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03/10/2014	6079	Introduction and first reading Referred to Higher Education and Workforce Development
03/12/2014	6143a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development
03/20/2014		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

A bill for an act

1.1 relating to economic development; establishing PIPELINE project (Private  
 1.2 Investment/Public Education Labor-Industry Experience) pilot programs to  
 1.3 develop competency standards for apprenticeships in advanced manufacturing,  
 1.4 health care services, and information technology; requiring reports; appropriating  
 1.5 money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 181A.07, by adding a  
 1.6 subdivision.  
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1.8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 181A.07, is amended by adding a  
 1.10 subdivision to read:

1.11 Subd. 7. **Approved training programs.** The commissioner may grant exemptions  
 1.12 from any provisions of sections 181A.01 to 181A.12 for minors participating in training  
 1.13 programs approved by the commissioner; or students in a valid apprenticeship program  
 1.14 taught by or required by a trade union, the commissioner of education, the commissioner  
 1.15 of employment and economic development, the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State  
 1.16 Colleges and Universities, or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota.

1.17 Sec. 2. **PILOT PROGRAMS; ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND HEALTH**  
 1.18 **CARE SERVICES.**

1.19 The commissioner of labor and industry shall establish pilot programs to develop  
 1.20 competency standards for apprenticeship programs in advanced manufacturing and health  
 1.21 care services. The pilot programs shall be administered by the registered apprenticeship  
 1.22 program within the Department of Labor and Industry. In establishing the pilot  
 1.23 programs, the commissioner may convene recognized industry experts and representative

2.1 employers to assist in defining credible competency standards acceptable to the advanced  
2.2 manufacturing and health care services industries.

2.3 **Sec. 3. PILOT PROGRAM; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.**

2.4 The commissioner of employment and economic development shall establish a pilot  
2.5 program to develop competency standards for an information technology apprenticeship  
2.6 program. In establishing the pilot program, the commissioner may convene recognized  
2.7 industry experts and representative employers to define credible competency standards  
2.8 acceptable to the information technology industry.

2.9 **Sec. 4. OUTCOMES.**

2.10 The outcomes expected from each of the pilot programs listed in sections 2 and  
2.11 3 include:

2.12 (1) establishment of competency standards for entry level and at least two additional  
2.13 higher skill levels for apprenticeship training in each industry;

2.14 (2) verification of competency standards and skill levels and their transferability by  
2.15 representatives of each respective industry;

2.16 (3) models of ways for Minnesota educational institutions to engage in providing  
2.17 education and training to meet the competency standards established; and

2.18 (4) participation from the identified industry sectors.

2.19 **Sec. 5. REPORTS.**

2.20 (a) By January 15, 2015, the commissioner of labor and industry shall report to the  
2.21 legislative committees with jurisdiction over jobs on the progress and success of the pilot  
2.22 programs in section 2, recommendations to implement and deliver on the pilot programs  
2.23 in section 2, and recommendations on occupations in which similar competency standards  
2.24 should be developed and implemented.

2.25 (b) By January 15, 2015, the commissioner of employment and economic  
2.26 development shall report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over jobs on the  
2.27 progress and success of the pilot program in section 3, recommendations to implement  
2.28 and deliver on the pilot programs in section 3, and recommendations on occupations in  
2.29 which similar competency standards should be developed and implemented.

2.30 **Sec. 6. APPROPRIATION.**

3.1           (a) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2015 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
3.2 commissioner of labor and industry for the pilot programs in section 2. This appropriation  
3.3 is available until June 30, 2017.

3.4           (b) \$100,000 in fiscal year 2015 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
3.5 commissioner of employment and economic development for the pilot program in section  
3.6 3. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2017.