

State of Minnesota

H. F. No. **2493**

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to workforce development; appropriating money for SciTechsperience.

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

1.4 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.5 \$1,730,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$1,730,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from

1.6 the workforce development fund to the commissioner of employment and economic

1.7 development for a grant to the Minnesota High Tech Association to support

1.8 SciTechsperience, a program that supports science, technology, engineering, and math

1.9 (STEM) internship opportunities for two- and four-year college students and graduate

1.10 students in their field of study. The internship opportunities must match students with paid

1.11 internships within STEM disciplines at small, for-profit companies located in Minnesota

1.12 having fewer than 250 employees worldwide. At least 400 students must be matched in the

1.13 first year and at least 425 students must be matched in the second year. No more than 15

1.14 percent of the hires may be graduate students. Selected hiring companies shall receive from

1.15 the grant 50 percent of the wages paid to the intern, capped at \$3,000 per intern. The program

1.16 must work toward increasing the participation among women or other underserved

1.17 populations.