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H. F. No. 1253

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to employment; requiring a report on barriers to employment for people
1.3 with mental illness; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. PLAN TO ADDRESS BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT.

1.6 The commissioner of employment and economic development must consult with the
1.7 commissioners of health and human services and stakeholders in order to identify the barriers
1.8 that people with mental illness face in obtaining employment and all current programs that
1.9 assist people with mental illness in obtaining employment. Stakeholders shall include people
1.10 with mental illness and their families, mental health advocates, mental health providers,
1.11 and employers. The commissioner of employment and economic development shall submit
1.12 a detailed plan to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over employment and human
1.13 services before February 1, 2020, identifying the barriers to employment and making
1.14 recommendations on how to best improve the employment rate among people with mental
1.15 illness.

1.16 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.17 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2020 and \$..... in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from the
1.18 general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for grants to
1.19 programs that provide employment support services to people with mental illness under
1.20 Minnesota Statutes, sections 268A.13 and 268A.14. Of the money appropriated, \$1,500,000
1.21 each year shall first be used to expand programs to areas of the state without an existing
1.22 employment support program, and secondly to expand existing programs.

- 2.1 (b) \$..... in fiscal year 2020 and \$..... in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from the
2.2 general fund to the commissioner of human services for adult mental health pilot projects
2.3 under Minnesota Statutes, section 245.4661, subdivision 9, for community support program
2.4 services to sustain and expand employment support programs for people with mental illness.
2.5 This appropriation is added to the base.