6 be provided to the commissioner of labor and industry for purposes of the study and report,
- 104.7 including but not limited to the following:
- 104.8 (1) from the Department of Employment and Economic Development, information and
- 104.9 data relevant to:
- 104.10 (i) the unemployment insurance trust fund;
- 104.11 (ii) the family and medical benefit insurance account;
- 104.12 (iii) unemployment insurance program audits and findings; and
- 104.13 (iv) the workforce development fund;
- 104.14 (2) from the Department of Revenue, information and data relevant to:
- 104.15 (i) misclassification tax audits and findings;
- 104.16 (ii) income tax collection; and
- 104.17 (iii) 1099 filings; and
- 104.18 (3) from the Department of Labor and Industry, information and data relevant to:
- 104.19 (i) misclassification complaints, investigations, and findings; and
- 104.20 (ii) the workers' compensation fund.

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### **116L.35 INVENTORY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.**

(a) By January 15, 2020, and by January 15 of each even-numbered year thereafter, the commissioner of employment and economic development must submit a report to the chairs of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over economic development that provides an inventory of all economic development programs, including any workforce development programs, either provided by or overseen by any agency of the state of Minnesota.

(b) Programs related to economic development that must be included in the report include those that:

- (1) receive federal funds or state funds;
- (2) provide assistance to either businesses or individuals; or
- (3) support internships, apprenticeships, career and technical education, or any form of employment training.

(c) For each economic development program, the report must include, at a minimum, the following information:

- (1) details of program costs;
  - (2) the number of staff, both within the department and any outside organization;
  - (3) the number of program participants;
  - (4) the demographic information including, but not limited to, race, age, gender, and income of program participants;
  - (5) a list of any and all subgrantees receiving funds from the program, as well as the amount of funding received;
  - (6) information about other sources of funding including other public or private funding or in-kind donations;
  - (7) evidence that:
    - (i) the organization administering a program;
    - (ii) a business receiving a loan for a new or expanded business from a program; or
    - (iii) a subgrantee of a program is in good standing with the Minnesota Secretary of State and the Minnesota Department of Revenue;
  - (8) a short description of what each program does; and
  - (9) to the extent practical, quantifiable measures of program success.
- (d) In addition to the information required under paragraph (c), a program related to economic development under paragraph (b) that requests an increase in state funding over the previous biennium must provide the following:

- (1) detailed information regarding the need for increased funds; and
- (2) the planned uses of the increased funds.

### **116L.98 WORKFORCE PROGRAM OUTCOMES.**

Subd. 7. **Workforce program net impact analysis.** (a) By January 15, 2015, the commissioner must report to the committees of the house of representatives and the senate having jurisdiction over economic development and workforce policy and finance on the results of the net impact pilot project already underway as of the date of enactment of this section.

(b) The commissioner shall contract with an independent entity to conduct an ongoing net impact analysis of the programs included in the net impact pilot project under paragraph (a), career pathways programs, and any other programs deemed appropriate by the commissioner. The net impact methodology used by the independent entity under this paragraph must be based on the methodology and evaluation design used in the net impact pilot project under paragraph (a).

(c) By January 15, 2017, and every four years thereafter, the commissioner must report to the committees of the house of representatives and the senate having jurisdiction over economic

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development and workforce policy and finance the following information for each program subject to paragraph (b):

(1) the net impact of workforce services on individual employment, earnings, and public benefit usage outcomes; and

(2) a cost-benefit analysis for understanding the monetary impacts of workforce services from the participant and taxpayer points of view.

The report under this paragraph must be made available to the public in an electronic format on the Department of Employment and Economic Development's website.

(d) The department is authorized to create and maintain data-sharing agreements with other departments, including corrections, human services, and any other department that are necessary to complete the analysis. The department shall supply the information collected for use by the independent entity conducting net impact analysis pursuant to the data practices requirements under chapters 13, 13A, 13B, and 13C.

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Sec. 13. **JOB CREATION FUND; TRANSFER OUT.**

\$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is transferred from the job creation fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8748, to the general fund. This is a onetime transfer.