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H. F. No. 1504

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to workforce development; modifying the youth skills training program;
1.3 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 175.46,
1.4 subdivisions 3, 13.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 175.46, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. Duties. (a) The commissioner shall:

1.8 (1) approve youth skills training programs that train student learners for careers in
1.9 high-growth, high-demand occupations that provide:

1.10 (i) that the work of the student learner in the occupations declared particularly hazardous
1.11 shall be incidental to the training;

1.12 (ii) that the work shall be intermittent and for short periods of time, and under the direct
1.13 and close supervision of a qualified and experienced person;

1.14 (iii) that safety instruction shall be provided to the student learner and may be given by
1.15 the school and correlated by the employer with on-the-job training;

1.16 (iv) a schedule of organized and progressive work processes to be performed on the job;

1.17 (v) a schedule of wage rates in compliance with section 177.24; and

1.18 (vi) whether the student learner will obtain secondary school academic credit,
1.19 postsecondary credit, or both, for the training program;

1.20 (2) approve occupations and maintain a list of approved occupations for programs under
1.21 this section;

- 2.1 (3) issue requests for proposals for grants;
- 2.2 (4) work with individuals representing industry and labor to develop new youth skills
- 2.3 training programs;
- 2.4 (5) develop model program guides;
- 2.5 (6) monitor youth skills training programs;
- 2.6 (7) provide technical assistance to local partnership grantees;
- 2.7 (8) work with providers to identify paths for receiving postsecondary credit for
- 2.8 participation in the youth skills training program; and
- 2.9 (9) approve other activities as necessary to implement the program.

2.10 (b) The commissioner shall collaborate with stakeholders, including, but not limited to,

2.11 representatives of secondary school institutions, career and technical education instructors,

2.12 postsecondary institutions, businesses, and labor, in developing youth skills training

2.13 programs, and identifying and approving occupations and competencies for youth skills

2.14 training programs.

2.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 175.46, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

2.16 Subd. 13. **Grant awards.** (a) The commissioner shall award grants to local partnerships

2.17 for youth skills training programs that train student learners for careers in high-growth,

2.18 high-demand occupations. Grant awards may not exceed \$100,000 per local partnership

2.19 grant.

2.20 (b) A local partnership awarded a grant under this section must use the grant award for

2.21 any of the following implementation and coordination activities:

2.22 (1) recruiting additional employers to provide on-the-job training and supervision for

2.23 student learners and providing technical assistance to those employers;

2.24 (2) recruiting students to participate in the local youth skills training program, monitoring

2.25 the progress of student learners participating in the program, and monitoring program

2.26 outcomes;

2.27 (3) coordinating youth skills training activities within participating school districts and

2.28 among participating school districts, postsecondary institutions, and employers;

2.29 (4) coordinating academic, vocational and occupational learning, school-based and

2.30 work-based learning, and secondary and postsecondary education for participants in the

2.31 local youth skills training program;

3.1 (5) coordinating transportation for student learners participating in the local youth skills
3.2 training program; and

3.3 (6) any other implementation or coordination activity that the commissioner may direct
3.4 or permit the local partnership to perform.

3.5 ~~(b)~~ (c) Grant awards may not be used to directly or indirectly pay the wages of a student
3.6 learner.

3.7 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; YOUTH SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM.**

3.8 \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from
3.9 the workforce development fund to the commissioner of labor and industry to administer
3.10 the youth skills training program and make grant awards under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.11 175.46.