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A bill for an act

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relating to workforce development; appropriating money for grants to assist

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internationally trained professionals in earning Minnesota licenses; requiring

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reports.

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

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Section 1. INTERNATIONALLY TRAINED PROFESSIONALS GRANTS;

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APPROPRIATION.

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(a) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated

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from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for

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grants to assist internationally trained professionals in earning the professional licenses

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required to do similar work in Minnesota. The commissioner shall work with local workforce

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development boards to award these grants and shall give preference to efforts to assist

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professionals in occupations where there is unmet local need for that profession's skills.

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(b) Eligible uses of grant funds may include but are not limited to:

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(1) subsidizing the cost of training for or taking required licensing examinations;

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(2) providing instruction in English as a second language;

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(3) supportive services that increase the success rate of individuals seeking licensing;

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(4) connecting newly licensed individuals with appropriate employment.

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(c) By February 15, 2024, and each February 15 in an even-numbered year thereafter,

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the commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the

- 2.1 legislative committees with jurisdiction over workforce development on the use of grant
- 2.2 funds and program outcomes. At a minimum, the report must include:
- 2.3 (1) the number of new professional licenses facilitated by the program;
- 2.4 (2) information on the employment outcomes of individuals supported by the program;
- 2.5 and
- 2.6 (3) any other quantifiable measures of success.