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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance

03/02/2017 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act

relating to workforce development; providing funding for adult workforce development initiatives in greater Minnesota; appropriating money.

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

Section 1. <u>ADULT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMPETITIVE GRANT</u> PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION.

\$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the workforce development fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for the adult workforce development competitive grant program. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2020. Grants under this section must be awarded to organizations located outside of the seven-county metropolitan area and must be used for programs with workforce opportunities focused on high-wage, high-demand occupations. The commissioner shall report to the committees with jurisdiction by January 15, 2018, and January 15, 2019, about the effect of this appropriation on disparities based on geography, wealth, race, and gender. "Disparities" means differences in economic, employment, health, education, or public safety outcomes between the state population as a whole and subgroups of the population defined by geography, wealth, race, and gender.

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