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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; appropriating money for career and technical
1.3 education.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS; CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

1.6 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2020 and \$..... in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from the
1.7 workforce development fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development
1.8 for grants to school districts and charter schools offering career and technical education
1.9 courses to secondary school students.

1.10 (b) The commissioner must establish a competitive grant process to award grants to
1.11 school districts and charter schools to expand career and technical education courses to
1.12 include courses on agriculture, aviation, transportation, computer technology, construction
1.13 trades, manufacturing, medical careers, or family and consumer science. Eligible applicants
1.14 must demonstrate they have:

1.15 (1) partnerships with local businesses for supportive activities;

1.16 (2) cocurricular programs at secondary schools; and

1.17 (3) district or school employees that have expertise in applicable career and technical
1.18 education subject areas.

1.19 (c) Grant funds may be used to:

- 2.1 (1) acquire industry-standard equipment and materials for courses in the skilled trades,
2.2 transportation, manufacturing, medical technology, information systems, food science, and
2.3 other appropriate career and technical education courses;
- 2.4 (2) purchase enriched classroom lab curricula and equipment;
- 2.5 (3) provide funding for nationally recognized student organizations focused on leadership,
2.6 competition, and recognition, including SkillsUSA, Future Farmers of America, and DECA,
2.7 Inc., to supplement the existing academic and supervised occupational experience curriculum;
- 2.8 (4) fund transportation to internships or other experiences related to classroom work
2.9 and cocurricular leadership events;
- 2.10 (5) expand internships, job shadowing, and work placement opportunities in the
2.11 community; and
- 2.12 (6) match students with high-quality internships, job shadow opportunities, and paid
2.13 work experience.
- 2.14 (d) Grant recipients must not use grant funds on administrative expenses or on
2.15 postsecondary courses offered under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, subdivision 9.