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A bill for an act

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relating to workforce development; establishing a youth-at-work grant program;

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appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,

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chapter 116L.

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

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Section 1. **[116L.562] YOUTH-AT-WORK GRANT PROGRAM.**

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Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner shall award grants to eligible

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organizations for the purpose of providing workforce development and training

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opportunities to economically disadvantaged or at-risk youth ages 14 to 24.

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Subd. 2. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section:

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(1) "eligible organization" means a local government unit, nonprofit organization,

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community action agency, or a public school district;

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(2) "at-risk youth" means youth classified as at-risk under section 116L.56,

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subdivision 2; and

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(3) "economically disadvantaged" means youth who are economically disadvantaged

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as defined in United States Code, title 29, section 1503.

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Subd. 3. **Competitive grant awards.** (a) In awarding competitive grants, priority

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shall be given to programs that:

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(1) provide students with information about education and training requirements for

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careers in high-growth, in-demand occupations;

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(2) serve youth from communities of color who are underrepresented in the

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workforce; or

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(3) serve youth with disabilities.

(b) At least 25 percent of the grants must serve youth from communities of color living in low-income areas, as defined in section 116M.14, subdivision 4.

Subd. 4. **Stability funding.** (a) Stability funds must be allocated as follows:

(1) 70 percent to workforce investment boards, or a city of the first class that does not have a federal designation as a workforce service area, based on the service area's or city's share of youth from communities of color; and

(2) 30 percent to workforce investment boards, or a city of the first class that does not have a federal designation as a workforce service area, based on the service area's or city's share of economically disadvantaged youth.

(b) In calculating funds under paragraph (a), a city of the first class that does not have a federal designation as a workforce service area shall receive funding separately from the county in which the city is located if the county is also a workforce service area.

Subd. 5. **Performance outcomes.** The commissioner shall report to the legislature on the performance outcomes of this section in the same manner and with the same content as required by section 116L.98.

Sec. 2. APPROPRIATIONS; YOUTH-AT-WORK.

(a) \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for the youth-at-work competitive grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.562, subdivision 3. This appropriation is for increases to existing applicants who were awarded grants in fiscal years 2016 and 2017, and also for new applicants. This appropriation is in addition to the appropriation in Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (e), and shall be added to the base.

(b) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for the youth-at-work stability funding under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.562, subdivision 4. The base amount for fiscal year 2018 and later is \$2,000,000 per year.