

A bill for an act

relating to state government; appropriating money to establish a statewide self-advocacy network project.

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

Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

(a) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2009 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of administration for a grant to the Council on Developmental Disabilities for the purpose of establishing a statewide self-advocacy network for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID/DD).

(b) The self-advocacy network shall:

(1) ensure that persons with ID/DD are informed of their rights in employment, housing, transportation, voting, government policy, and other issues pertinent to the ID/DD community;

(2) provide public education and awareness of the civil and human rights issues faced by persons with ID/DD;

(3) provide funds, technical assistance, and other resources for self-advocacy groups across the state; and

(4) organize systems of communications to facilitate an exchange of information between self-advocacy groups.

(c) This appropriation is in addition to any other appropriations and must be added to the base appropriation beginning in fiscal year 2010.