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Introduction and first reading
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; appropriating money for a grant to Advocating Change
1.3 Together.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL
1.6 AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

1.7 (a) \$143,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.8 of human services for a grant to Advocating Change Together to maintain and promote
1.9 self-advocacy services and supports for persons with intellectual and developmental
1.10 disabilities throughout the state. Grant funds must be used for the following purposes:

1.11 (1) to maintain the infrastructure needed to train and support the activities of a statewide
1.12 network of peer-to-peer mentors for people with developmental disabilities, focused on
1.13 building awareness of service options and advocacy skills necessary to move toward full
1.14 inclusion in community life, including the development and delivery of the curriculum to
1.15 support the peer-to-peer network;

1.16 (2) to provide outreach activities, including statewide conferences and disability
1.17 networking opportunities focused on self-advocacy, informed choice, and community
1.18 engagement skills;

1.19 (3) to provide an annual leadership program for persons with intellectual and
1.20 developmental disabilities; and

1.21 (4) to provide for administrative and general operating costs associated with managing
1.22 and maintaining facilities, program delivery, evaluation, staff, and technology.

(b) \$105,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant to Advocating Change Together to be used for subgrants to organizations in Minnesota to conduct outreach to persons working and living in institutional settings to provide education and information about community options. Grant funds must be used to deliver peer-led skill training sessions in six regions of the state to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities understand community service options related to:

(1) housing;

(2) employment;

(3) education;

(4) transportation;

(5) emerging service reform initiatives contained in the state's Olmstead plan, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Public Law 113-128, and federal home and community-based services regulations; and

(6) connecting with individuals who can help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities make an informed choice and plan for a transition in services.

(c) For fiscal year 2019 and later, the base appropriation for the grant programs under paragraphs (a) and (b) is \$248,000.