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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2928

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to workforce development; requiring training for employers of persons  
1.3 with autism spectrum disorder; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **EMPLOYER AUTISM AWARENESS EDUCATION AND TRAINING;**  
1.6 **APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 \$170,000 is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year 2013 to the  
1.8 commissioner of employment and economic development to establish and maintain an  
1.9 employer network, and to develop, implement, and disseminate information, training,  
1.10 and education opportunities for Minnesota employers regarding the talents, necessary  
1.11 employment supports, and resources available to support the hiring and retention of  
1.12 persons diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. The commissioner must work  
1.13 cooperatively with the Autism Society of Minnesota, employers, persons with autism,  
1.14 and others as necessary to carry out the requirements of this section. This is a onetime  
1.15 appropriation and is available until expended.