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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2316

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; increasing grant amounts and making other adjustments
1.3 to the dual training competency grant program; appropriating money; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.246, subdivisions 4, 8.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.246, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 4. Application. Applications must be made to the commissioner on a form provided
1.8 by the commissioner. The commissioner must, to the extent possible, make the application
1.9 form as short and simple to complete as is reasonably possible. The commissioner shall
1.10 establish a schedule for applications and grants that must provide for two application and
1.11 grant cycles per fiscal year. The application must include, without limitation:

- 1.12 (1) the projected number of employee trainees;
1.13 (2) the competency standard for which training will be provided;
1.14 (3) the credential the employee will receive upon completion of training;
1.15 (4) the name and address of the eligible training provider;
1.16 (5) the period of the training; and
1.17 (6) the cost of the training charged by the eligible training provider. The cost of training
1.18 includes tuition, fees, and required books and materials.

1.19 An application may be made for training of employees of multiple employers either by
1.20 the employers or by an organization on their behalf.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.246, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 8. **Grant amounts.** (a) The maximum grant for an application is ~~\$150,000~~
2.3 \$250,000. A grant may not exceed ~~\$6,000~~ \$10,000 per year for a maximum of four years
2.4 per employee.

2.5 (b) An employee who is attending an eligible training provider that is an institution under
2.6 section 136A.103 must apply for Pell and state grants as a condition of payment for training
2.7 that employee under this section.

2.8 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; DUAL TRAINING COMPETENCY GRANTS.**

2.9 \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from
2.10 the general fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education for transfer to the
2.11 dual training competency grants account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota
2.12 Statutes, section 136A.246, subdivision 10.