

**124D.37 PURPOSE OF MINNESOTA YOUTH WORKS ACT.**

The purposes of sections 124D.37 to 124D.45 are to:

- (1) renew the ethic of civic responsibility in Minnesota;
- (2) empower youth to improve their life opportunities through literacy, job placement, and other essential skills;
- (3) empower government to meet its responsibility to prepare young people to be contributing members of society;
- (4) help meet human, educational, environmental, and public safety needs, particularly those needs relating to poverty;
- (5) prepare a citizenry that is academically competent, ready for work, and socially responsible;
- (6) demonstrate the connection between youth and community service, community service and education, and education and meaningful opportunities in the business community;
- (7) demonstrate the connection between providing opportunities for at-risk youth and reducing crime rates and the social costs of troubled youth;
- (8) create linkages for a comprehensive youth service and learning program in Minnesota including school age programs, higher education programs, youth work programs, and service corps programs; and
- (9) coordinate federal and state activities that advance the purposes in this section.

**History:** 1993 c 146 art 5 s 3; 1998 c 397 art 3 s 103; art 11 s 3