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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2020

03/08/2021 Authored by Kotyza-Witthuhn and Xiong, T., The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Workforce and Business Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money for the SciTech Internship
1.3 Program.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; SCITECH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

1.6 \$875,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$875,000 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from the
1.7 workforce development fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development
1.8 for a grant to the Minnesota Technology Association to support the SciTech Internship
1.9 Program, a program that supports science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM)
1.10 internship opportunities for two- and four-year college students and graduate students in
1.11 their field of study. The internship opportunities must match students with paid internships
1.12 within STEM disciplines at small, for-profit companies located in Minnesota having fewer
1.13 than 250 employees worldwide. At least 200 students must be matched in the first year and
1.14 at least 200 students must be matched in the second year. No more than 15 percent of the
1.15 hires may be graduate students. Selected hiring companies shall receive from the grant 50
1.16 percent of the wages paid to the intern, capped at \$2,500 per intern. The program must work
1.17 toward increasing the participation among women or other underserved populations. This
1.18 is a onetime appropriation.

1.19 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS.

1.20 \$875,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$875,000 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from the
1.21 workforce development fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development
1.22 for a grant to the Minnesota High Tech Association to support SciTechsperience, a program

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2.2 for two- and four-year college students and graduate students in their field of study. The
2.3 internship opportunities must match students with paid internships within STEM disciplines
2.4 at small, for-profit companies located in Minnesota having fewer than 250 employees
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