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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Innovation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to workforce development; appropriating money to the commissioner
1.3 of employment and economic development for career counseling services;
1.4 proposing coding for 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.367] HIGH SCHOOL CAREER COUNSELING.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Workforce centers; high school career services.** The workforce
1.8 council in each workforce service area must cooperate with school districts to operate a
1.9 program to assist high school students in selecting careers of interest to a student and a
1.10 postsecondary path to prepare for that career. Career advisement should incorporate
1.11 the work of local workforce councils; identify strategic industries and high-growth,
1.12 in-demand occupations; and include information on various career paths and associated
1.13 jobs, the salary profiles of those jobs, and the credentials and other training desired by
1.14 employers for those jobs.

1.15 Subd. 2. **School district duties.** A school district must assist the local workforce
1.16 council by:

1.17 (1) providing relevant information about the student to the local workforce council
1.18 regarding vocational exploration the student has received;

1.19 (2) identifying opportunities for the council to assist students by providing office
1.20 space at school to meet with students, access to assemblies and other groups for testing
1.21 and career exploration, and access to teachers through in-service and in other manners,
1.22 and supporting students to use a pilot program; and

1.23 (3) working with students after testing and advising by the local workforce council.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Allocation formula.** (a) Seventy percent of available program funds
2.2 after administrative costs must be allocated based on the county's share of economically
2.3 disadvantaged youth. The remaining 30 percent must be allocated based on the county's
2.4 share of population ages 14 to 21.

2.5 (b) Of the total allocation, up to ten percent of program funds may be used for
2.6 administrative costs.

2.7 Subd. 4. **Reports.** Each local workforce center providing services under this section
2.8 shall report to the commissioner of employment and economic development in a format
2.9 determined by the commissioner.

2.10 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.11 \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated
2.12 from the workforce development fund to the commissioner of employment and economic
2.13 development for the purpose of high school career counselors under Minnesota Statutes,
2.14 section 116L.367.