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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to higher education; appropriating money to the Office of Higher Education

1.3 for a competitive grant to an organization providing vocational and life skills

1.4 training to young adults with learning differences; requiring a report.

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

1.6 Section 1. **GRANTS TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS WITH LEARNING**

1.7 **DIFFERENCES AND AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.**

1.8 (a) \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated

1.9 from the general fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education for a

1.10 competitive grant to a qualified, Minnesota-based, nongovernmental organization that

1.11 provides postsecondary vocational and life skills training, a residential campus experience,

1.12 and ongoing post-graduate career and community support for young adults with learning

1.13 differences and autism spectrum disorder.

1.14 (b) The organization must use grant funds for need-based scholarships and tuition

1.15 reduction for students who meet Minnesota residency requirements in Minnesota Statutes,

1.16 section 136A.101, subdivision 8. Applications for a grant shall be on a form created by the

1.17 commissioner of the Office of Higher Education and on a schedule set by the commissioner.

1.18 (c) By August 1 of 2022 and 2023, the organization must submit to the Office of Higher

1.19 Education and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees

1.20 with jurisdiction over higher education an annual report on the results of the grant. The

1.21 report must include but is not limited to information about programs offered by the

1.22 organization, program costs to students, student outcomes, the number of students served

- 2.1 by the grant, and the average amount of scholarships or tuition reduction provided to students
- 2.2 as a result of the grant.