A bill for an act
relating to agriculture; establishing a butcher training pilot program.

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

Section 1. CORRECTIONAL FACILITY BUTCHER TRAINING PILOT
PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. Pilot program. The commissioner of agriculture must coordinate a pilot program operated by the Northeast Regional Corrections Center to train inmates for careers as butchers upon release. The commissioner must facilitate program development and ensure that the program prepares inmates to meet applicable food safety and licensure requirements.

Subd. 2. Program development. In facilitating development of the pilot program, the commissioner must consult with the commissioner of employment and economic development and a representative of each of the following organizations:

(1) Northeast Regional Corrections Center; and

(2) United Food and Commercial Workers.

Subd. 3. Report required. No later than February 1, 2017, the commissioner must report on the progress and outcomes of the program to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over agriculture, higher education, and public safety.

Subd. 4. Expiration. This section expires on July 1, 2017.