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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; aligning AmeriCorps Innovation to federal law; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 124D.36; 124D.38, subdivision 3; 124D.39;
1.4 124D.40; 124D.42, subdivision 6; 124D.44; 124D.45, subdivision 2; repealing
1.5 Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 124D.38, subdivisions 4, 5, 6.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 124D.36, is amended to read:

1.8 **124D.36 CITATION; ~~MINNESOTA YOUTHWORKS~~ AMERICORPS**
1.9 **INNOVATION ACT.**

1.10 Sections 124D.37 to 124D.45 shall be cited as the "~~Minnesota Youthworks~~
1.11 AmeriCorps Innovation Act."

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 124D.38, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.13 Subd. 3. **Federal law.** "Federal law" means Public Law ~~101-610~~ 111-13, as
1.14 amended, or any other federal law or program assisting youth community service,
1.15 work-based learning, or youth transition from school to work.

1.16 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 124D.39, is amended to read:

1.17 **~~124D.39 YOUTHWORKS~~ AMERICORPS INNOVATION PROGRAM.**

1.18 The ~~Youthworks~~ AmeriCorps Innovation program is established to provide funding
1.19 for the commission to leverage federal and private funding to fulfill the purposes of section
1.20 124D.37. The ~~Youthworks~~ AmeriCorps Innovation program must supplement existing
1.21 programs and services. The program must not displace existing programs and services,
1.22 existing funding of programs or services, or existing employment and employment

opportunities. No eligible organization may terminate, layoff, or reduce the hours of work of an employee to place or hire a program participant. No eligible organization may place or hire an individual for a project if an employee is on layoff from the same or a substantially equivalent position.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 124D.40, is amended to read:

124D.40 ~~YOUTHWORKS~~ AMERICORPS INNOVATION GRANTS.

Subdivision 1. **Application.** An eligible organization interested in receiving a grant under sections 124D.39 to 124D.44 may prepare and submit an application to the commission. As part of the grant application process, the commission must establish and publish grant application guidelines that are consistent with this subdivision, section 124D.37, and Public Law 111-13; include criteria for reviewing an applicant's cost-benefit analysis; and require grantees to use research-based measures of program outcomes to generate valid and reliable data that are available to the commission for evaluation and public reporting purposes.

Subd. 2. **Grant authority.** The commission must use any state appropriation and any available federal funds, including any grant received under federal law, to award grants to establish programs for ~~Youthworks~~ AmeriCorps Innovation. At least one grant each must be available for a metropolitan proposal, a rural proposal, and a statewide proposal. If a portion of the suburban metropolitan area is not included in the metropolitan grant proposal, the statewide grant proposal must incorporate at least one suburban metropolitan area. In awarding grants, the commission may select at least one residential proposal and one nonresidential proposal.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 124D.42, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Program training.** The commission must, within available resources:

(1) orient each grantee organization in the nature, philosophy, and purpose of the program; ~~and~~

(2) build an ethic of community service through general community service training; ~~and~~

(3) provide guidance on integrating performance-based measurement into program models.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 124D.44, is amended to read:

124D.44 MATCH REQUIREMENTS.

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~~Youthworks AmeriCorps Innovation~~ grant funds must be used for the living allowance, cost of employer taxes under sections 3111 and 3301 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, workers' compensation coverage, health benefits, training and evaluation for each program participant, and administrative expenses, which must not exceed five ~~seven~~ percent of total program costs. ~~Youthworks grant funds may also be used to supplement applicant resources to fund postservice benefits for program participants. Applicant resources, from sources and in a form determined by the commission, must be used to provide for all other program costs, including the portion of the applicant's obligation for postservice benefits that is not covered by state or federal grant funds and such costs as supplies, materials, transportation, and salaries and benefits of those staff directly involved in the operation, internal monitoring, and evaluation of the program.~~

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 124D.45, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Interim report.** The commission must report ~~semiannually~~ annually to the legislature with interim recommendations to change the program.

Sec. 8. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 124D.38, subdivisions 4, 5, and 6, are repealed.