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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Workforce Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to workforce development; appropriating money for a grant to Change
1.3 Starts With Community in North Minneapolis.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

1.6 \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.7 of employment and economic development for a grant to Change Starts With Community
1.8 for a violence prevention program. Grant money must be used to establish a comprehensive
1.9 workforce development initiative, specifically tailored for at-risk youth and adults, located
1.10 on site at Shiloh Cares Food Shelf in the city of Minneapolis. This is a onetime appropriation.

1.11 Sec. 2. CHANGE STARTS WITH COMMUNITY VIOLENCE PREVENTION
1.12 PROGRAM.

1.13 Subdivision 1. Objectives. Change Starts With Community must:

1.14 (1) develop and implement year-round job training programs for at-risk youth and adults
1.15 and provide trusted adult mentorship for at-risk BIPOC youth, providing them with the
1.16 skills needed for gainful employment and career opportunities; and

1.17 (2) create on-site job opportunities at Shiloh Cares Food Shelf, promoting community
1.18 engagement and economic development.

1.19 Subd. 2. Partnerships. (a) Change Starts With Community shall partner with the Cargill
1.20 Foundation to support at-risk youth educational career field trips and mental health check-ins,

2.1 exposing participants to multiple career paths and preventing further trauma through mental
2.2 health check-ins for youth.

2.3 (b) Change Starts With Community shall partner with Hennepin County juvenile
2.4 corrections and the Minneapolis Police Department to receive referrals for at-risk youth
2.5 who would benefit from enrollment in the program to prevent risky behaviors and community
2.6 violence.

2.7 Subd. 3. **At-risk youth and adult job program positions.** Change Starts With
2.8 Community must use grant proceeds to add positions to the program's complement, including
2.9 but not limited to: youth mentorships, food service workers, an executive director, director,
2.10 and program director.

2.11 Subd. 4. **Report.** Change Starts With Community shall report to the commissioner of
2.12 employment and economic development, outlining the utilization of grant money, program
2.13 outcomes, and the impact on the targeted population. The report shall be submitted no later
2.14 than six months after the end of fiscal year 2025.