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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to higher education; expanding eligibility for dual training competency

1.3 grants; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes

1.4 2018, section 175.45, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 175.45, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Duties; goal.** The commissioner of labor and industry shall convene

1.8 industry representatives, identify occupational competency standards, and provide technical

1.9 assistance to develop dual-training programs. The competency standards shall be identified

1.10 for employment in occupations in advanced manufacturing, health care services, information

1.11 technology, ~~and~~ agriculture, and other high-demand, high-wage occupation areas identified

1.12 by the commissioner of labor and industry as authorized by law. Competency standards are

1.13 not rules and are exempt from the rulemaking provisions of chapter 14, and the provisions

1.14 in section 14.386 concerning exempt rules do not apply.

1.15 Sec. 2. **AUTHORIZATION TO EXPAND STANDARDS FOR DUAL TRAINING.**

1.16 Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** The commissioner of labor and industry may identify up

1.17 to two additional occupation areas eligible for development of dual-training programs under

1.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 175.45.

1.19 Subd. 2. **Report.** The commissioner of labor and industry shall report to the chairs and

1.20 ranking members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over jobs and higher

1.21 education by January 15, 2021, on any additional occupation areas identified under

2.1 subdivision 1 and any occupational pathways in those areas for which competency standards
2.2 have been developed.

2.3 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.4 (a) \$100,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from
2.5 the general fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education for transfer to the
2.6 commissioner of labor and industry to identify two additional occupation areas for
2.7 dual-training programs under Minnesota Statutes, section 175.45, and to develop competency
2.8 standards for occupations in those areas.

2.9 (b) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated
2.10 from the general fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education for dual training
2.11 competency grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.246, in occupation areas identified
2.12 by the commissioner of labor and industry under section 2.