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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1359

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to workforce development; appropriating money for workforce training
1.3 in Owatonna and Steele counties.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

1.6 \$275,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$275,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from the
1.7 workforce development fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development
1.8 for a grant to Workforce Development, Inc. to provide career education, wraparound support
1.9 services, and job skills training in high-demand manufacturing fields to low-income parents,
1.10 nonnative speakers of English, and other hard-to-train individuals, helping families build
1.11 secure pathways out of poverty while also addressing worker shortages in the Owatonna
1.12 and Steele County area. Funds may be used for program expenses, including but not limited
1.13 to hiring instructors and navigators; space rental; and supportive services to help participants
1.14 attend classes, including assistance with course fees, child care, transportation, and safe and
1.15 stable housing. In addition, up to five percent of grant funds may be used for Workforce
1.16 Development, Inc.'s administrative costs. This is a onetime appropriation and is available
1.17 until June 30, 2022.