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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 5044

03/20/2024 Authored by Hassan, Noor, Hussein, Xiong and Gomez The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Workforce Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money for a grant to the Metro
1.3 Youth Diversion Program.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; METRO YOUTH DIVERSION CENTER.

1.6 (a) \$350,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$350,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from
1.7 the workforce development fund to the commissioner of employment and economic
1.8 development for a grant to the Metro Youth Diversion Center (MYDC) to support its
1.9 Youth-Care Assessment and Readiness Education (Y-CARE) program. Money appropriated
1.10 is available either year of the biennium.

1.11 (b) Grant proceeds must be used to enhance workforce development opportunities for
1.12 youth with a focus on underrepresented East African students through MYDC's Y-CARE
1.13 program. The Y-CARE program must prioritize the following workforce development
1.14 activities:

1.15 (1) providing opportunities for youth to explore various career paths and industries;

1.16 (2) pairing youth participants with mentors who can provide guidance and support in
1.17 their career development journey;

1.18 (3) offering resources and programs aimed at empowering youth and enhancing their
1.19 personal and professional skills; and

1.20 (4) equipping youth with the necessary skills and resources to enter and thrive in the
1.21 workforce.

2.1 (c) By January 1, 2026, MYDC shall provide a report to the commissioner of employment
2.2 and economic development detailing how the grant proceeds were utilized and the outcomes
2.3 achieved through the Y-CARE program.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.