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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **4010**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to higher education; establishing a grant program for organizations

1.3 providing vocational and life skills training to young adults with learning

1.4 differences and autism; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing coding

1.5 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136A.

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

1.7 Section 1. **[136A.92] GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING**

1.8 **INDIVIDUALS WITH LEARNING DIFFERENCES AND AUTISM SPECTRUM**

1.9 **DISORDER.**

1.10 Subdivision 1. Grant program established. The commissioner shall establish a

1.11 competitive grant program to provide funds to organizations serving young adults with

1.12 learning differences and autism spectrum disorder.

1.13 Subd. 2. Eligibility; use of funds. (a) To be eligible for a grant under this section, an

1.14 organization must:

1.15 (1) complete an application in the form and manner specified by the commissioner;

1.16 (2) be located in Minnesota;

1.17 (3) be a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization; and

1.18 (4) provide postsecondary vocational and life skills training, a residential campus

1.19 experience, and ongoing postgraduate career and community support for young adults with

1.20 learning differences and autism spectrum disorder.

2.1 (b) The commissioner shall award the grants biennially. An organization may receive a
2.2 grant more than once. Grant award amounts shall be determined by the commissioner based
2.3 on the appropriation for the program and the applications received.

2.4 (c) An organization receiving a grant under this section must use the grant funds for
2.5 need-based scholarships and tuition reduction for students who meet Minnesota residency
2.6 requirements in section 136A.101, subdivision 8.

2.7 Subd. 3. **Report required.** By August 1 of each odd-numbered year, an organization
2.8 receiving a grant under this section must submit to the Office of Higher Education and to
2.9 the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
2.10 over higher education an annual report on the results of the grant. The report must include
2.11 but is not limited to information about programs offered by the organization, program costs
2.12 to students, student outcomes, the number of students served by the grant, and the average
2.13 amount of scholarships or tuition reduction provided to students as a result of the grant.

2.14 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; GRANTS TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS WITH**
2.15 **LEARNING DIFFERENCES AND AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.**

2.16 \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.17 of the Office of Higher Education for grants to up to five eligible organizations under
2.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.92.