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A bill for an act 1.1 relating to economic development; appropriating money for the Minnesota 1.2 Inventors Congress. 1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA: 1.4 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; MINNESOTA INVENTORS CONGRESS. 1.5 \$150,000 in fiscal year 2014 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2015 are appropriated from 1.6 1.7 the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development to the Minnesota Inventors Congress to accomplish the following: 18 (1) growing direct outreach to inventors by building and expanding one-to-one 19 invention and new product development coaching services; 1.10 (2) offering "Inventing Success Workshops" in nine key geographical areas across 1 11 the state; 1.12 (3) producing a yearly national-caliber expo where inventors can exhibit their 1.13

1.14 inventions, get public feedback, and network with professionals who can help them take

1.15 their invention to market; and

- 1.16 (4) collaborating with minority economic development groups to reach inventors
- 1.17 who are members of various minority communities.
- 1.18 Of this amount, at least \$15,000 each year is for the Minnesota Student Inventors Congress
- 1.19 and other educational programs for youth inventors.