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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2781

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; establishing a statewide self-advocacy network for
1.3 persons with disabilities; appropriating money.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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