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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to employment; appropriating money for grants to day training and
1.3 habilitation providers to implement Olmstead Plan employment goals.
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. DAY TRAINING AND HABILITATION GRANT PROGRAM.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The commissioner of employment and economic
1.7 development shall establish a day training and habilitation grant program in fulfillment
1.8 of the Olmstead Plan purpose of ensuring that people with disabilities have choices for
1.9 competitive, meaningful, and sustained employment in the most integrated setting.

1.10 Subd. 2. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms
1.11 have the meanings given them.

1.12 (b) "Day training and habilitation providers" means those organizations whose
1.13 names are listed as Department of Human Services providers in the Minnesota Department
1.14 of Administration, Materials Management Division, ALP Manual, Appendix J, without
1.15 regard to whether they are listed as approved vendors with the Minnesota Department
1.16 of Employment and Economic Development, Division of Rehabilitation Services as a
1.17 community rehabilitation provider, limited-use vendor, or center for independent living,
1.18 and irrespective as to whether they are accredited by CARF International.

1.19 (c) "Competitive employment" means full-time or part-time employment, with or
1.20 without support, in an integrated setting in the community that pays at least minimum
1.21 wage, as defined by the Fair Labor Standards Act, but not less than the customary wage
1.22 and level of benefits paid by the employer for the same or similar work performed by
1.23 workers without a disability.

2.1 (d) "Olmstead Plan" means Minnesota's 2013 Olmstead Plan, dated November 1,
 2.2 2013, and all subsequent modifications approved by the United States District Court.

2.3 Subd. 3. **Competitive process.** The commissioner shall issue a request for proposals
 2.4 to day training and habilitation providers seeking proposals to assist the Department
 2.5 of Employment and Economic Development in achieving its goals as provided in the
 2.6 Olmstead Plan. Grant funds shall be used to improve individual employment outcomes
 2.7 by aligning programs, funding, and policies to support people with disabilities to choose,
 2.8 secure, and maintain competitive employment and self-employment, including, but not
 2.9 limited to, the following activities:

2.10 (1) implementing policies and initiating processes that improve the employment
 2.11 outcomes of working adults with disabilities;

2.12 (2) offering incentives for innovation that increase competitive employment in
 2.13 the general work force;

2.14 (3) expanding the flexibility in current funding and services to increase competitive
 2.15 employment outcomes;

2.16 (4) providing evidence of partnerships with private sector businesses and public
 2.17 sector employment; and

2.18 (5) submitting outcome data, required by the department, according to the
 2.19 stipulations of the Olmstead Plan.

2.20 Subd. 4. **Eligibility.** Any person who has a disability as determined by the Social
 2.21 Security Administration or state medical review team is eligible to receive services
 2.22 provided with grant funds.

2.23 Subd. 5. **Consultation required.** The commissioner shall consult with the
 2.24 governor's Workforce Development Council, the Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind, and
 2.25 Hard-of-Hearing Minnesotans, the governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, and
 2.26 other governor-appointed disability councils in designing, implementing, and evaluating
 2.27 the competitive grant program.

2.28 Subd. 6. **Report.** On or before February 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, the
 2.29 commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and
 2.30 house of representatives committees having jurisdiction over employment and economic
 2.31 development policy and finance on the amount of funds awarded and the outcomes
 2.32 reported by grantees.

2.33 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; DAY TRAINING AND HABILITATION GRANT**
 2.34 **PROGRAM.**

3.1 \$10,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2016 from the general fund to the
3.2 commissioner of employment and economic development for grants to day training
3.3 and habilitation providers to provide innovative employment options and to advance
3.4 community integration for persons with disabilities as required under the Minnesota
3.5 Olmstead Plan. Unexpended funds for fiscal year 2016 do not cancel but are available
3.6 in fiscal year 2017.