

commissioners of Wright county acting through a department head appointed by the board for that purpose. A reorganization, reallocation, or delegation or other administrative change or transfer does not diminish, prohibit, or avoid the discharge of duties required by statute.

**Sec. 3. APPOINTEE TO VACANCY.**

The person appointed to fill the vacancy in the office following the resignation in September 2000 of the elected recorder may continue to serve until the county board exercises its authority under this act or until a recorder is elected at the end of the term being filled by appointment.

**Sec. 4. FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE; REVERSE REFERENDUM.**

The county board may provide for the appointment of the county recorder as permitted in this act without an affirmative vote of the voters of the county if the resolution to make the office appointed is approved by 80 percent of the members of the county board. Before the adoption of the resolution, the county board must publish a resolution notifying the public of its intent to consider adopting the option once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official publication of the county. Following the publication, the county board shall provide an opportunity at its next regular meeting for public comment relating to the option, prior to formally adopting the option. The option may be implemented without the submission of the question of its implementation to the voters of the county, unless within 30 days after the second publication of the resolution, a petition requesting a referendum, signed by at least ten percent of the registered voters of the county, is filed with the county auditor. If a petition is filed, the option may be implemented unless disapproved by a majority of the voters of the county voting on the question at a regular or special election.

**Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective the day following final enactment. No local approval is required.

Presented to the governor May 23, 2001

Signed by the governor May 24, 2001, 2:06 p.m.

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**CHAPTER 181—H.F.No. 1941**

*An act relating to economic development; clarifying provisions in the job skills partnership program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, sections 116L.02; 116L.04, subdivision 1a; and 116L.06, subdivision 5.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 116L.02, is amended to read:

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### 116L.02 JOB SKILLS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

(a) The Minnesota job skills partnership program is created to act as a catalyst to bring together employers with specific training needs with educational or other nonprofit institutions which can design programs to fill those needs. The partnership shall work closely with employers to train and place workers in identifiable positions as well as assisting educational or other nonprofit institutions in developing training programs that coincide with current and future employer requirements. The partnership shall provide grants to educational or other nonprofit institutions for the purpose of training displaced workers. A participating business must match the grant-in-aid made by the Minnesota job skills partnership. The match may be in the form of funding, equipment, or faculty.

(b) The partnership program shall administer the health care and human services worker training and retention program under sections 116L.10 to 116L.15.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 116L.04, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

Subd. 1a. **PATHWAYS PROGRAM.** The pathways program may provide grants-in-aid for developing programs which assist in the transition of persons from welfare to work and assist individuals at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. The program is to be operated by the board. The board shall consult and coordinate with program administrators at the department of economic security to design and provide services for temporary assistance for needy families recipients.

Pathways grants-in-aid may be awarded to educational or other nonprofit training institutions for education and training programs that serve public assistance recipients transitioning from public assistance to employment and services supporting education and training programs that serve eligible recipients.

Preference shall be given to projects that:

- (1) provide employment with benefits paid to employees;
- (2) provide employment where there are defined career paths for trainees;
- (3) pilot the development of an educational pathway that can be used on a continuing basis for transitioning persons from public assistance directly welfare to work; and
- (4) demonstrate the active participation of department of economic security workforce centers, Minnesota state college and university institutions and other educational institutions, and local welfare agencies.

Pathways projects must demonstrate the active involvement and financial commitment of private business. Pathways projects must be matched with cash or in-kind contributions on at least a one-to-one ratio by participating private business.

A single grant to any one institution shall not exceed \$400,000.

The board shall annually, by March 31, report to the commissioners of economic security and trade and economic development on pathways programs, including the

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number of public assistance recipients participating in the program, the number of participants placed in employment, the salary and benefits they receive, and the state program costs per participant.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 116L.06, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **LOAN USES.** Loans must be used by an employer to obtain the most ~~cost-effective~~ effective training available from public or private training institutions. An employer must document to the board the process the employer has utilized to ensure that the proposed loan is used to acquire the most cost-effective training and provide a training plan.

Presented to the governor May 23, 2001

Signed by the governor May 25, 2001, 12:01 p.m.

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## CHAPTER 182—S.F.No. 1082

*An act relating to natural resources; adding to and deleting from state parks and state recreation areas; redesigning a state park boundary and administration; modifying administration of certain boathouse lot leases in Soudan underground mine state park; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 85.012, subdivision 17; Laws 2000, chapter 486, section 4.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 85.012, subdivision 17, is amended to read:

Subd. 17. Fort Ridgely state park, Nicollet county, ~~which is hereby renamed from Fort Ridgely memorial state park and Renville counties.~~

Sec. 2. Laws 2000, chapter 486, section 4, is amended to read:

Sec. 4. **BOATHOUSE LEASES; SOUDAN UNDERGROUND MINE STATE PARK.**

(a) ~~Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 85.011; 85.012, subdivision 1; and 86A.05, subdivision 2, the leased boathouse lots located at Stuntz bay in the Soudan underground mine state park are extended for the lifetime of the current leaseholder. The commissioner of natural resources shall not cancel a lease, except for noncompliance with the lease agreement.~~

(b) ~~A lease, described under paragraph (a), may be transferred only once by the current leaseholder to a person within the third degree of kindred according to civil law or to first cousins. When possession is transferred, the transferee shall notify the commissioner and pay to the department of natural resources an annual lease fee. The commissioner may offer and, after agreement with the leaseholder, lease equivalent alternative boathouse sites to a leaseholder.~~

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