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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to workforce development; appropriating money for a health care simulation
1.3 training center in southeast Minnesota; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. **SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA SIMULATION CENTER;**
1.6 **APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 (a) \$11,100,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.8 commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to Greater Rochester
1.9 Advocates for Universities and Colleges (GRAUC), a collaborative organization representing
1.10 health care, business, workforce development, and higher education institutions, for the
1.11 direct and indirect expenses of starting up a state-of-the-art simulation center for training
1.12 health care workers in southeast Minnesota. Once established, this center must be
1.13 self-sustaining through user fees. Eligible expenses include design of the center, purchase
1.14 of equipment, lease and remodeling of space, developing and providing training, and
1.15 operational costs. This is a onetime appropriation.

1.16 (b) By January 15, 2024, GRAUC must submit a report, including an independent
1.17 financial audit of the use of grant funds, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
1.18 legislative committees having jurisdiction over higher education and economic development.
1.19 This report must include details on the training provided at the simulation center, including
1.20 the names of all organizations that use the center for training, the number of individuals
1.21 each organization trained, and the type of training provided.