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H. F. No. 923

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; appropriating money for a grant to maintain and promote
1.3 self-advocacy services and supports for persons with intellectual and developmental
1.4 disabilities.

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

1.6 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL
1.7 AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

1.8 (a) \$143,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$143,000 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from
1.9 the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant to an organization
1.10 governed by people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and administering a
1.11 statewide network of disability groups to maintain and promote self-advocacy services and
1.12 supports for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout the state.

1.13 Grant money must be used for the following purposes:

1.14 (1) to train and support a statewide network of peer-to-peer mentors for people with
1.15 developmental disabilities. The peer-to-peer mentors shall assist people with developmental
1.16 disabilities with choosing service options and learning advocacy skills necessary for them
1.17 to be fully included in their communities. Grant money must also be used to develop and
1.18 deliver curriculum to the network of peer-to-peer mentors;

1.19 (2) to provide outreach activities to people with developmental disabilities, including
1.20 statewide conferences and disability networking opportunities focused on self-advocacy,
1.21 making informed choices, and community engagement skills;

1.22 (3) to provide an annual leadership program for persons with intellectual and
1.23 developmental disabilities; and

2.1 (4) to pay for administrative and general operating costs associated with managing and
2.2 maintaining facilities, program delivery, evaluation, staff, and technology.

2.3 (b) \$105,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$105,000 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from
2.4 the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant to an organization
2.5 governed by people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and administering a
2.6 statewide network of disability groups to be used for subgrants to organizations in Minnesota
2.7 to conduct outreach to persons working and living in institutional settings to provide
2.8 education and information about community options. Grant money must be used to deliver
2.9 peer-led skill training sessions in six regions of the state to help people with intellectual and
2.10 developmental disabilities understand community service options related to:

2.11 (1) housing;

2.12 (2) employment;

2.13 (3) education;

2.14 (4) transportation;

2.15 (5) emerging service reform initiatives contained in the state's Olmstead plan, the
2.16 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Public Law 113-128, and federal home and
2.17 community-based services regulations; and

2.18 (6) connecting with individuals who can help people with intellectual and developmental
2.19 disabilities make informed choices and plan for a transition in services.