State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION   H. F. No. **1172**

02/23/2015   Authored by Gunther, Mahoney, Isaacson and O'Neill
              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; appropriating money for extended employment services

1.3   for persons with severe disabilities.

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

1.5   Section 1. **EXTENDED EMPLOYMENT FOR PERSONS WITH SEVERE**

1.6   **DISABILITIES; APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 $500,000 in fiscal year 2016 and $500,000 in fiscal year 2017 from the general fund

1.8   and $500,000 in fiscal year 2016 and $500,000 in fiscal year 2017 from the workforce

1.9   development fund are appropriated to the commissioner of employment and economic

1.10   development for rate increases to providers of extended employment services for persons

1.11   with severe disabilities under Minnesota Statutes, section 268A.15. For purposes of

1.12   this section, Minnesota Diversified Industries, Inc. is an eligible provider of extended

1.13   employment services for persons with severe disabilities under Minnesota Statutes,

1.14   section 268A.15.

1.15   Sec. 2. **EXTENDED EMPLOYMENT; OLMSTEAD PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

1.16   **COSTS; APPROPRIATION.**

1.17 $12,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 from the general fund is appropriated to the

1.18   commissioner of employment and economic development for grants to current providers

1.19   of extended employment services for persons with severe disabilities under Minnesota

1.20   Statutes, section 268A.15, for costs associated with Olmstead Plan implementation. For

1.21   purposes of this section, Minnesota Diversified Industries, Inc. is an eligible provider

1.22   of extended employment services for persons with severe disabilities under Minnesota

1.23   Statutes, section 268A.15. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2019.