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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to workforce development; modifying job training program requirements;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116J.8747, subdivisions 2, 3, 4.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116J.8747, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Qualified job training program.** To qualify for grants under this section, a
1.7 job training program must satisfy the following requirements:

1.8 (1) the program must be operated by a nonprofit corporation that qualifies under section
1.9 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

1.10 (2) the program must spend, on average, \$15,000 or more per graduate of the program;

1.11 (3) the program must provide education and training in:

1.12 (i) basic skills, such as reading, writing, mathematics, and communications;

1.13 (ii) thinking skills, such as reasoning, creative thinking, decision making, and problem
1.14 solving; and

1.15 (iii) personal qualities, such as responsibility, self-esteem, self-management, honesty,
1.16 and integrity;

1.17 (4) the program may provide income supplements, when needed, to participants for
1.18 housing, counseling, tuition, and other basic needs;

1.19 (5) ~~the program's education and training course must last for an average of at least six~~
1.20 ~~months;~~

- 2.1 ~~(6)~~ individuals served by the program must:
- 2.2 ~~(i)~~ be 18 years of age or older; as of the date of enrollment, and
- 2.3 ~~(ii)~~ have ~~federal adjusted gross~~ household income of no more than \$12,000 per year in
- 2.4 the calendar year immediately before entering the program that is 100 percent or less of the
- 2.5 federal poverty guideline for Minnesota, based on family size; and
- 2.6 ~~(iii)~~ have assets of no more than \$10,000, ~~excluding the value of a homestead; and~~
- 2.7 ~~(iv)~~ not have been claimed as a dependent on the federal tax return of another person in
- 2.8 the previous taxable year; and
- 2.9 ~~(7)~~ (6) the program must be certified by the commissioner of employment and economic
- 2.10 development as meeting the requirements of this subdivision.

2.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116J.8747, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.12 Subd. 3. **Graduation and retention grant requirements.** For purposes of a placement

2.13 grant under this section, a qualified graduate is a graduate of a job training program qualifying

2.14 under subdivision 2 who is placed in a job in Minnesota that pays at least ~~\$9 per hour~~ the

2.15 state minimum wage or its equivalent plus health care benefits. To qualify for a retention

2.16 grant under this section for a retention fee, a job in which the graduate is retained must pay

2.17 at least ~~\$10 per hour~~ the state minimum wage or its equivalent plus health care benefits at

2.18 the end of the first year of employment.

2.19 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116J.8747, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

2.20 Subd. 4. **Duties of program.** (a) A program certified by the commissioner under

2.21 subdivision 2 must comply with the requirements of this subdivision.

2.22 (b) A program must maintain records for each qualified graduate. The records must

2.23 include information sufficient to verify the graduate's eligibility under this section, identify

2.24 the employer, and describe the job including its compensation rate and benefits.

2.25 (c) A program ~~must report by January 1 of each year to the commissioner. The report~~

2.26 ~~must include, at least, information on:~~ is subject to the reporting requirements under section

2.27 116L.98.

2.28 ~~(1) the number of graduates placed;~~

2.29 ~~(2) demographic information on the graduates;~~

- 3.1 ~~(3) the type of position in which each graduate is placed, including compensation~~
3.2 ~~information;~~
- 3.3 ~~(4) the tenure of each graduate at the placed position or in other jobs;~~
- 3.4 ~~(5) the amount of employer fees paid to the program;~~
- 3.5 ~~(6) the amount of money raised by the program from other sources; and~~
- 3.6 ~~(7) the types and sizes of employers with which graduates have been placed and retained.~~