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A bill for an act

relating to human services; establishing a statewide self-advocacy network for persons with disabilities; appropriating money.

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

Section 1. **SELF-ADVOCACY NETWORK FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES; APPROPRIATION.**

(a) $95,000 is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year 2013 to the commissioner of human services to establish and maintain a statewide self-advocacy network for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

(b) The self-advocacy network must focus on ensuring that persons with disabilities are:

(1) informed of and educated about their legal rights in the areas of education, employment, housing, transportation, and voting; and

(2) educated and trained to self-advocate for their rights under law.

(c) Self-advocacy network activities under this section include but are not limited to:

(1) education and training, including preemployment and workplace skills;

(2) establishment and maintenance of a communication and information exchange system for self-advocacy groups; and

(3) financial and technical assistance to self-advocacy groups.