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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy

A bill for an act

relating to workforce development; establishing a veteran relocation bonus program for veterans who were recently terminated from federal employment; requiring reports; appropriating money.

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

Section 1. **VETERAN RELOCATION BONUS PROGRAM.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic development.

(c) "Eligible veteran" means a person who:

(1) is a veteran, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 197.447;

(2) had their employment with the federal government involuntarily terminated on or after January 20, 2025;

(3) was not a resident of Minnesota on January 20, 2025, but establishes residency in Minnesota before January 1, 2027; and

(4) begins working at least 20 hours a week in a job that is principally located in Minnesota before January 1, 2027.

(d) "Program" means the veteran relocation bonus program created under this section.

Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The commissioner must establish a veteran relocation bonus program to pay relocation bonuses to eligible veterans to grow Minnesota's workforce.

Subd. 3. **Grants to eligible veterans.** (a) To receive a relocation bonus, an eligible veteran must apply using a form designed by the commissioner.

(b) The commissioner must award grants of $10,000 to eligible veterans on a rolling basis.

Subd. 4. **Report to the legislature.** By March 1, 2027, the commissioner must submit a report on the veteran relocation bonus program to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over workforce development and veterans and as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 3.195.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; VETERAN RELOCATION BONUS PROGRAM.**

$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the workforce development fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for the veteran relocation bonus program. Of this appropriation, $50,000 is for outreach and promotion of the program to potentially eligible veterans. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.