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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 employment; providing for performance-based grants; appropriating  
1.3 money; modifying grant requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014,  
1.4 section 116J.8747, subdivisions 1, 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116J.8747, subdivision 1, is amended to  
1.7 read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Grant allowed.** The commissioner may provide a grant to a qualified  
1.9 job training program from money appropriated for the purposes of this section as follows:

1.10 (1) ~~a \$9,000~~ an \$11,000 placement grant paid to a job training program upon  
1.11 placement in employment of a qualified graduate of the program; and

1.12 (2) ~~a \$9,000~~ an \$11,000 retention grant paid to a job training program upon retention  
1.13 in employment of a qualified graduate of the program for at least one year.

1.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116J.8747, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2.5 (4) the program ~~must~~ may provide income supplements, when needed, to participants  
 2.6 for housing, counseling, tuition, and other basic needs;

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

2.9 (6) individuals served by the program must:

2.10 (i) be 18 years of age or older;

2.11 (ii) have federal adjusted gross income of no more than ~~\$11,000~~ \$12,000 per year in  
 2.12 the calendar year immediately before entering the program;

2.13 (iii) have assets of no more than ~~\$7,000~~ \$10,000, excluding the value of a  
 2.14 homestead; and

2.15 (iv) not have been claimed as a dependent on the federal tax return of another person  
 2.16 in the previous taxable year; and

2.17 (7) the program must be certified by the commissioner of employment and economic  
 2.18 development as meeting the requirements of this subdivision.

2.19 **Sec. 3. TWIN CITIES RISE! PAY FOR PERFORMANCE GRANTS;**

2.20 **APPROPRIATION.**

2.21 \$600,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
 2.22 commissioner of employment and economic development for performance grants under  
 2.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8747, to Twin Cities RISE! to provide training to  
 2.24 hard-to-train individuals. The base appropriation for this program is \$600,000 in fiscal  
 2.25 year 2018 and \$600,000 in fiscal year 2019.