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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2643

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health care; providing a grant for a federally qualified health centers
1.3 apprenticeship program; requiring a report to the legislature; appropriating money;
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

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

1.6 Section 1. [145.9272] FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS
1.7 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) The terms defined in this subdivision apply to this section.

1.9 (b) "Federally qualified health center" has the meaning given in section 145.9269,
1.10 subdivision 1.

1.11 (c) "Nonprofit organization of community health centers" means a nonprofit organization
1.12 the membership of which consists of federally qualified health centers operating service
1.13 delivery sites in Minnesota and that provides services to federally qualified health centers
1.14 in Minnesota to promote the delivery of affordable, quality, primary care services in the
1.15 state.

1.16 Subd. 2. Apprenticeship program. The commissioner of health shall distribute a grant
1.17 to a nonprofit organization of community health centers for an apprenticeship program in
1.18 federally qualified health centers operating in Minnesota. Grant funds shall be used to
1.19 establish and fund ongoing costs for apprenticeship programs for medical assistants and
1.20 dental assistants at federally qualified health center service delivery sites in Minnesota. An
1.21 apprenticeship program funded under this section shall be a 12-month program led by
1.22 certified medical assistants and licensed dental assistants. Trainees for an apprenticeship

2.1 program shall be recruited from federally qualified health center staff and from the population
2.2 in the geographic area served by the federally qualified health center.

2.3 **Sec. 2. FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL FQHC**
2.4 **APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.**

2.5 (a) For purposes of this section:

2.6 (1) "federally qualified health center" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes,
2.7 section 145.9269, subdivision 1; and

2.8 (2) "nonprofit organization of community health centers" has the meaning given in
2.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 145.9272, subdivision 1, paragraph (c).

2.10 (b) The commissioner of health shall engage with a nonprofit organization of community
2.11 health centers to study the cost, feasibility, and benefits of establishing additional
2.12 apprenticeship programs at federally qualified health centers in the state. The commissioner
2.13 shall report the findings from this study to the legislature by January 1, 2025.

2.14 **Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION; FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS**
2.15 **APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.**

2.16 \$750,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the
2.17 general fund to the commissioner of health for the federally qualified health centers
2.18 apprenticeship program under Minnesota Statutes, section 145.9272, and for the study of
2.19 the feasibility of establishing additional federally qualified health centers apprenticeship
2.20 programs.