

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

**S.F. No. 5036**

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03/18/2024	12409	Introduction and first reading Referred to Jobs and Economic Development See SF5289

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.