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H. F. No. 2191

03/15/2021 Authored by Elkins, Edelson, Schultz and Olson, L., 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 robotics team grants.

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

1.4 Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

1.5 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.6 of employment and economic development for a grant to FIRST in Upper Midwest to
1.7 support competitive robotics teams. Funds must be used to make up to five awards of no
1.8 more than \$20,000 each to Minnesota-based public entities or private nonprofit organizations
1.9 for the creation of competitive robotics hubs. Awards may be used for tools, equipment,
1.10 and physical space to be utilized by robotics teams. At least 50 percent of grant funds must
1.11 be used outside of the seven-county metropolitan area, as defined under Minnesota Statutes,
1.12 section 473.121, subdivision 2. The grant recipient shall report to the chairs and ranking
1.13 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over jobs and economic
1.14 growth by February 1, 2023, on the status of awards and include information on the number
1.15 and amount of awards made, the number of customers served, and any outcomes resulting
1.16 from the grant. The grant requires a 50 percent match from nonstate sources.