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H. F. No. 2358

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to workforce development; providing employment transitions for youth
1.3 with disabilities; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing coding for
1.4 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116L.

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

1.6 Section 1. [116L.563] EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES PROGRAM FOR
1.7 YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Program established. The commissioner of employment and economic
1.9 development, in cooperation with the commissioner of human services, shall develop a
1.10 statewide program of grants to provide employment transition services for youth that are
1.11 at least 18 years of age and less than 25 years of age that are eligible under section 511 of
1.12 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to obtain and retain competitive, market-based
1.13 employment in the state.

1.14 Subd. 2. Project requirements. Grants funded under this section must:

1.15 (1) assist eligible persons in obtaining and retaining competitive, market-based
1.16 employment;

1.17 (2) emphasize individual client preferences;

1.18 (3) pay on an hours-worked basis only after the eligible individual is placed in a job and
1.19 maintains employment for 90 days;

1.20 (4) outline the mechanism for the eligible individual to change employment arrangements
1.21 and providers;

2.1 (5) comply with federal wage requirements under the Workforce Innovation and
2.2 Opportunity Act;

2.3 (6) ensure interagency collaboration;

2.4 (7) conduct rapid job search; and

2.5 (8) involve clients in the planning, development, oversight, and delivery of support
2.6 services.

2.7 The commissioner shall not restrict providers who meet the standards under the Workforce
2.8 Innovation and Opportunity Act. Payment for hours worked is allowed the first day of
2.9 competitive employment and paid on the number of hours worked on the person's wages
2.10 paid.

2.11 Subd. 3. **Request for proposals.** The commissioner, in consultation with the
2.12 commissioner of human services, shall develop a request for proposals which specifies the
2.13 types of services that must be provided by grantees. Priority for funding shall be given to
2.14 organizations carrying out evidence-based practices. Each applicant for funds under this
2.15 section shall submit an evaluation protocol as part of the grant application.

2.16 Subd. 4. **Reporting.** In consultation with the commissioner of human services, the
2.17 commissioner shall determine the cost savings generated by the grant program under this
2.18 section and report before February 1, 2018, on the cost savings to each agency with plans
2.19 for reallocation of funds to the chairs of the policy and finance committees of the legislature
2.20 having jurisdiction over workforce development.

2.21 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.22 \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from
2.23 the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for
2.24 administration of the employment transition services program for youth with disabilities
2.25 program under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.563. The commissioner, in consultation
2.26 with the commissioner of human services, shall attempt to secure federal funding to
2.27 supplement money appropriated under this section.