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A bill for an act
relating to human services; providing grants to Advocating Change Together;
appropriating money.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.**

(a) \$155,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant to Advocating Change Together to maintain and promote services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the state. Grant funds must be used for:

(1) delivery and evaluation of statewide peer-to-peer training programs focusing on education, employment, housing, transportation, and voting;

(2) outreach activities, including statewide conferences focusing on self-advocacy and community engagement skills;

(3) an annual leadership program for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities;

(4) subgrants to organizations in the state to conduct outreach to persons working and living in institutionalized settings to educate and inform them about community options;

(5) technical assistance and support for a network of groups in the state working to comply with integration mandates and to develop community inclusion training materials accessible to persons with cognitive, sensory, and physical disabilities; and

(6) administrative and general operating costs associated with managing or maintaining facilities, program delivery, staff, and technology.

\$155,000 is added to the annual base appropriation.

2.1 (b) \$95,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the
2.2 commissioner of human services for a grant to Advocating Change Together to deliver
2.3 training that builds self-advocating leaders to advance community integration for persons
2.4 with disabilities under the Minnesota Olmstead plan. Grant funds shall be used for the
2.5 following purposes:

2.6 (1) program coordination activities, program evaluation, program facilitators, and
2.7 guest educators;

2.8 (2) lodging and meals for training participants and facilitators;

2.9 (3) administrative and indirect expenses related to training; and

2.10 (4) action learning plans that facilitate Minnesota Olmstead plan integration
2.11 mandates.

2.12 Beginning in fiscal year 2018, the annual base appropriation is \$190,000.