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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/10/2014	6079	Introduction and first reading Referred to Higher Education and Workforce Development
03/12/2014	6143a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development
03/20/2014	6481a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to economic development; establishing PIPELINE project (Private  
 1.3 Investment/Public Education Labor-Industry Experience) to develop competency  
 1.4 standards in advanced manufacturing, health care services, information  
 1.5 technology, and agriculture; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending  
 1.6 Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 181A.07, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 181A.07, is amended by adding a  
 1.9 subdivision to read:

1.10 Subd. 7. **Approved training programs.** The commissioner may grant exemptions  
 1.11 from any provisions of sections 181A.01 to 181A.12 for minors participating in training  
 1.12 programs approved by the commissioner; or students in a valid apprenticeship program  
 1.13 taught by or required by a trade union, the commissioner of education, the commissioner  
 1.14 of employment and economic development, the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State  
 1.15 Colleges and Universities, or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota.

1.16 Sec. 2. **COMPETENCY STANDARDS: ADVANCED MANUFACTURING,**  
 1.17 **HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AND**  
 1.18 **AGRICULTURE.**

1.19 The commissioner of labor and industry, in collaboration with the commissioner  
 1.20 of employment and economic development, shall establish competency standards for  
 1.21 PIPELINE programs in advanced manufacturing, health care services, information  
 1.22 technology, and agriculture. This initiative shall be administered by the Department  
 1.23 of Labor and Industry. In establishing the competency standards, the commissioner  
 1.24 shall convene recognized industry experts, representative employers, higher education

2.1 institutions, and representatives of labor to assist in defining credible competency  
2.2 standards acceptable to the advanced manufacturing, health care services, information  
2.3 technology, and agriculture industries.

2.4 Sec. 3. **OUTCOMES.**

2.5 The outcomes expected from the initiatives listed in section 2 include:

2.6 (1) establishment of competency standards for entry level and at least two additional  
2.7 higher skill levels in each industry;

2.8 (2) verification of competency standards and skill levels and their transferability by  
2.9 representatives of each respective industry;

2.10 (3) models of ways for Minnesota educational institutions to engage in providing  
2.11 education and training to meet the competency standards established; and

2.12 (4) participation from the identified industry sectors.

2.13 Sec. 4. **REPORTS.**

2.14 By January 15, 2015, the commissioner of labor and industry shall report to the  
2.15 legislative committees with jurisdiction over jobs on the progress and success, including  
2.16 outcomes, of the initiatives listed in section 2, recommendations to implement and deliver  
2.17 on the initiatives in section 2, and recommendations on occupations in which similar  
2.18 competency standards should be developed and implemented.

2.19 Sec. 5. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.20 \$300,000 in fiscal year 2015 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
2.21 commissioner of labor and industry for the initiatives in section 2. This appropriation  
2.22 is available until June 30, 2017.