

A bill for an act
relating to employment; requiring the preparation and implementation of an
initiative to expand job training for minorities and to substantially increase the
wages paid to minority workers; requiring the preparation of an interim report.

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

Section 1. **INCREASED JOB TRAINING AND WAGES FOR MINORITIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Initiative.** The commissioner of employment and economic
development shall develop and implement an initiative to promote employment
opportunities for minorities, with a particular focus on opportunities for American blacks,
in the state of Minnesota. At a minimum, the initiative should significantly expand the
job training available to minorities and promote substantial increases in the wages paid to
minorities, at least to a rate well above living wage, and within several years to equality.

Subd. 2. **Interim report.** The commissioner shall prepare an interim report detailing
the parameters of the initiative to the governor and the chair of the finance committee in
each house of the legislature that has jurisdiction over employment. The interim report
must be made within 90 days of the effective date of this section.

Subd. 3. **Implementation deadline.** The commissioner shall implement the
initiative by January 10, 2008.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.