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52.3 ARTICLE 4 52.4 JOBS APPROPRIATIONS

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81.11 **ARTICLE 7** 81.12 **HOUSING**

22.3 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.			52.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS				
22.4 The sums shown in the columns under "Appropriations" are added to or, if shown in parentheses, subtracted from the appropriations in Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1, or other law to the specified agencies. The appropriations are from the general fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figure "2017" used in this article means that the appropriations listed under it are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.			52.6 The sums shown in the columns under "Appropriations" are added to or, if shown 52.7 in parentheses, subtracted from the appropriations in Laws 2015, First Special Session, 52.8 chapter 1, or other law to the specified agencies. The appropriations are from the general 52.9 fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each 52.10 purpose. The figures "2016" and "2017" used in this article mean that the appropriations 52.11 listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, or June 30, 2017, 52.12 respectively. Appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, are effective the day 52.13 following final enactment. Reductions may be taken in either fiscal year.				
22.10	APPROPRIATI	ONS	52.14	APPROPRIATION	<u>NS</u>		
22.11	Available for the Year		52.15	Available for the Year			
22.12	Ending June 30		52.16	Ending June 30			
22.13	<u>2016</u>	2017	52.17	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>		
22.14 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT 22.15 AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			52.18 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT 52.19 AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
22.16 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation §	<u>-0-</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>34,445,000</u>	52.20 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation	<u>-0-</u> <u>\$</u>	3,253,000		

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22.17	Appropria	ations by Fund	
22.18 General		<u>-0-</u>	33,445,000
22.19 Workford 22.20 Developm	_	<u>-0-</u>	1,000,000
22.21 The amou 22.22 purpose a 22.23 subdivisio	re specified in	e spent for each the following	

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52.21 Subd. 2. Business and Community

52.22 **Development** (16,347,000)

52.23 (a) \$12,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 is a

52.24 onetime reduction in the general fund

52.25 appropriation for the Minnesota investment

52.26 fund under Minnesota Statutes, section

52.27 116J.8731. The base funding for this purpose

52.28 is \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 and each

52.29 fiscal year thereafter.

52.30 (b) \$8,500,000 in fiscal year 2017 is a

52.31 onetime reduction in the general fund

52.32 appropriation for the Minnesota job creation

52.33 fund under Minnesota Statutes, section

52.34 116J.8748. The base funding for this

53.1 program is \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2018

53.2 and each fiscal year thereafter.

53.3 (c) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from the

53.4 general fund for the redevelopment program

53.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.571.

53.6 This is a onetime appropriation.

22.26 \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for the

22.24 Subd. 2. Business and Community

22.25 Development

22.27 redevelopment program under Minnesota

22.28 Statutes, section 116J.571. This is a onetime 22.29 appropriation.

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22.30 \$1,220,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for a

- 22.31 grant to the Duluth North Shore Sanitary
- 22.32 District to retire debt of the district in order
- 22.33 to bring the district's monthly wastewater
- 22.34 rates in line with those of similarly situated
- 23.1 facilities across the state. This is a onetime
- 23.2 appropriation.

- 23.3 \$275,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for a grant to
- 23.4 the Community and Economic Development
- 23.5 Associates (CEDA) for an economic
- 23.6 development study and analysis of the effects
- 23.7 of current and projected economic growth
- 23.8 in southeast Minnesota. This is a onetime
- 23.9 appropriation and is available until June 30,
- 23.10 2019.

53.7 (d) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from the

- 53.8 workforce development fund for a grant to
- 53.9 the Neighborhood Development Center for
- 53.10 developing and supporting entrepreneurial
- 53.11 skills and job creation in communities served
- 53.12 by the Neighborhood Development Center.
- 53.13 Funds may be used for activities including but
- 53.14 not limited to business plan training, business
- 53.15 workshops, technical assistance to small
- 53.16 business owners, development and support
- 53.17 of business incubators, entrepreneurial
- 53.18 network development, and the expansion
- 53.19 of entrepreneurial capacity in communities.
- 53.20 This is a onetime appropriation.

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- 23.11 \$300,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for expansion
- 23.12 of business assistance services provided by
- 23.13 business development specialists located in
- 23.14 the Northwest Region, Northeast Region,
- 23.15 West Central Region, Southwest Region,
- 23.16 Southeast Region, and Twin Cites Metro
- 23.17 Region offices established throughout the
- 23.18 state. Funds under this section may be used
- 23.19 to provide services including, but not limited
- 23.20 to, business start-ups; expansion; location or
- 23.21 relocation; finance; regulatory and permitting
- 23.22 assistance; and other services determined
- 23.23 by the commissioner. The commissioner
- 23.24 may also use funds under this section to
- 23.25 increase the number of business development
- 23.26 specialists in each region of the state,
- 23.27 increase and expand the services provided
- 23.28 through each regional office, and publicize
- 23.29 the services available and provide outreach
- 23.30 to communities in each region regarding
- 23.31 services and assistance available through the
- 23.32 business development specialist program.
- 23.33 This is a onetime appropriation.
- 23.34 \$50,000 in fiscal year 2017 is to enhance
- 23.35 the outreach and public awareness activities
- 24.1 of the Bureau of Small Business under
- 24.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.68. This is
- 24.3 a onetime appropriation.

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24.4	\$750	000 i	n ficcal	voor	2017	ic	for a	grant to
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- 24.5 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc. Of this amount,
- 24.6 \$375,000 is for the small business growth
- 24.7 acceleration program under Minnesota
- 24.8 Statutes, section 116O.115, and \$375,000
- 24.9 is for operations under Minnesota Statutes,
- 24.10 sections 116O.01 to 116O.061. This is a
- 24.11 onetime appropriation.
- 24.12 \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for
- 24.13 the Minnesota Initiative program under
- 24.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 116M.18.
- 24.15 Of this amount, up to five percent is for
- 24.16 administration, outreach, and monitoring of
- 24.17 the program. This is a onetime appropriation.
- 24.18 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for making
- 24.19 capacity building grants under Minnesota
- 24.20 Statutes, section 116M.18, subdivision 9.
- 24.21 This is a onetime appropriation.
- 24.22 \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for grants to
- 24.23 initiative foundations to provide financing
- 24.24 for business startups, expansions, and
- 24.25 maintenance; and for business ownership
- 24.26 transition and succession. This is a onetime
- 24.27 appropriation. Of the amount appropriated:
- 24.28 (1) \$500,000 is for a grant to the Southwest
- 24.29 Initiative Foundation;

53.21 (e) \$100,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from

53.22 the general fund for an easy-to-understand

- 53.23 manual to instruct aspiring business owners
- 53.24 in how to start a child care business. The
- 53.25 commissioner shall work in consultation
- 53.26 with relevant state and local agencies
- 53.27 and affected stakeholders to produce the
- 53.28 manual. The manual must be made available
- 53.29 electronically to interested persons. This is a
- 53.30 onetime appropriation and is available until
- 53.31 June 30, 2019.
- 53.32 (f) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from the
- 53.33 workforce development fund for a grant to
- 53.34 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc. Of this amount,
- 53.35 \$250,000 is for the small business growth
- 54.1 acceleration program under Minnesota
- 54.2 Statutes, section 116O.115, and \$250,000
- 54.3 is for operations under Minnesota Statutes,
- 54.4 sections 116O.01 to 116O.061. This is a
- 54.5 onetime appropriation.

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24.30(2)	\$500,000	is for a	grant to the	West Central
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24.31 Initiative Foundation;

24.32 (3) \$500,000 is for a grant to the Southern

24.33 Minnesota Initiative Foundation;

25.1 (4) \$500,000 is for a grant to the Northwest

25.2 Minnesota Foundation;

25.3 (5) \$500,000 is for a grant to the Initiative

25.4 Foundation;

25.5 (6) \$500,000 is for a grant to the Northland

25.6 Foundation; and

25.7 (7) \$500,000 is for a grant to the Minnesota

- 25.8 Initiative Board under Minnesota Statutes,
- 25.9 chapter 116M. Funds available under this
- 25.10 clause must be allocated as follows:

25.11 (i) 50 percent of the funds must be allocated

- 25.12 for projects in the counties of Dakota,
- 25.13 Ramsey, and Washington; and

25.14 (ii) 50 percent of the funds must be allocated

- 25.15 for projects in the counties of Anoka, Carver,
- 25.16 Hennepin, and Scott.
- 25.17 \$600,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for a grant to
- 25.18 a city of the second class that is designated
- 25.19 as an economically depressed area by the
- 25.20 United States Department of Commerce for
- 25.21 economic development, redevelopment, and
- 25.22 job creation programs and projects. This is a
- 25.23 onetime appropriation and is available until
- 25.24 June 30, 2019.

^{54.7} in the general fund appropriation for the

^{54.8} Upper Minnesota Film Office.

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25.25 \$5,500,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for a grant to

25.26 the Minnesota Film and TV Board for the film

25.27 production jobs program under Minnesota

25.28 Statutes, section 116U.26. This appropriation

25.29 is in addition to the appropriation in Laws

25.30 2015, First Special Session chapter 1,

25.31 article 1, section 2, subdivision 2. This is

25.32 a onetime appropriation. Of this amount,

25.33 \$250,000 is for grants to Hmong-American

25.34 filmmakers that have directed or produced

26.1 prior feature-length stories to produce

26.2 projects within Minnesota.

54.9 (h) \$1,825,000 in fiscal year 2017 is a

54.10 reduction in the general fund appropriation

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54.11 for the Minnesota Film and TV Board.

- 54.12 (i) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from
- 54.13 the general fund for the workforce housing
- 54.14 grant program in Minnesota Statutes, section
- 54.15 116J.549. This is a onetime appropriation.
- 54.16 (j) \$2,290,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from the
- 54.17 general fund for a grant to Mille Lacs County
- 54.18 to develop and operate the Lake Mille Lacs
- 54.19 area economic relief program established
- 54.20 in article 5, section 11. This is a onetime
- 54.21 appropriation.
- 54.22 (k) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from the
- 54.23 general fund for grants to local communities
- 54.24 outside of the metropolitan area as defined
- 54.25 under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121,
- 54.26 subdivision 2, to increase the supply of
- 54.27 quality child care providers in order to
- 54.28 support regional economic development.
- 54.29 Grant recipients must match state funds on a
- 54.30 dollar-for-dollar basis. Grant funds available
- 54.31 under this section must be used to implement
- 54.32 solutions to reduce the child care shortage
- 54.33 in the state, including but not limited to
- 54.34 funding for child care business start-up or
- 54.35 expansion, training, facility modifications
- 55.1 or improvements required for licensing,
- 55.2 and assistance with licensing and other
- 55.3 regulatory requirements. In awarding grants,

- 26.3 \$150,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for a grant
 26.4 to the city of Edina to conduct a feasibility
 26.5 study of constructing Grandview Green over
 26.6 Highway 100 in Edina. This is a onetime
 26.7 appropriation.
- 26.8 \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for deposit 26.9 in the Minnesota 21st century fund. This is a 26.10 onetime appropriation.

- 55.4 the commissioner must give priority to
- 55.5 communities in greater Minnesota that have
- 55.6 documented a shortage of child care providers

- 55.7 in the area. This is a onetime appropriation
- 55.8 and is available until June 30, 2019.
- 55.9 By September 30, 2017, grant recipients must
- 55.10 report to the commissioner on the outcomes
- 55.11 of the grant program, including but not
- 55.12 limited to the number of new providers, the
- 55.13 number of additional child care provider jobs
- 55.14 created, the number of additional child care
- 55.15 slots, and the amount of local funds invested.
- 55.16 By January 1, 2018, the commissioner must
- 55.17 report to the standing committees of the
- 55.18 legislature having jurisdiction over child care
- 55.19 and economic development on the outcomes
- 55.20 of the program to date.
- 55.21 (1) \$100,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from
- 55.22 the general fund for a grant to the city of
- 55.23 Madelia to provide match funding for a
- 55.24 federal Economic Development Agency
- 55.25 technical assistance grant. This is a onetime
- 55.26 appropriation.

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26.11 \$400,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for grants to

26.12 small business development centers under

26.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.68. Funds

26.14 made available under this section may be

26.15 used to match funds under the federal Small

26.16 Business Development Center (SBDC)

26.17 program under United States Code, title 15,

26.18 section 648, provide consulting and technical

26.19 services, or to build additional SBDC

26.20 network capacity to serve entrepreneurs

26.21 and small businesses. The commissioner

26.22 shall allocate funds equally among the nine

26.23 regional centers and lead center. This is a

26.24 onetime appropriation.

26.25 \$3,100,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for a transfer

26.26 to the Board of Regents of the University

26.27 of Minnesota for academic and applied

26.28 research through MnDRIVE at the Natural

26.29 Resources Research Institute to develop new

26.30 technologies that enhance the long-term

26.31 viability of the Minnesota mining industry.

26.32 The research must be done in consultation

26.33 with the Mineral Coordinating Committee

26.34 established by Minnesota Statutes, section

 $26.35 \overline{)93.0015}$. This is a onetime transfer.

- 27.1 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for a grant to
- 27.2 the city of Kelliher for water infrastructure
- 27.3 upgrades. This is a onetime appropriation
- 27.4 and is available until June 30, 2019.

27.5 Subd. 3. **Workforce Development** -0- 2,300,000 55.27 Subd. 3. **Workforce Development** 3,900,000

27.6		Appropriations by	Fund	
27.7		<u>2016</u>		<u>2017</u>
27.8	General		<u>-0-</u>	1,300,000
	Workforce Development		<u>-0-</u>	1,000,000

27.11 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for a

27.12 grant to Ramsey County for a study of

27.13 the workforce-based mass transit needs

27.14 of the north metro area. Ramsey County

27.15 may work in collaboration with officials in

27.16 other counties including, but not limited

27.17 to, Anoka and Washington Counties in

27.18 producing the study. By December 1, 2017,

27.19 Ramsey County must submit the report to

27.20 the commissioner. By January 1, 2018, the

27.21 commissioner must report to the chairs of the

27.22 standing committees of the legislature having

27.23 jurisdiction over workforce development

27.24 and transportation. This is a onetime

27.25 appropriation and is available until June 30,

27.26 2018.

55.28 (a) \$600,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from the

55.29 workforce development fund for a grant to

55.30 Ujamaa Place for job training, employment

55.31 preparation, internships, education, training

55.32 in the construction trades, housing, and

55.33 organizational capacity building. This is a

55.34 onetime appropriation.

- 27.27 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from the
- 27.28 workforce development fund for rural career
- 27.29 counseling coordinators in the workforce
- 27.30 service areas and for the purposes specified
- 27.31 in Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.667.
- 27.32 This appropriation is for increases to existing
- 27.33 applicants who were awarded grants in fiscal
- 27.34 years 2016 and 2017.

56.1 (b) \$800,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from the

- 56.2 workforce development fund for a grant
- 56.3 to Latino Communities United in Service
- 56.4 (CLUES) to expand culturally tailored
- 56.5 programs that address employment and
- 56.6 education skill gaps for working parents
- 56.7 and underserved youth. Funds must be
- 56.8 used to provide new job skills training to
- 56.9 stimulate higher wages for low-income
- 56.10 people, family support systems designed
- 56.11 to reduce generational poverty, and youth
- 56.12 programming to promote educational
- 56.13 advancement and career pathways. At
- 56.14 least 50 percent of the total grant funds
- 56.15 must be used for programming in greater
- 56.16 Minnesota. CLUES shall submit a report to
- 56.17 the chairs and ranking minority members of
- 56.18 the legislative committees and divisions of
- 56.19 the senate and house of representatives with
- 56.20 primary jurisdiction over jobs with findings
- 56.21 of program outcomes by March 1, 2018. The
- 56.22 report must include the type, duration, and
- 56.23 attendance of each program and quantifiable
- 56.24 measures of success. This is a onetime
- 56.25 appropriation and is available until June 30,
- 56.26 2019.

27.35 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for a grant to

- 27.36 Occupational Development Corporation, Inc.
- 28.1 in the city of Buhl to provide training and
- 28.2 employment opportunities for people with
- 28.3 disabilities and disadvantaged workers. This
- 28.4 is a onetime appropriation.

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- 56.27 (c) \$600,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from the
- 56.28 workforce development fund for performance

- 56.29 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
- 56.30 116J.8747, to Twin Cities RISE! to provide
- 56.31 training to hard-to-train individuals. This is
- 56.32 onetime appropriation.

- 56.33 (d) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from the
- 56.34 general fund for a grant to the Construction
- 56.35 Careers Foundation for the construction
- 56.36 career pathway initiative to provide
- 57.1 year-round educational and experiential
- 57.2 learning opportunities for teens and young
- 57.3 adults under the age of 21 that lead to careers
- 57.4 in the construction industry. This is a onetime
- 57.5 appropriation and is available until June 30,
- 57.6 2019. Grant funds must be used to:
- 57.7 (1) increase construction industry exposure
- 57.8 activities for middle school and high school
- 57.9 youth, parents, and counselors to reach a more
- 57.10 diverse demographic and broader statewide
- 57.11 audience. This requirement includes, but
- 57.12 is not limited to, an expansion of programs
- 57.13 to provide experience in different crafts to
- 57.14 youth and young adults throughout the state;
- 57.15 (2) increase the number of high schools
- 57.16 in Minnesota offering construction classes
- 57.17 during the academic year that utilize a
- 57.18 multicraft curriculum;
- 57.19 (3) increase the number of summer internship
- 57.20 opportunities;

- 57.21 (4) enhance activities to support graduating
- 57.22 seniors in their efforts to obtain employment
- 57.23 in the construction industry;
- 57.24 (5) increase the number of young adults
- 57.25 employed in the construction industry and
- 57.26 ensure that they reflect Minnesota's diverse
- 57.27 workforce; and
- 57.28 (6) enhance an industrywide marketing
- 57.29 campaign targeted to youth and young adults
- 57.30 about the depth and breadth of careers within
- 57.31 the construction industry.
- 57.32 Programs and services supported by grant
- 57.33 funds must give priority to individuals and
- 57.34 groups that are economically disadvantaged
- 58.1 or historically underrepresented in the
- 58.2 construction industry, including but not
- 58.3 limited to women, veterans, and members of
- 58.4 minority and immigrant groups.
- 58.5 (e) \$400,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from the
- 58.6 general fund for the Youth at Work youth
- 58.7 workforce development competitive grant
- 58.8 program. Of this amount, up to five percent
- 58.9 is for administration and monitoring of the
- 58.10 program. This is a onetime appropriation and
- 58.11 is available until June 30, 2018.
- 58.12 (f) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017 is
- 58.13 appropriated from the workforce
- 58.14 development fund for a grant to the YWCA
- 58.15 of Minneapolis to provide economically
- 58.16 challenged individuals the jobs skills
- 58.17 training, career counseling, and job
- 58.18 placement assistance necessary to secure
- 58.19 a child development associate credential
- 58.20 and to have a career path in early childhood
- 58.21 education. This is a onetime appropriation.

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28.5	\$400,000	in fiscal	year	2017	is	for a	grant
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- 28.6 to Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation
- 28.7 Corps for the pathway to the preservation
- 28.8 trades program for recruitment of corps
- 28.9 members, engagement of technical
- 28.10 specialists, development of a certificate
- 28.11 program, and skill development in historic
- 28.12 preservation for youth ages 18 to 25. This is
- 28.13 a onetime appropriation.
- 28.14 \$300,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for the
- 28.15 "Getting to Work" grant program. This is a
- 28.16 onetime appropriation and is available until
- 28.17 June 30, 2019.
- 28.18 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from the
- 28.19 workforce development fund for a grant to
- 28.20 the North East Higher Education District to
- 28.21 purchase equipment for training programs
- 28.22 due to increased demand for job training
- 28.23 under the state dislocated worker program.
- 28.24 This is a onetime appropriation and is
- 28.25 available until June 30, 2018.

28.26 Subd. 4. Vocational rehabilitation

- 28.27 \$800,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for grants
- 28.28 to centers for independent living under
- 28.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 268A.11. This
- 28.30 is a onetime appropriation and is in addition
- 28.31 to the appropriation in Laws 2015, First
- 28.32 Special Session chapter 1, article 1, section
- 28.33 2, subdivision 6.

1,550,000

58.22 Subd. 4. Vocational Rehabilitation

500,000

- 58.23 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from
- 58.24 the general fund for grants to centers
- 58.25 for independent living under Minnesota
- 58.26 Statutes, section 268A.11. This is a onetime
- 58.27 appropriation.

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28.34 \$750,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for grants
28.35 to day training and habilitation providers
29.1 to provide innovative employment options
29.2 and to advance community integration for
29.3 persons with disabilities as required under
29.4 the Minnesota Olmstead Plan. Of this
29.5 amount, \$250,000 is for a pilot program
29.6 for home-based, technology-enhanced
29.7 monitoring of persons with disabilities. This
29.8 is a onetime appropriation and is available
29.9 until June 30, 2018.

29.10 Sec. 3. **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND**

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350,000

29.11 INDUSTRY

58.28 Subd. 5. State Services for the Blind			200,000
58.29 \$200,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from the 58.30 general fund for State Services for the 58.31 Blind. Funds appropriated must be used to 58.32 provide services for senior citizens who are 58.33 becoming blind. At least half of the funds			
58.34 appropriated must be used to provide training services for seniors who are becoming blind.			
59.1 Training services must provide independent			
59.2 living skills to seniors who are becoming			
59.3 blind to allow them to continue to live			
59.4 independently in their homes. This is a			
59.5 <u>onetime appropriation.</u>			
61.11 Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND 61.12 INDUSTRY			
61.13 <u>Subdivision 1.</u> <u>Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u> <u>\$</u>	250,000
61.14 Subd. 2. Labor Standards and Apprenticeship		<u>\$</u>	250,000

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	61.15 <u>Appropriations by Fund</u>
	61.16 <u>2016</u> <u>2017</u>
	61.17 <u>General</u> <u>-0-</u> <u>\$150,000</u>
	61.18 Workforce 61.19 Development <u>-0-</u> \$100,000
29.12 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from 29.13 the workforce development fund for the 29.14 apprenticeship program under Minnesota 29.15 Statutes, chapter 178. This amount is added 29.16 to the base appropriation for this purpose.	61.20 \$150,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from the 61.21 general fund and \$100,000 in fiscal year 61.22 2017 is from the workforce development 61.23 fund for the apprenticeship program under 61.24 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 178.
29.17 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2017 is to provide 29.18 outreach and education concerning 29.19 requirements under state or federal law 29.20 governing removal of architectural barriers 29.21 that limit access to public accommodations 29.22 by persons with disabilities and resources 29.23 that are available to comply with 29.24 those requirements. This is a onetime 29.25 appropriation.	
29.26 Sec. 4. EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM § <u>-0-</u> § <u>1,250,000</u>	60.26 Sec. 4. EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM § <u>-0-</u> § <u>800,000</u>
29.27 \$300,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for a grant to 29.28 the Mille Lacs Tourism Council to enhance 29.29 marketing activities related to tourism 29.30 promotion in the Mille Lacs Lake area. This 29.31 is a onetime appropriation.	60.27 (a) \$300,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from 60.28 the general fund for a grant to the Mille 60.29 Lacs Tourism Council to enhance marketing 60.30 activities related to tourism promotion in 60.31 the Mille Lacs Lake area. This is a onetime 60.32 appropriation.

29.32 \$950,000 in fiscal year 2017 is to establish a 29.33 pilot project to assist in funding and securing 29.34 major events benefiting communities 30.1 throughout the state. The pilot project must 30.2 measure the economic impact of visitors on 30.3 state and local economies, increased lodging 30.4 and nonlodging sales taxes in addition 30.5 to visitor spending, and increased media 30.6 awareness of the state as an event destination. 30.7 This is a onetime appropriation. Of this 30.8 amount, \$100,000 is for a grant to the St. 30.9 Louis County Historical Society for a project, 30.10 in collaboration with the Erie Mining history 30.11 book project team, to research, document, 30.12 publish, preserve, and exhibit the history of 30.13 taconite mining in Minnesota.				61.1 (b) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from the 61.2 general fund for a pilot project to assist in 61.3 funding and securing major events benefiting 61.4 communities throughout the state. The pilot 61.5 project must measure the economic impact 61.6 of visitors on state and local economies, 61.7 increased lodging and nonlodging sales taxes 61.8 in addition to visitor spending, and increased 61.9 media awareness of the state as an event 61.10 destination. This is a onetime appropriation.			
30.14 Sec. 5. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT 30.15 RELATIONS BOARD	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u> §	525,000				
30.16 \$525,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for the 30.17 Public Employment Relations Board under 30.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 179A.041. 30.19 The base appropriation for this purpose is 30.20 \$525,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$525,000 in 30.21 fiscal year 2019.							
				60.1 Sec. 3. HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY			
30.22 Sec. 6. HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u> \$	2,500,000	60.2 <u>Subdivision 1.</u> <u>Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u> §	(250,000)
				81.27 Sec. 3. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 1, arti 81.28 is amended to read:	cle 1, section 3,	, subdivision 3,	
				81.29 Subd. 3. Housing Trust Fund		13,471,000	11,471,000

- 30.23 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 is to establish
- 30.24 a grant program within the housing trust fund
- 30.25 for the exploited families rental assistance
- 30.26 program. This is a onetime appropriation and
- 30.27 is available until June 30, 2019.
- 30.28 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for a
- 30.29 competitive grant program to fund a housing
- 30.30 project or projects in a community or
- 30.31 communities: (1) that have low housing
- 30.32 vacancy rates; and (2) that have an education
- 30.33 and training center for jobs in agriculture,
- 30.34 farm business management, health care
- 31.1 fields, or other fields with anticipated
- 31.2 significant job growth potential. A grant or
- 31.3 grants must be no more than 50 percent of
- 31.4 the total development costs for the project.
- 31.5 Funds for a grant or grants made in this
- 31.6 section must be to a housing project or
- 31.7 projects that have financial and in-kind
- 31.8 contributions from nonagency sources
- 31.9 that when combined with a grant under

81.30 (a) This appropriation is for deposit in the

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81.31 housing trust fund account created under

82.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 462A.201, and

82.2 may be used for the purposes provided in

82.3 that section. To the extent that these funds

82.4 are used for the acquisition of housing, the

82.5 agency shall give priority among comparable

82.6 projects to projects that focus on creating

82.7 safe and stable housing for homeless youth

82.8 or projects that provide housing to trafficked

82.9 women and children.

82.10 (b) \$2,000,000 the first year is a onetime

82.11 appropriation for temporary rental assistance

82.12 for families with school-age children who

82.13 have changed their school or home at least

82.14 once in the last school year. The agency,

82.15 in consultation with the Department of

82.16 Education, may establish additional targeting

82.17 criteria.

82.18 (c) \$250,000 in the second year is an

82.19 appropriation for grants for the Exploited

82.20 Families Rental Assistance Program.

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31.10 this section are sufficient to complete the

31.11 housing project. Funds must be used to

31.12 create new housing units either through

31.13 new construction or through acquisition and

31.14 rehabilitation of a building or buildings not

31.15 currently used for housing. If funds remain

31.16 uncommitted at the end of fiscal year 2017,

31.17 the agency may transfer the uncommitted

31.18 funds to the housing development fund and

31.19 use the funds for the economic development

31.20 and housing challenge program under

31.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 462A.33. This is

31.22 a onetime appropriation.

60.3 Subd. 2. Challenge Program	60.3	Subd.	2.	Challenge	Program
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(500,000)

60.4 (a) This is a onetime general fund

60.5 appropriation reduction in fiscal year 2017.

60.6 (b) The base funding for this program in fiscal

60.7 year 2018 and thereafter is \$12,925,000.

60.8 Subd. 3. Family Homeless Prevention

250,000

60.9 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from the

60.10 general fund for grants to eligible applicants

60.11 to create or expand risk mitigation programs

60.12 to reduce landlord financial risks for renting

60.13 to persons eligible under Minnesota Statutes,

60.14 section 462A.204. Eligible programs may

60.15 reimburse landlords for costs including but

60.16 not limited to nonpayment of rent, or damage

60.17 costs above those costs covered by security

60.18 deposits. The agency may give higher

60.19 priority to applicants that can demonstrate

60.20 a matching amount of money by a local

60.21 unit of government, business, or nonprofit

60.22 organization. Grantees must establish a

60.23 procedure to review and validate claims and

60.24 reimbursements under this grant program.

60.25 This is a onetime appropriation.

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31.23 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for the 31.24 Workforce and Affordable Homeownership

31.25 Development Program under Minnesota 31.26 Statutes, section 462A.38. This is a onetime 31.27 appropriation and is available until June 30, 31.28 2019.							
				61.25 Sec. 6. BUREAU OF MEDIATION 61.26 SERVICES	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u> §	(125,000)
				61.27 This is a reduction in the general fund appropriation in fiscal year 2017 for the Public Employment Relations Board.			
				61.30 Sec. 7. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE			
31.29 Sec. 7. COMMERCE	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u> \$	1,006,000	61.31 <u>Subdivision 1.</u> <u>Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u> <u>\$</u>	(151,000)
				61.32 <u>Subd. 2.</u> <u>Telecommunications</u>			(376,000)
				62.1 The base amount for this purpose is \$558,000 62.2 in fiscal year 2018 and \$482,000 in fiscal year 2019.			
				62.4 Subd. 3. Energy Resources		<u>-0-</u>	100,000
				62.5 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from the 62.6 general fund for energy regulation and 62.7 planning unit staff. This appropriation is 62.8 not subject to assessment under Minnesota 62.9 Statutes, section 216B.62.			
				62.10 Subd. 4. Insurance			125,000
31.30 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for increased 31.31 civil insurance fraud investigation. This is a onetime appropriation.				62.11 \$125,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from the 62.12 general fund for insurance fraud enforcement 62.13 under Minnesota Statutes, section 45.0135, 62.14 subdivision 9.			

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- 31.33 \$290,000 in fiscal year 2017 is to fund two
- 31.34 positions to return abandoned property to
- 31.35 owners, newspaper publication, and related
- 32.1 technology upgrades under Minnesota
- 32.2 Statutes, section 345.42. This is a onetime
- 32.3 appropriation.
- 32.4 \$66,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for the
- 32.5 commissioner of commerce to seek any
- 32.6 necessary federal approvals to modify the
- 32.7 boundaries of and reduce the number of the
- 32.8 state's designated geographic rating areas for
- 32.9 purposes of setting health plan premiums in
- 32.10 the individual health insurance market. This
- 32.11 is a onetime appropriation.

69.25 Sec. 11. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1, section 8, subdivision 8, 69.26 is amended to read:

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69.27 Subd. 8. Insurance

69.28 Appropriations by Fund

69.29 General 4,095,000 4,004,000

69.30 Workers'

69.31 Compensation 553,000 553,000

69.32 \$642,000 each year is for health insurance

69.33 rate review staffing.

70.1 \$91,000 in fiscal year 2016 is for the task

70.2 force on no-fault auto insurance issues.

70.3 \$125,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for insurance

70.4 fraud enforcement under Minnesota Statutes,

70.5 section 45.0135, subdivision 9.

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32.12 \$150,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for the

32.13 commissioner of commerce to:

32.14 (1) study and create models of potential

32.15 Minnesota-tailored rate-stability mechanisms

32.16 for the individual marketplace, such as a

32.17 reinsurance program;

32.18 (2) study and create models merging the

32.19 state's individual and small group markets;

32.20 and

32.21 (3) study options for making the state's rate

32.22 review process more transparent utilizing

32.23 public information and hearings.

32.24 The commissioner may seek other private

32.25 funds or grants to supplement the costs of

32.26 the studies. The commissioner shall issue

32.27 a report on the preliminary findings of the 32.28 studies to the chairs and ranking minority

32.29 members of the committees in the house

32.30 of representatives and the senate with

32.31 jurisdiction over health and marketplace

32.32 premiums by January 15, 2017.

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62.15 Sec. 8. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION \$ -0- \$ (56,000)

62.16 (a) Of the amount appropriated, \$112,000

62.17 in fiscal year 2017 is from the general

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62.18 fund for costs related to implementation

62.19 of solar energy standards and community

62.20 solar garden requirements under Laws

62.21 2013, chapter 85, and Laws 2015, First

62.22 Special Session chapter 1, article 3. This

62.23 appropriation is not subject to assessment

62.24 under Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.62.

62.25 (b) Of the amount in fiscal year 2017,

62.26 \$375,000 is a onetime reduction in the general

62.27 fund appropriation for telecommunications

	lation.

- 62.29 (c) Of the amount appropriated in fiscal year
- 62.30 2017, \$207,000 is from the general fund for
- 62.31 expenses related to additional Public Utilities
- 62.32 Commission members.
- 63.1 (d) The base funding for the Public Utilities
- 63.2 Commission is \$7,155,000 in fiscal year
- 63.3 2018 and \$7,160,000 in fiscal year 2019.

63.4 Sec. 9. PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY

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11,500,000

- 63.5 \$11,500,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from the
- 63.6 general fund for a grant to the Lewis and
- 63.7 Clark Joint Powers Board to acquire land,
- 63.8 design, engineer, and construct facilities
- 63.9 and infrastructure necessary to complete
- 63.10 Phase 3 of the Lewis and Clark Regional
- 63.11 Water System project, including extension
- 63.12 of the project from the Lincoln-Pipestone
- 63.13 Rural Water System connection near
- 63.14 Adrian to Worthington, construction of a
- 63.15 reservoir in Nobles County and a meter
- 63.16 building in Worthington, and acquiring and
- 63.17 installing a supervisory control and data
- 63.18 acquisition (SCADA) system. This is a
- 63.19 onetime appropriation and is not available
- 63.20 until the commissioner of management and
- 63.21 budget determines that at least \$9,000,000
- 63.22 is committed to the Phase 3 of the project
- 63.23 from nonstate sources. This appropriation
- 63.24 is available until the project is completed or 63.25 abandoned, subject to Minnesota Statutes,
- 63.26 section 16A.642.
- 63.27 Sec. 10. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3,
- 63.28 is amended to read:

63.29 Subd. 3. Workforce Development

63.30	Appropriations by Fund	i		
63.31 General	2,189,000	1,789,000		
63.32 Workforce 63.33 Developme	nt 17,567,000	16,767,000		
64.1 (a) \$1,039,000 each year from the general 64.2 fund and \$3,104,000 each year from the 64.3 workforce development fund are for the adult 64.4 workforce development competitive grant 64.5 program. Of this amount, up to five percent 64.6 is for administration and monitoring of the 64.7 adult workforce development competitive 64.8 grant program. All grant awards shall be 64.9 for two consecutive years. Grants shall be 64.10 awarded in the first year.				
64.11 (b) \$4,050,000 each year is from the 64.12 workforce development fund for the 64.13 Minnesota youth program under Minnesota 64.14 Statutes, sections 116L.56 and 116L.561, to 64.15 provide employment and career advising to 64.16 youth, including career guidance in secondary 64.17 schools, to address the youth career advising 64.18 deficiency, to carry out activities outlined 64.19 in Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.561, 64.20 to provide support services, and to provide 64.21 work experience to youth in the workforce 64.22 service areas. The funds in this paragraph 64.23 may be used for expansion of the pilot 64.24 program combining career and higher 64.25 education advising in Laws 2013, chapter 85, 64.26 article 3, section 27. Activities in workforce 64.27 services areas under this paragraph may 64.28 serve all youth up to age 24.				

64.29 (c) \$1,000,000 each year is from the

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- 64.30 workforce development fund for the
- 64.31 youthbuild program under Minnesota
- 64.32 Statutes, sections 116L.361 to 116L.366.
- 64.33 (d) \$450,000 each year is from the workforce
- 64.34 development fund for a grant to Minnesota
- 64.35 Diversified Industries, Inc., to provide
- 65.1 progressive development and employment
- 65.2 opportunities for people with disabilities.
- 65.3 (e) \$3,348,000 each year is from the
- 65.4 workforce development fund for the "Youth
- 65.5 at Work" youth workforce development
- 65.6 competitive grant program. Of this amount,
- 65.7 up to five percent is for administration
- 65.8 and monitoring of the youth workforce
- 65.9 development competitive grant program. All
- 65.10 grant awards shall be for two consecutive
- 65.11 years. Grants shall be awarded in the first
- 65.12 year.
- 65.13 (f) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce
- 65.14 development fund for the Opportunities
- 65.15 Industrialization Center programs.
- 65.16 (g) \$750,000 each year is from the workforce
- 65.17 development fund for a grant to the
- 65.18 Minnesota Alliance of Boys and Girls
- 65.19 Clubs to administer a statewide project
- 65.20 of youth jobs skills development. This
- 65.21 project, which may have career guidance
- 65.22 components, including health and life skills,
- 65.23 is to encourage, train, and assist youth in
- 65.24 job-seeking skills, workplace orientation,
- 65.25 and job-site knowledge through coaching.
- 65.26 This grant requires a 25 percent match from
- 65.27 nonstate resources.

- 65.28 (h) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
- 65.29 second year are for pilot programs in the
- 65.30 workforce service areas to combine career
- 65.31 and higher education advising.
- 65.32 (i) \$215,000 each year is from the workforce
- 65.33 development fund for a grant to Big
- 65.34 Brothers, Big Sisters of the Greater Twin
- 65.35 Cities for workforce readiness, employment
- 66.1 exploration, and skills development for
- 66.2 youth ages 12 to 21. The grant must serve
- 66.3 youth in the Twin Cities, Central Minnesota
- 66.4 and Southern Minnesota Big Brothers, Big
- 66.5 Sisters chapters.
- 66.6 (j) \$900,000 in fiscal year 2016 and
- 66.7 \$1,100,000 in fiscal year 2017 are from the
- 66.8 workforce development fund for a grant to the
- 66.9 Minnesota High Tech Association to support
- 66.10 SciTechsperience, a program that supports
- 66.11 science, technology, engineering, and math
- 66.12 (STEM) internship opportunities for two-
- 66.13 and four-year college students in their field
- 66.14 of study. The internship opportunities
- 66.15 must match students with paid internships
- 66.16 within STEM disciplines at small, for-profit
- 66.17 companies located in the seven-county
- 66.18 metropolitan area, having fewer than 150
- 66.19 total employees; or at small or medium,
- 66.20 for-profit companies located outside of the
- 66.21 seven-county metropolitan area, having
- 66.22 fewer than 250 total employees. At least 200
- 66.23 students must be matched in the first year
- 66.24 and at least 250 students must be matched in
- 66.25 the second year. Selected hiring companies
- 66.26 shall receive from the grant 50 percent of the
- 66.27 wages paid to the intern, capped at \$2,500
- 66.28 per intern. The program must work toward
- 66.29 increasing the participation among women or
- 66.30 other underserved populations.

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66.31 (k) \$50,000 each year is from the workforce 66.32 development fund for a grant to the St. Cloud 66.33 Area Somali Salvation Youth Organization 66.34 for youth development and crime prevention 66.35 activities. Grant funds may be used to 66.36 train and place mentors in elementary and 67.1 secondary schools; for athletic, social, 67.2 and other activities to foster leadership 67.3 development; to provide a safe place for 67.4 participating youth to gather after school, on 67.5 weekends, and on holidays; and activities to

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67.7 skills of participating youth. This is a
67.8 onetime appropriation and is available until
67.9 June 30, 2019. Funds appropriated the first
67.10 year are available for use in the second year
67.11 of the biennium.

67.6 improve the organizational and job readiness

- 67.12 (1) \$500,000 each year is for rural career 67.13 counseling coordinator positions in the 67.14 workforce service areas and for the purposes 67.15 specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 67.16 116L.667. The commissioner, in consultation 67.17 with local workforce investment boards and 67.18 local elected officials in each of the service 67.19 areas receiving funds, shall develop a method 67.20 of distributing funds to provide equitable 67.21 services across workforce service areas.
- 67.22 (m) \$400,000 in fiscal year 2016 is for a grant 67.23 to YWCA Saint Paul for training and job 67.24 placement assistance, including commercial 67.25 driver's license training, through the job 67.26 placement and retention program. This is a 67.27 onetime appropriation.

- 67.28 (n) \$800,000 in fiscal year 2016 is from
- 67.29 the workforce development fund for
- 67.30 the customized training program for
- 67.31 manufacturing industries under article 2,
- 67.32 section 24. This is a onetime appropriation
- 67.33 and is available in either year of the
- 67.34 biennium. Of this amount:
- 68.1 (1) \$350,000 is for a grant to Central Lakes
- 68.2 College for the purposes of this paragraph;
- 68.3 (2) \$250,000 is for Minnesota West
- 68.4 Community and Technical College for the
- 68.5 purposes of this paragraph; and
- 68.6 (3) \$200,000 is for South Central College for
- 68.7 the purposes of this paragraph.
- 68.8 (o) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce
- 68.9 development fund for a grant to Resource,
- 68.10 Inc. to provide low-income individuals
- 68.11 career education and job skills training that
- 68.12 are fully integrated with chemical and mental
- 68.13 health services.
- 68.14 (p) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$200,000
- 68.15 in fiscal year 2017 are from the workforce
- 68.16 development fund for performance grants
- 68.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8747,
- 68.18 to Twin Cities RISE! to provide training to
- 68.19 hard-to-train individuals. This is a onetime
- 68.20 appropriation.

- 68.21 (q) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2016 is from
- 68.22 the workforce development fund for the
- 68.23 foreign-trained health care professionals
- 68.24 grant program modeled after the pilot
- 68.25 program conducted under Laws 2006,
- 68.26 chapter 282, article 11, section 2, subdivision
- 68.27 12, to encourage state licensure of
- 68.28 foreign-trained health care professionals,
- 68.29 including: physicians, with preference given
- 68.30 to primary care physicians who commit
- 68.31 to practicing for at least five years after
- 68.32 licensure in underserved areas of the state;
- 68.33 nurses; dentists; pharmacists; mental health
- 68.34 professionals; and other allied health care
- 68.35 professionals. The commissioner must
- 69.1 collaborate with health-related licensing
- 69.2 boards and Minnesota workforce centers to
- 69.3 award grants to foreign-trained health care
- 69.4 professionals sufficient to cover the actual
- 69.5 costs of taking a course to prepare health
- 69.6 care professionals for required licensing
- 69.7 examinations and the fee for the state
- 69.8 licensing examinations. When awarding
- 69.9 grants, the commissioner must consider the
- 69.10 following factors:
- 69.11 (1) whether the recipient's training involves
- 69.12 a medical specialty that is in high demand in
- 69.13 one or more communities in the state;
- 69.14 (2) whether the recipient commits to
- 69.15 practicing in a designated rural area or an
- 69.16 underserved urban community, as defined in
- 69.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 144.1501;
- 69.18 (3) whether the recipient's language skills
- 69.19 provide an opportunity for needed health care
- 69.20 access for underserved Minnesotans; and
- 69.21 (4) any additional criteria established by the
- 69.22 commissioner.

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- 32.33 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 13.43, subdivision 6, is amended to read:
- 33.1 Subd. 6. Access by labor organizations, the Bureau of Mediation Services,
- 33.2 and the Public Employment Relations Board. Personnel data may be disseminated to
- 33.3 labor organizations and the Public Employment Relations Board to the extent that the
- 33.4 responsible authority determines that the dissemination is necessary to conduct elections,
- 33.5 notify employees of fair share fee assessments, and implement the provisions of chapters
- 33.6 179 and 179A. Personnel data shall be disseminated to labor organizations, the Public
- 33.7 Employment Relations Board, and to the Bureau of Mediation Services to the extent the
- 33.8 dissemination is ordered or authorized by the commissioner of the Bureau of Mediation
- 33.9 Services, or the Public Employment Relations Board or its designee.
- 33.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.
- 33.11 Sec. 9. [13.7909] PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD DATA.
- 33.12 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "board" means the Public
- 33.13 Employment Relations Board.
- 33.14 Subd. 2. Not public data. (a) Except as provided in this subdivision, all data
- 33.15 maintained by the board about a charge or complaint of unfair labor practices and
- 33.16 appeals of determinations of the commissioner under section 179A.12, subdivision 11,
- 33.17 are classified as protected nonpublic data or confidential data, and become public when
- 33.18 admitted into evidence at a hearing conducted pursuant to section 179A.13. The data may
- 33.19 be subject to a protective order as determined by the board or a hearing officer.
- 33.20 (b) Notwithstanding sections 13.43 and 181.932, the following data are public:
- 33.21 (1) the filing date of unfair labor practice charges;
- 33.22 (2) the status of unfair labor practice charges as an original or amended charge;
- 33.23 (3) the names and job classifications of charging parties and charged parties;
- 33.24 (4) the provisions of law alleged to have been violated in unfair labor practice charges;
- 33.25 (5) the complaint issued by the board and all data in the complaint;
- 33.26 (6) the full and complete record of an evidentiary hearing before a hearing officer,
- 33.27 including the hearing transcript, exhibits admitted into evidence, and posthearing briefs,
- 33.28 unless subject to a protective order;
- 33.29 (7) recommended decisions and orders of hearing officers pursuant to section
- 33.30 179A.13, subdivision 1, paragraph (i);

69.23 This is a onetime appropriation and is 69.24 available until June 30, 2019.

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- 33.31 (8) exceptions to the hearing officer's recommended decision and order filed with the
- 33.32 board pursuant to section 179A.13, subdivision 1, paragraph (k);
- 33.33 (9) briefs filed with the board; and
- 33.34 (10) decisions and orders issued by the board.
- 34.1 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), individuals have access to their own statements
- 34.2 provided to the board under paragraph (a).
- 34.3 (d) The board may make any data classified as protected nonpublic or confidential
- 34.4 pursuant to this subdivision accessible to any person or party if the access will aid the
- 34.5 implementation of chapters 179 and 179A or ensure due process protection of the parties.
- 34.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.

70.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 16A.967, subdivision 2, 70.9 is amended to read:

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70.10 Subd. 2. Authorization to issue appropriation bonds. (a) Subject to the limitations

70.11 of this subdivision, the commissioner may sell and issue appropriation bonds of the state

70.12 under this section for public purposes as provided by law, including, in particular, the

70.13 financing of the land acquisition, design, engineering, and construction of facilities and

70.14 infrastructure necessary to complete the next phase of the Lewis and Clark Regional Water

70.15 System project, including completion of the pipeline to Magnolia, extension of the project

70.16 to the Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System connection near Adrian, and engineering,

70.17 design, and easement acquisition for the final phase of the project to Worthington. No

70.18 bonds shall be sold until the commissioner determines that a nonstate match of at least

70.19 \$9,000,000 is committed to this project phase. Grant agreements entered into under this

70.20 section must provide for reimbursement to the state from any federal money provided for

70.21 the project, consistent with the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System, Inc., agreement.

70.22 (b) The appropriation bonds may be issued and sold only after the commissioner

70.23 determines that the construction and administration for work done on the project will

70.24 comply with (1) all federal requirements and regulations associated with the Lewis and

70.25 Clark Rural Water System Act of 2000, and (2) the cooperative agreement between the

70.26 United States Department of the Interior and the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System,

70.27 Inc. Proceeds of the appropriation bonds must be credited to a special appropriation Lewis

70.28 and Clark bond proceeds fund in the state treasury. All income from investment of the

70.29 bond proceeds, as estimated by the commissioner, is appropriated to the commissioner for

70.30 the payment of principal and interest on the appropriation bonds.

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70.31 (c) Appropriation bonds may be sold and issued in amounts that, in the opinion of the 70.32 commissioner, are necessary to provide sufficient money to the Public Facilities Authority 70.33 under subdivision 7, not to exceed \$19,000,000 net of costs of issuance, for the purposes as 70.34 provided under this paragraph (a), and pay debt service including capitalized interest, costs 71.1 of issuance, costs of credit enhancement, or make payments under other agreements entered 71.2 into under paragraph (e). The bonds authorized by this paragraph are for the purposes 71.3 of financing the land acquisition, design, engineering, and construction of facilities and 71.4 infrastructure necessary to complete Phase 2 of the Lewis and Clark Regional Water 71.5 System project, including completion of the pipeline to Magnolia; extension of the project 71.6 to the Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System connection near Adrian; and engineering, 71.7 design, and easement acquisition for the final phase of the project to Worthington. No 71.8 bonds shall be sold under this subdivision until the commissioner determines that a 71.9 nonstate match of at least \$9,000,000 is committed to this project phase. Upon completion 71.10 of Phase 2, the unspent, unencumbered portion of the appropriation in this subdivision 71.11 is available for the purposes of Phase 3, which includes extension of the project from 71.12 the Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System connection near Adrian to Worthington, 71.13 construction of a reservoir in Nobles County and a meter building in Worthington, and 71.14 acquiring and installing a supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system.

71.15 (d) Appropriation bonds may be issued in one or more issues or series on the terms and 71.16 conditions the commissioner determines to be in the best interests of the state, but the term 71.17 on any series of appropriation bonds may not exceed 25 years. The appropriation bonds of 71.18 each issue and series thereof shall be dated and bear interest, and may be includable in or 71.19 excludable from the gross income of the owners for federal income tax purposes.

71.20 (e) At the time of, or in anticipation of, issuing the appropriation bonds, and at any 71.21 time thereafter, so long as the appropriation bonds are outstanding, the commissioner may 71.22 enter into agreements and ancillary arrangements relating to the appropriation bonds, 71.23 including but not limited to trust indentures, grant agreements, lease or use agreements, 71.24 operating agreements, management agreements, liquidity facilities, remarketing or 71.25 dealer agreements, letter of credit agreements, insurance policies, guaranty agreements, 71.26 reimbursement agreements, indexing agreements, or interest exchange agreements. Any 71.27 payments made or received according to the agreement or ancillary arrangement shall be 71.28 made from or deposited as provided in the agreement or ancillary arrangement. The 71.29 determination of the commissioner included in an interest exchange agreement that the 71.30 agreement relates to an appropriation bond shall be conclusive.

34.7 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116J.423, is amended to read: 34.8 116J.423 MINNESOTA MINERALS 21ST CENTURY FUND.

34.9 Subdivision 1. **Created.** The Minnesota minerals 21st century fund is created 34.10 as a separate account in the treasury. Money in the account is appropriated to the 34.11 commissioner of employment and economic development for the purposes of this section. 34.12 All money earned by the account, loan repayments of principal and interest, and earnings 34.13 on investments must be credited to the account. For the purpose of this section, "fund" 34.14 means the Minnesota minerals 21st century fund. The commissioner shall operate the 34.15 account as a revolving account.

- 71.31 (f) The commissioner may enter into written agreements or contracts relating to the
- 71.32 continuing disclosure of information necessary to comply with or facilitate the issuance
- 71.33 of appropriation bonds in accordance with federal securities laws, rules, and regulations,
- 71.34 including Securities and Exchange Commission rules and regulations in Code of Federal
- 71.35 Regulations, title 17, section 240.15c 2-12. An agreement may be in the form of covenants
- 71.36 with purchasers and holders of appropriation bonds set forth in the order or resolution
- 72.1 authorizing the issuance of the appropriation bonds, or a separate document authorized
- 72.2 by the order or resolution.
- 72.3 (g) The appropriation bonds are not subject to chapter 16C.
- 72.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
- 72.5 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 16A.967, subdivision 7, is 72.6 amended to read:
- 72.7 Subd. 7. Appropriation of proceeds. The proceeds of appropriation bonds issued
- 72.8 under this section and interest credited to the special appropriation Lewis and Clark bond
- 72.9 proceeds fund are appropriated to the commissioner:
- 72.10 (1) to the Public Facilities Authority for a grant to the Lewis and Clark Joint Powers
- 72.11 Board for payment of capital expenses for the purposes provided by as specified in
- 72.12 subdivision 2, paragraph (a); and
- 72.13 (2) to the commissioner for debt service on the bonds including capitalized interest,
- 72.14 nonsalary costs of issuance of the bonds, costs of credit enhancement of the bonds and
- 72.15 payments under any agreements entered into under subdivision 2, paragraph (e), each as
- 72.16 permitted by state and federal law, and such proceeds may be granted, loaned, or otherwise
- 72.17 provided for the public purposes provided by subdivision 2, paragraph (a).
- 72.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

- 34.16 Subd. 2. Use of fund. The commissioner shall use money in the fund to make loans
- 34.17 or equity investments in mineral, steel, or taconite any other industry processing facilities,
- 34.18 steel production facilities, facilities for the manufacturing of renewable energy products,
- 34.19 or facilities for the manufacturing of biobased or biomass products, manufacturing, or
- 34.20 technology project that would enhance the economic diversification and that are is located
- 34.21 within the taconite relief tax area as defined under section 273.134. The commissioner
- 34.22 must, prior to making any loans or equity investments and after consultation with industry
- 34.23 and public officials, develop a strategy for making loans and equity investments that
- 34.24 assists the Minnesota mineral industry in becoming globally competitive taconite relief
- 34.25 area in retaining and enhancing its economic competitiveness. Money in the fund may
- 34.26 also be used to pay for the costs of carrying out the commissioner's due diligence duties
- 34.27 under this section.
- 34.28 Subd. 2a. **Grants authorized.** Notwithstanding subdivision 2, the commissioner
- 34.29 may use money in the fund to make grants to a municipality or county, or to a county
- 34.30 regional rail authority as appropriate, for public infrastructure needed to support an
- 34.31 eligible project under this section. Grant money may be used by the municipality, county,
- 34.32 or regional rail authority to acquire right-of-way and mitigate loss of wetlands and runoff
- 34.33 of storm water; to predesign, design, construct, and equip roads and rail lines; and, in
- 34.34 cooperation with municipal utilities, to predesign, design, construct, and equip natural
- 35.1 gas pipelines, electric infrastructure, water supply systems, and wastewater collection and
- 35.2 treatment systems. Grants made under this subdivision are available until expended.
- 35.3 Subd. 3. Requirements prior to committing funds. The commissioner, prior to
- 35.4 making a commitment for a loan or equity investment must, at a minimum, conduct due
- 35.5 diligence research regarding the proposed loan or equity investment, including contracting
- 35.6 with professionals as needed to assist in the due diligence.
- 35.7 Subd. 4. **Requirements for fund disbursements.** The commissioner may make
- 35.8 conditional commitments for loans or equity investments but disbursements of funds
- 35.9 pursuant to a commitment may not be made until commitments for the remainder of a
- 35.10 project's funding are made that are satisfactory to the commissioner and disbursements
- 35.11 made from the other commitments sufficient to protect the interests of the state in its
- 35.12 loan or investment.
- 35.13 Subd. 5. Company contribution. The commissioner may provide loans or equity
- 35.14 investments that match, in a proportion determined by the commissioner, an investment
- 35.15 made by the owner of a facility.
- 35.16 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116J.424, is amended to read:
- 35.17 116J.424 IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION BOARD
- 35.18 CONTRIBUTION.

- 35.19 The commissioner of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board with
- 35.20 approval by the board, shall may provide an equal match for any loan or equity investment
- 35.21 made for a facility project located in the tax relief area defined in section 273.134,
- 35.22 paragraph (b), by the Minnesota minerals 21st century fund created by section 116J.423.
- 35.23 The match may be in the form of a loan or equity investment, notwithstanding whether
- 35.24 the fund makes a loan or equity investment. The state shall not acquire an equity interest
- 35.25 because of an equity investment or loan by the board and the board at its sole discretion
- 35.26 shall decide what interest it acquires in a project. The commissioner of employment and
- 35.27 economic development may require a commitment from the board to make the match
- 35.28 prior to disbursing money from the fund.
- 35.29 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116J.431, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 35.30 Subdivision 1. Grant program established; purpose. (a) The commissioner shall
- 35.31 make grants to counties or cities to provide up to 50 percent of the capital costs of public
- 35.32 infrastructure necessary for an eligible economic development project. The county or city
- 35.33 receiving a grant must provide for the remainder of the costs of the project, either in cash
- 36.1 or in kind. In-kind contributions may include the value of site preparation other than the
- 36.2 public infrastructure needed for the project.
- 36.3 (b) The purpose of the grants made under this section is to keep or enhance jobs in
- 36.4 the area, increase the tax base, or to expand or create new economic development.
- 36.5 (c) In awarding grants under this section, the commissioner must adhere to the 36.6 criteria under subdivision 4.
- 36.7 (d) If the commissioner awards a grant for less than 50 percent of the project, the
- 36.8 commissioner shall provide the applicant and the chairs and ranking minority members
- 36.9 of the senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over economic
- 36.10 development finance a written explanation of the reason less than 50 percent of the capital
- 36.11 costs were awarded in the grant.
- 36.12 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116J.431, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 36.13 Subd. 2. Eligible projects. An economic development project for which a county or
- 36.14 city may be eligible to receive a grant under this section includes:
- 36.15 (1) manufacturing;
- 36.16 (2) technology;
- 36.17 (3) warehousing and distribution;
- 36.18 (4) research and development;
- 36.19 (5) agricultural processing, defined as transforming, packaging, sorting, or grading
- 36.20 livestock or livestock products into goods that are used for intermediate or final
- 36.21 consumption, including goods for nonfood use; or

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- 36.22 (6) industrial park development that would be used by any other business listed in
- 36.23 this subdivision even if no business has committed to locate in the industrial park at the
- 36.24 time the grant application is made.
- 36.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
- 36.26 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116J.431, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 36.27 Subd. 4. **Application.** (a) The commissioner must develop forms and procedures
- 36.28 for soliciting and reviewing applications for grants under this section. At a minimum, a
- 36.29 county or city must include in its application a resolution of the county or city council
- 36.30 certifying that the required local match is available. The commissioner must evaluate
- 36.31 complete applications for eligible projects using the following criteria:
- 36.32 (1) the project is an eligible project as defined under subdivision 2;
- 37.1 (2) the project will is expected to result in or will attract substantial public and
- 37.2 private capital investment and provide substantial economic benefit to the county or city in
- 37.3 which the project would be located;
- 37.4 (3) the project is not relocating substantially the same operation from another
- 37.5 location in the state, unless the commissioner determines the project cannot be reasonably
- 37.6 accommodated within the county or city in which the business is currently located, or the
- 37.7 business would otherwise relocate to another state; and
- 37.8 (4) the project is expected to or will create or maintain retain full-time jobs.
- 37.9 (b) The determination of whether to make a grant for a site is within the discretion of
- 37.10 the commissioner, subject to this section. The commissioner's decisions and application of
- 37.11 the priorities criteria are not subject to judicial review, except for abuse of discretion.
- 37.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
- 37.13 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116J.431, subdivision 6, is amended to read:
- 37.14 Subd. 6. **Maximum grant amount.** A county or city may receive no more than
- 37.15 \$1,000,000 \$2,000,000 in two years for one or more projects.
- 37.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

72.19 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116J.548, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

72.20 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section:

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37.17 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116J.68, is amended to read: 37.18 116J.68 BUREAU OF SMALL BUSINESS.

- 72.21 (a) "Capital costs" means expenditures for the public acquisition and of land and
- 72.22 buildings, betterment of public lands and buildings, and for other publicly owned capital
- 72.23 improvements. Capital costs also include expenditures for predesign, design, engineering,
- 72.24 and similar activities for specifically identified eligible projects.
- 72.25 (b) "Eligible project" means a development or redevelopment project that will
- 72.26 generate economic development within a time frame of five years or less or facilitate the
- 72.27 preparation of long-term economic development within a host community.
- 72.28 (c) "Economic development" means assistance in preparation of a redevelopment or
- 72.29 development area contained in the application that results in at least one of the following:
- 72.30 (1) job creation, including jobs relating to construction and temporary jobs;
- 72.31 (2) an increase in the tax base;
- 72.32 (3) the eapacity ability of the eligible project to attract private investment, and;
- 72.33 (4) long-term economic development;
- 73.1 (5) needed public infrastructure or transportation-related improvements to facilitate
- 73.2 long-term redevelopment or development; or
- 73.3 (6) other objective criteria established by the commissioner that demonstrate a
- 73.4 public benefit to the host community.
- 73.5 (d) "Host community" means a city located within the seven-county metropolitan
- 73.6 area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, that is the site of a waste disposal
- 73.7 facility that meets the standards in section 473.849, that accepts unprocessed mixed
- 73.8 municipal solid waste generated in the metropolitan area.
- 73.9 (e) "Long-term economic development" means capital costs associated with
- 73.10 economic development projects identified by a host community comprehensive plan or
- 73.11 redevelopment plan that will generate eligible economic development.
- 73.12 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116J.548, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 73.13 Subd. 3. **Application.** Host communities may apply for a grant under this section
- 73.14 on a form and in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. In awarding grants under
- 73.15 this section, the commissioner shall give priority to eligible projects that, based on a
- 73.16 cost-benefit analysis, provide the highest return on public investment. the commissioner
- 73.17 must allocate available money between host communities as evenly as practicable.

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- 37.19 Subdivision 1. Generally. The Bureau of Small Business within the business
- 37.20 assistance center shall serve as a clearinghouse, technical assistance center, and referral
- 37.21 service for information and other assistance needed by small businesses including small
- 37.22 targeted group businesses and small businesses located in an economically disadvantaged
- 37.23 area.
- 37.24 Subd. 2. **Duties.** The bureau shall:
- 37.25 (1) provide information and assistance with respect to all aspects of business
- 37.26 planning, business finance, and business management related to the start-up, operation, or
- 37.27 expansion of a small business in Minnesota;
- 37.28 (2) refer persons interested in the start-up, operation, or expansion of a small
- 37.29 business in Minnesota to assistance programs sponsored by federal agencies, state
- 37.30 agencies, educational institutions, chambers of commerce, civic organizations, community
- 37.31 development groups, private industry associations, and other organizations;
- 38.1 (3) plan, develop, and implement a master file of information on small business
- 38.2 assistance programs of federal, state, and local governments, and other public and private
- 38.3 organizations so as to provide comprehensive, timely information to the bureau's clients;
- 38.4 (4) employ staff with adequate and appropriate skills and education and training for
- 38.5 the delivery of information and assistance;
- 38.6 (5) seek out and utilize, to the extent practicable, contributed expertise and services
- 38.7 of federal, state, and local governments, educational institutions, and other public and
- 38.8 private organizations;
- 38.9 (6) maintain a close and continued relationship with the director of the procurement
- 38.10 program within the Department of Administration so as to facilitate the department's
- 38.11 duties and responsibilities under sections 16C.16 to 16C.19 relating to the small targeted
- 38.12 group business and economically disadvantaged business program of the state;
- 38.13 (7) develop an information system which will enable the commissioner and other
- 38.14 state agencies to efficiently store, retrieve, analyze, and exchange data regarding small
- 38.15 business development and growth in the state. All executive branch agencies of state
- 38.16 government and the secretary of state shall to the extent practicable, assist the bureau in
- 38.17 the development and implementation of the information system;
- 38.18 (8) establish and maintain a toll-free telephone number, e-mail account, and other
- 38.19 electronic contact mediums determined by the commissioner so that all small business
- 38.20 persons anywhere in the state ean call may contact the bureau office for assistance.
- 38.21 An outreach program shall be established to make the existence of the bureau and the
- 38.22 assistance and services the bureau may provide to small businesses well known to its
- 38.23 potential clientele throughout the state. If the small business person requires a referral to
- 38.24 another provider the bureau may use the business assistance referral system established by
- 38.25 the Minnesota Project Outreach Corporation;

- 38.26 (9) conduct research and provide data as required by the state legislature;
- 38.27 (10) develop and publish material on all aspects of the start-up, operation, or
- 38.28 expansion of a small business in Minnesota;
- 38.29 (11) collect and disseminate information on state procurement opportunities,
- 38.30 including information on the procurement process;
- 38.31 (12) develop a public awareness program through the use of regarding state
- 38.32 assistance programs for small businesses, including those programs specifically for
- 38.33 socially disadvantaged small business persons. The commissioner may utilize print and
- 38.34 electronic newsletters, personal contacts, and advertising devices as defined in section
- 38.35 173.02, subdivision 16, social media, other electronic and print news media advertising
- 38.36 about state assistance programs for small businesses, including those programs specifically
- 39.1 for socially disadvantaged small business persons, and any other means determined by
- 39.2 the commissioner;
- 39.3 (13) enter into agreements with the federal government and other public and private
- 39.4 entities to serve as the statewide coordinator or host agency for the federal small business
- 39.5 development center program under United States Code, title 15, section 648; and
- 39.6 (14) assist providers in the evaluation of their programs and the assessment of
- 39.7 their service area needs. The bureau may establish model evaluation techniques and
- 39.8 performance standards for providers to use.

73.18 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116J.8737, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

73.19 Subd. 3. Certification of qualified investors. (a) Investors may apply to the

- 73.20 commissioner for certification as a qualified investor for a taxable year. The application
- 73.21 must be in the form and be made under the procedures specified by the commissioner,
- 73.22 accompanied by an application fee of \$350. Application fees are deposited in the small
- 73.23 business investment tax credit administration account in the special revenue fund. The
- 73.24 application for certification for 2010 must be made available on the department's Web
- 73.25 site by August 1, 2010. Applications for subsequent years' certification must be made
- 73.26 available on the department's Web site by November 1 of the preceding year.

- 73.27 (b) Within 30 days of receiving an application for certification under this subdivision, 73.28 the commissioner must either certify the investor as satisfying the conditions required 73.29 of a qualified investor, request additional information from the investor, or reject the 73.30 application for certification. If the commissioner requests additional information from the 73.31 investor, the commissioner must either certify the investor or reject the application within 73.32 30 days of receiving the additional information. If the commissioner neither certifies the 73.33 investor nor rejects the application within 30 days of receiving the original application or 73.34 within 30 days of receiving the additional information requested, whichever is later, then 74.1 the application is deemed rejected, and the commissioner must refund the \$350 application 74.2 fee. An investor who applies for certification and is rejected may reapply.
- 74.3 (c) To receive certification, an investor must (1) be a natural person; and (2) certify 74.4 to the commissioner that the investor will only invest in a transaction that is exempt under 74.5 section 80A.46, clause (13) or (14), in a security exempt under section 80A.461, or in a 74.6 security registered under section 80A.50, paragraph (b).
- 74.7 (d) In order for a qualified investment in a qualified small business to be eligible 74.8 for tax credits, a qualified investor who makes the investment must have applied for 74.9 and received certification for the calendar year prior to making the qualified investment, 74.10 except in the case of an investor who is not an accredited investor, within the meaning of 74.11 Regulation D of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Code of Federal Regulations, 74.12 title 17, section 230.501, paragraph (a), application for certification may be made within 74.13 30 days after making the qualified investment.
- 74.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxable years beginning after 74.15 December 31, 2015.
- 74.16 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116J.8747, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 74.17 Subdivision 1. **Grant allowed.** The commissioner may provide a grant to a qualified 74.18 job training program from money appropriated for the purposes of this section as follows:
- 74.19 (1) a \$9,000 an \$11,000 placement grant paid to a job training program upon 74.20 placement in employment of a qualified graduate of the program; and
- 74.21 (2) a \$9,000 an \$11,000 retention grant paid to a job training program upon retention 74.22 in employment of a qualified graduate of the program for at least one year.
- 74.23 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116J.8747, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 74.24 Subd. 2. **Qualified job training program.** To qualify for grants under this section, 74.25 a job training program must satisfy the following requirements:
- 74.26 (1) the program must be operated by a nonprofit corporation that qualifies under 74.27 section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

- 39.9 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116M.14, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 39.10 Subd. 2. **Board.** "Board" means the Urban Minnesota Initiative Board.
- 39.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.
- 39.12 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116M.14, is amended by adding a
- 39.13 subdivision to read:
- 39.14 Subd. 3a. Department. "Department" means the Department of Employment and
- 39.15 Economic Development.
- 39.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.

74.28 (2) the program must spend at least, on average, \$15,000 or more per graduate 74.29 of the program;

- 74.30 (3) the program must provide education and training in:
- 74.31 (i) basic skills, such as reading, writing, mathematics, and communications;
- 74.32 (ii) thinking skills, such as reasoning, creative thinking, decision making, and 74.33 problem solving; and
- 75.1 (iii) personal qualities, such as responsibility, self-esteem, self-management,
- 75.2 honesty, and integrity;
- 75.3 (4) the program must may provide income supplements, when needed, to participants
- 75.4 for housing, counseling, tuition, and other basic needs;
- 75.5 (5) the program's education and training course must last for an average of at least 75.6 six months;
- 75.7 (6) individuals served by the program must:
- 75.8 (i) be 18 years of age or older;
- 75.9 (ii) have federal adjusted gross income of no more than \$11,000 \$12,000 per year in
- 75.10 the calendar year immediately before entering the program;
- 75.11 (iii) have assets of no more than \$7,000 \$10,000, excluding the value of a
- 75.12 homestead: and
- 75.13 (iv) not have been claimed as a dependent on the federal tax return of another person
- 75.14 in the previous taxable year; and
- 75.15 (7) the program must be certified by the commissioner of employment and economic
- 75.16 development as meeting the requirements of this subdivision.

- 39.17 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116M.14, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 39.18 Subd. 4. Low-income area. "Low-income area" means:
- 39.19 (1) Minneapolis, St. Paul;
- 39.20 (2) those cities in the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision
- 39.21 2, that have an average income that is below 80 percent of the median income for a
- 39.22 four-person family as of the latest report by the United States Census Bureau; and
- 39.23 (3) (2) those cities in the metropolitan area, which contain two or more contiguous
- 39.24 census tracts in which the average family income is less than 80 percent of the median
- 39.25 family income for the Twin Cities metropolitan area as of the latest report by the United
- 39.26 States Census Bureau.
- 39.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.
- 39.28 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116M.14, is amended by adding a 39.29 subdivision to read:
- 39.30 Subd. 4a. Low-income person. "Low-income person" means a person who has an
- 39.31 annual income, adjusted for family size, of not more than 80 percent of the area median
- 40.1 family income for the Twin Cities metropolitan area as of the latest report by the United
- 40.2 States Census Bureau.
- 40.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.
- 40.4 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116M.14, is amended by adding a
- 40.5 subdivision to read:
- 40.6 Subd. 4b. **Metropolitan area.** "Metropolitan area" has the meaning given in section 40.7 473.121, subdivision 2.
- 40.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.
- 40.9 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116M.14, is amended by adding a 40.10 subdivision to read:
- 40.11 Subd. 6. Minority person. "Minority person" means a person belonging to a racial
- 40.12 or ethnic minority as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 23.5.
- 40.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.

- 40.14 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116M.14, is amended by adding a 40.15 subdivision to read:
- 40.16 Subd. 7. **Program.** "Program" means the Minnesota Initiative program created 40.17 by this chapter.
- 40.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.
- 40.19 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116M.15, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 40.20 Subdivision 1. Creation; membership Membership. The Urban Minnesota
- 40.21 Initiative Board is created and consists of the commissioner of employment and economic
- 40.22 development, the chair of the Metropolitan Council, and eight 12 members from the general
- 40.23 public appointed by the governor. Six Nine of the public members must be representatives
- 40.24 from minority business enterprises. No more than four six of the public members may be of
- 40.25 one gender. Appointments must ensure balanced geographic representation. At least half
- 40.26 of the public members must have experience working to address racial income disparities.
- 40.27 All public members must be experienced in business or economic development.
- 40.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.
- 40.29 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116M.17, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 41.1 Subd. 2. **Technical assistance.** The board through the department, shall provide
- 41.2 technical assistance and development information services to state agencies, regional
- 41.3 agencies, special districts, local governments, and the public, with special emphasis on
- 41.4 minority communities informational outreach about the program to lenders, nonprofit
- 41.5 corporations, and low-income and minority communities throughout the state that support
- 41.6 the development of business enterprises and entrepreneurs.
- 41.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.
- 41.8 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116M.17, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 41.9 Subd. 4. **Reports.** The board shall submit an annual report to the legislature of an
- 41.10 accounting of loans made under section 116M.18, including information on loans to
- 41.11 minority business enterprises made, the number of jobs created by the program, the impact
- 41.12 on low-income areas, and recommendations concerning minority business development
- 41.13 and jobs for persons in low-income areas.
- 41.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.

75.17 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116M.15, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

75.18 Subdivision 1. Creation; membership. The Urban Initiative Board is created and

- 75.19 consists of the commissioner of employment and economic development, the commissioner
- 75.20 of human rights, the chair of the Metropolitan Council, and eight members from the general
- 75.21 public appointed by the governor. Six of the public members must be representatives from
- 75.22 minority business enterprises. No more than four of the public members may be of one
- 75.23 gender. All public members must be experienced in business or economic development.

- 41.15 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116M.18, is amended to read:
- 41.16 116M.18 URBAN CHALLENGE GRANTS MINNESOTA INITIATIVE
- 41.17 **PROGRAM.**
- 41.18 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The Minnesota Initiative program is established to
- 41.19 award grants to nonprofit corporations to fund loans to businesses owned by minority or
- 41.20 low-income persons or women or veterans.
- 41.21 Subd. 1a. **Statewide loans.** To the extent there is sufficient eligible demand,
- 41.22 loans shall be made so that an approximately equal dollar amount of loans are made to
- 41.23 businesses in the metropolitan area as in the nonmetropolitan area. If funds remain after
- 41.24 the ninth month of the fiscal year, those funds shall revert to the general loan pool and may
- 41.25 be lent in any part of the state.
- 41.26 Subdivision 1 Subd. 1b. Eligibility rules Grants. The board shall make urban
- 41.27 ehallenge grants for use in low-income areas to nonprofit corporations to fund loans to
- 41.28 businesses owned by minority or low-income persons or women or veterans to encourage
- 41.29 private investment, to provide jobs for minority and low-income persons and others in
- 41.30 low-income areas, to create and strengthen minority business enterprises, and to promote
- 41.31 economic development in a low-income area. The board shall adopt rules to establish
- 41.32 criteria for determining loan eligibility.
- 42.1 Subd. 2. Challenge Grant eligibility; nonprofit corporation. (a) The board
- 42.2 may enter into agreements with nonprofit corporations to fund and guarantee loans the
- 42.3 nonprofit corporation makes in low-income areas under subdivision 4. A corporation
- 42.4 must demonstrate that to businesses owned by minority or low-income persons or
- 42.5 women or veterans. The board shall evaluate applications from nonprofit corporations.
- 42.6 In evaluating applications, the board must consider, among other things, whether the
- 42.7 nonprofit corporation:
- 42.8 (1) its has a board of directors that includes citizens experienced in business
- 42.9 and community development, minority business enterprises, addressing racial income
- 42.10 disparities, and creating jobs in low-income areas for low-income and minority persons;
- 42.11 (2) it has the technical skills to analyze projects;
- 42.12 (3) it is familiar with other available public and private funding sources and
- 42.13 economic development programs;
- 42.14 (4) it can initiate and implement economic development projects;
- 42.15 (5) it can establish and administer a revolving loan account or has operated a
- 42.16 revolving loan account; and
- 42.17 (6) it can work with job referral networks which assist minority and other persons in
- 42.18 low-income areas low-income persons; and
- 42.19 (7) has established relationships with minority communities.

- 42.20 (b) The department shall review existing agreements with nonprofit corporations
- 42.21 every five years and may renew or terminate the agreement based on the review. In making
- 42.22 its review, the department shall consider, among other criteria, the criteria in paragraph (a).
- 42.23 Subd. 3. Revolving loan fund. (a) The board shall establish a revolving loan fund to
- 42.24 make grants to nonprofit corporations for the purpose of making loans and loan guarantees
- 42.25 to new and expanding businesses in a low-income area to promote owned by minority or
- 42.26 low-income persons or women or veterans and to support minority business enterprises
- 42.27 and job creation for minority and other persons in low-income areas low-income persons.
- 42.28 (b) Nonprofit corporations that receive grants from the department under the
- 42.29 program must establish a commissioner-certified revolving loan fund for the purpose
- 42.30 of making eligible loans.
- 42.31 (c) Eligible business enterprises include, but are not limited to, technologically
- 42.32 innovative industries, value-added manufacturing, and information industries. Loan
- 42.33 applications given preliminary approval by the nonprofit corporation must be forwarded to
- 42.34 the board for approval. The commissioner must give final approval for each loan or loan
- 42.35 guarantee made by the nonprofit corporation. The amount of the state funds contributed to
- 42.36 any loan or loan guarantee may not exceed 50 percent of each loan.
- 43.1 Subd. 4. **Business loan criteria.** (a) The criteria in this subdivision apply to loans
- 43.2 made or guaranteed by nonprofit corporations under the urban challenge grant program.
- 43.3 (b) Loans or guarantees must be made to businesses that are not likely to undertake
- 43.4 a project for which loans are sought without assistance from the urban challenge grant
- 43.5 program.
- 43.6 (c) A loan or guarantee must be used for a project designed to benefit persons in
- 43.7 low-income areas through the creation of job or business opportunities for them to support
- 43.8 a business owned by a minority or a low-income person or woman or veteran. Priority
- 43.9 must be given for loans to the lowest income areas.
- 43.10 (d) The minimum state contribution to a loan or guarantee is \$5,000 and the
- 43.11 maximum is \$150,000.
- 43.12 (e) The state contribution must be matched by at least an equal amount of new
- 43.13 private investment.
- 43.14 (f) A loan may not be used for a retail development project.
- 43.15 (g) The business must agree to work with job referral networks that focus on
- 43.16 minority and low-income applicants from low-income areas.
- 43.17 Subd. 4a. Microenterprise loan. Urban challenge Program grants may be
- 43.18 used to make microenterprise loans to small, beginning businesses, including a sole
- 43.19 proprietorship. Microenterprise loans are subject to this section except that:

- 43.20 (1) they may also be made to qualified retail businesses;
- 43.21 (2) they may be made for a minimum of \$1,900 \$5,000 and a maximum of \$25,900
- 43.22 \$35.000: and
- 43.23 (3) in a low-income area, they may be made for a minimum of \$5,000 and a
- 43.24 maximum of \$50,000; and
- 43.25 (3) (4) they do not require a match.
- 43.26 Subd. 5. Revolving fund administration; rules. (a) The board shall establish a
- 43.27 minimum interest rate for loans or guarantees to ensure that necessary loan administration
- 43.28 costs are covered.
- 43.29 (b) Loan repayment amounts equal to one-half of the principal and interest must be
- 43.30 deposited in a revolving fund created by the board for challenge grants. The remaining
- 43.31 amount of the loan repayment may be paid to the department for deposit in the revolving
- 43.32 loan fund. Loan interest payments must be deposited in a revolving loan fund created
- 43.33 by the nonprofit corporation originating the loan being repaid for further distribution,
- 43.34 consistent with the loan criteria specified in subdivision 4 of this section.
- 43.35 (c) Administrative expenses of the board and nonprofit corporations with whom
- 43.36 the board enters into agreements under subdivision 2, including expenses incurred by
- 44.1 a nonprofit corporation in providing financial, technical, managerial, and marketing
- 44.2 assistance to a business enterprise receiving a loan under subdivision 4, may be paid out of
- 44.3 the interest earned on loans and out of interest earned on money invested by the state Board
- 44.4 of Investment under section 116M.16, subdivision 2, as may be provided by the board.
- 44.5 Subd. 6. Rules. The board shall adopt rules to implement this section.
- 44.6 Subd. 6a. Nonprofit corporation loans. The board may make loans to a nonprofit
- 44.7 corporation with which it has entered into an agreement under subdivision ± 2. These
- 44.8 loans must be used to support a new or expanding business. This support may include
- 44.9 such forms of financing as the sale of goods to the business on installment or deferred
- 44.10 payments, lease purchase agreements, or royalty investments in the business. The interest
- 44.11 rate charged by a nonprofit corporation for a loan under this subdivision must not exceed
- 44.12 the Wall Street Journal prime rate plus four percent. For a loan under this subdivision, the
- 44.13 nonprofit corporation may charge a loan origination fee equal to or less than one percent
- 44.14 of the loan value. The nonprofit corporation may retain the amount of the origination fee.
- 44.15 The nonprofit corporation must provide at least an equal match to the loan received by the
- 44.16 board. The maximum loan available to the nonprofit corporation under this subdivision is
- 44.17 \$50,000. Loans made to the nonprofit corporation under this subdivision may be made
- 44.18 without interest. Repayments made by the nonprofit corporation must be deposited in the
- 44.19 revolving fund created for urban initiative program grants.

- 44.20 Subd. 7. Cooperation. A nonprofit corporation that receives an urban challenge a
- 44.21 program grant shall cooperate with other organizations, including but not limited to,
- 44.22 community development corporations, community action agencies, and the Minnesota
- 44.23 small business development centers.
- 44.24 Subd. 8. Reporting requirements. A nonprofit corporation that receives a
- 44.25 ehallenge program grant shall:
- 44.26 (1) submit an annual report to the board by September March 30 of each year that
- 44.27 includes a description of projects businesses supported by the urban challenge grant
- 44.28 program, an account of loans made during the calendar year, the program's impact on
- 44.29 minority business enterprises and job creation for minority persons and low-income
- 44.30 persons in low-income areas, the source and amount of money collected and distributed by
- 44.31 the urban challenge grant program, the program's assets and liabilities, and an explanation
- 44.32 of administrative expenses; and
- 44.33 (2) provide for an independent annual audit to be performed in accordance with
- 44.34 generally accepted accounting practices and auditing standards and submit a copy of each
- 44.35 annual audit report to the board.
- 45.1 Subd. 9. Capacity building grants. The department may make grants to nonprofit
- 45.2 corporations for the purpose of building their capacity to meet the eligibility criteria for
- 45.3 the grant program under subdivision 2, or in applying for the Department of Employment
- 45.4 and Economic Development's business development competitive grant program. Funding
- 45.5 priority must be given to those applicants that can demonstrate that they have established
- 45.6 relationships with minority communities and have provided small business-related
- 45.7 services primarily to low-income and minority business enterprises.
- 45.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.
- 45.9 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 179A.041, is amended by adding a 45.10 subdivision to read:
- 45.11 Subd. 10. **Open meetings.** Chapter 13D does not apply to meetings of the board
- 45.12 when it is deliberating on the merits of unfair labor practice charges under sections
- 45.13 179.11, 179.12, and 179A.13; reviewing a recommended decision and order of a hearing
- 45.14 officer under section 179A.13; reviewing decisions of the commissioner of the Bureau of
- 45.15 Mediation Services relating to unfair labor practices under section 179A.12, subdivision
- 45.16 11; or exercising its hiring authority under section 179A.041.
- 45.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
- 45.18 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 179A.041, is amended by adding a

45.19 subdivision to read:

- 45.20 Subd. 11. **Report.** The board shall prepare and submit a report to the governor
- 45.21 and the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees with jurisdiction over
- 45.22 the board by November 15, 2017. The report shall summarize the nature, number, and
- 45.23 resolution of charges filed with the board. The report shall cover the period of July
- 45.24 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.
- 45.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.
- 45.26 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 326B.988, is amended to read:
- 45.27 326B.988 EXCEPTIONS.
- 45.28 (a) The provisions of sections 326B.95 to 326B.998 shall not apply to:
- 45.29 (1) boilers and pressure vessels in buildings occupied solely for residence purposes
- 45.30 with accommodations for not more than five families;
- 45.31 (2) railroad locomotives operated by railroad companies for transportation purposes;
- 46.1 (3) air tanks installed on the right-of-way of railroads and used directly in the 46.2 operation of trains;
- 46.3 (4) boilers and pressure vessels under the direct jurisdiction of the United States;
- 46.4 (5) unfired pressure vessels having an internal or external working pressure not
- 46.5 exceeding 15 psig with no limit on size;
- 46.6 (6) pressure vessels used for storage of compressed air not exceeding five cubic feet
- 46.7 in volume and equipped with an ASME code stamped safety valve set at a maximum of 46.8 100 psig;
- 46.9 (7) pressure vessels having an inside diameter not exceeding six inches;
- 46.10 (8) every vessel that contains water under pressure, including those containing air
- 46.11 that serves only as a cushion, whose design pressure does not exceed 300 psig and whose
- 46.12 design temperature does not exceed 210 degrees Fahrenheit;
- 46.13 (9) boiler or pressure vessels located on farms used solely for agricultural or
- 46.14 horticultural purposes; for purposes of this section, boilers used for mint oil extraction
- 46.15 are considered used for agricultural or horticultural purposes, provided that the owner or
- 46.16 lessee complies with the inspection requirements contained in section 326B.958;
- 46.17 (10) tanks or cylinders used for storage or transfer of liquefied petroleum gases;
- 46.18 (11) unfired pressure vessels in petroleum refineries;
- 46.19 (12) an air tank or pressure vessel which is an integral part of a passenger motor
- 46.20 bus, truck, or trailer;

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- 46.21 (13) hot water heating and other hot liquid boilers not exceeding a heat input of 46.22 750,000 BTU per hour;
- 46.23 (14) hot water supply boilers (water heaters) not exceeding a heat input of 500,000
- 46.24 BTU per hour, a water temperature of 210 degrees Fahrenheit, a nominal water capacity
- 46.25 of 120 gallons, or a pressure of 160 psig;
- 46.26 (15) a laundry and dry cleaning press not exceeding five cubic feet of steam volume;
- 46.27 (16) pressure vessels operated full of water or other liquid not materially more
- 46.28 hazardous than water, if the vessel's contents' temperature does not exceed 210 degrees
- 46.29 Fahrenheit or a pressure of 200 psig;
- 46.30 (17) steam-powered turbines at papermaking facilities which are powered by steam
- 46.31 generated by steam facilities at a remote location;
- 46.32 (18) manually fired boilers for model locomotive, boat, tractor, stationary engine,
- 46.33 or antique motor vehicles constructed or maintained only as a hobby for exhibition,
- 46.34 educational or historical purposes and not for commercial use, if the boilers have an
- 46.35 inside diameter of 12 inches or less, or a grate area of two square feet or less, and are
- 47.1 equipped with an ASME stamped safety valve of adequate size, a water level indicator, 47.2 and a pressure gauge;
- 47.3 (19) any pressure vessel used as an integral part of an electrical circuit breaker;
- 47.4 (20) pressure vessels used for the storage of refrigerant if they are built to ASME
- 47.5 code specifications, registered with the national board, and equipped with an ASME
- 47.6 code-stamped pressure-relieving device set no higher than the maximum allowable
- 47.7 working pressure of the vessel. This does not include pressure vessels used in ammonia
- 47.8 refrigeration systems;
- 47.9 (21) pressure vessels used for the storage of oxygen, nitrogen, helium, carbon dioxide,
- 47.10 argon, nitrous oxide, or other medical gas, provided the vessel is constructed to ASME
- 47.11 or Minnesota Department of Transportation specifications and equipped with an ASME
- 47.12 code-stamped pressure-relieving device. The owner of the vessels shall perform annual
- 47.13 visual inspections and planned maintenance on these vessels to ensure vessel integrity;
- 47.14 (22) pressure vessels used for the storage of compressed air for self-contained
- 47.15 breathing apparatuses;
- 47.16 (23) hot water heating or other hot liquid boilers vented directly to the atmosphere;
- 47.17 and
- 47.18 (24) pressure vessels used for the storage of compressed air not exceeding 1.5 cubic
- 47.19 feet (11.22 gallons) in volume with a maximum allowable working pressure of 600 psi or 47.20 less.
- 47.21 (b) An engineer's license is not required for hot water supply boilers.

- 47.22 (c) An engineer's license and annual inspection by the department is not required
- 47.23 for boilers, steam cookers, steam kettles, steam sterilizers or other steam generators not
- 47.24 exceeding 100,000 BTU per hour input, 25 kilowatt, and a pressure of 15 psig.
- 47.25 (d) Electric boilers not exceeding a maximum working pressure of 50 psig,
- 47.26 maximum of 30 kilowatt input or three horsepower rating shall be inspected as pressure
- 47.27 vessels and shall not require an engineer license to operate.
- 47.28 (e) Sawmills, located in a county with a population of less than 8,000 according to
- 47.29 the last federal census and that utilize steam for the drying of lumber, are not required to
- 47.30 meet the high pressure boiler attendance requirements set forth in Minnesota Rules, part
- 47.31 5225.1180, only if all of the following conditions are met:
- 47.32 (1) the owner complies with the inspection requirements under section 326B.958,
- 47.33 and the licensing requirements under section 326B.972; and
- 47.34 (2) the boiler:
- 47.35 (i) is equipped with electronic control systems that are remotely operated but which 47.36 require on-site manual reset of system faults;
- 48.1 (ii) is remotely monitored for log water levels, boiler pressure, and steam flow;
- 48.2 (iii) has automatic safety mechanisms built into the remote monitoring systems that
- 48.3 send an alarm upon detection of a fault condition, and an on-site alarm that will sound
- 48.4 upon detection of a fault condition and which may be heard at a distance of 500 feet;
- 48.5 (iv) has a water treatment program that is supervised by a third party water treatment 48.6 company; and
- 48.7 (v) is attended on site by a licensed boiler operator at least two times in a 24-hour
- 48.8 period. If the boiler is not attended more than twice in a 24-hour period, the period 48.9 between checks must not be less than eight hours.
- 40.7 between enecks must not be less than eight hours.
- 48.10 This paragraph expires August 1, 2016. This paragraph expires the sooner of August
- 48.11 1, 2018, or upon the effective date of a rule regulating high pressure boiler attendance
- 48.12 requirements at a sawmill described in this paragraph adopted after the effective date
- 48.13 of this act.
- 48.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

75.24 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 383B.142, is amended to read:

75.25 383B.142 PROCEDURE.

- 75.26 Subdivision 1. **Delegation of authority.** The county board may by resolution
- 75.27 delegate the powers and duties enumerated in sections 383B.141 to 383B.151 383B.1511,
- 75.28 and those powers and duties necessary to the implementation of the purposes of central
- 75.29 purchasing specifying the nature, scope and extent of the delegation. The authority and
- 75.30 responsibility subject to delegation shall include, but not be limited to the following:
- 75.31 (a) purchasing and contracting for all goods, materials, supplies, equipment and
- 75.32 contracted services, as provided in section 383B.143;
- 75.33 (b) preparation, review, modification and approval of all plans and specifications for
- 75.34 goods, materials, supplies, equipment and contracted services;
- 76.1 (c) the transfer of any goods, materials, supplies, equipment or contracted services to
- 76.2 or between departments, boards, commissions and agencies;
- 76.3 (d) selling or otherwise disposing of goods, materials, supplies, equipment and
- 76.4 contracted services which are unusable or no longer required; and
- 76.5 (e) periodically reviewing and requiring department heads to supply necessary data
- 76.6 concerning inventories and surpluses and monitoring compliance by department heads
- 76.7 with purchasing laws, rules, regulations and procedures.
- 76.8 Subd. 2. Administrator's duties. Notwithstanding the provisions of section
- 76.9 373.02, the county board may delegate its purchasing powers and duties to the county
- 76.10 administrator. The county administrator, wherever referred to in sections 383B.141 to
- 76.11 383B.151 383B.1511, may designate and delegate a purchasing manager or other person
- 76.12 to perform the tasks empowered or assigned to the county administrator. Any purchase in
- 76.13 excess of \$3,500 shall require the signature of the county administrator or designee.

76.14 Sec. 10. [383B.1511] JOB ORDER CONTRACTING.

- 76.15 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) In this section, the definitions in this subdivision
- 76.16 apply.
- 76.17 (b) "Job order contracting" means a project delivery method that requests a limited
- 76.18 number of bids from a list of qualified contractors, selected from a registry of qualified
- 76.19 contractors who have been prescreened and who have entered into master contracts with
- 76.20 the county, as provided in this section.
- 76.21 (c) "Project" means an undertaking by the county to construct, alter, maintain, repair,
- 76.22 or enlarge a building, structure, road, or bridge, or make other improvements.
- 76.23 (d) "Request for qualifications" means the document or publication soliciting
- 76.24 qualifications for a job order contracting contract.
- 76.25 Subd. 2. Authority. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the county may utilize
- 76.26 job order contracting for projects that do not exceed a construction cost of \$250,000.

- 76.27 Subd. 3. Job order contracting request for qualifications. (a) The county is
- 76.28 authorized to issue a request for qualifications that includes the criteria that will be
- 76.29 used for the projects, provided that these criteria (1) do not unduly restrict competition
- 76.30 or impose conditions beyond reasonable requirements, in order to ensure maximum
- 76.31 participation of all qualified contractors, and (2) do not relate to the collective bargaining
- 76.32 status of the contractor.
- 76.33 (b) The request for qualifications must be publicized in a manner designated by the
- 76.34 county that ensures open and unrestricted access for any potential responder. To the extent
- 76.35 practical, this must include posting on a county Web site.
- 77.1 Subd. 4. Qualified contractors. (a) The county shall review the responses to the
- 77.2 request for qualifications and determine each proposer's ability to enter into the master
- 77.3 contract that will be utilized for the projects. The county shall establish a list of qualified
- 77.4 contractors based on the proposers' ability to enter into a master contract as described
- 77.5 in the request for qualifications.
- 77.6 (b) The county may establish a reasonable limit to the number of contractors on the
- 77.7 registry of qualified contractors, based on the reasonable needs of the county. The county
- 77.8 may reserve up to 75 percent of the registry for certified small business enterprises that
- 77.9 may include minority-owned business enterprises, women-owned business enterprises,
- 77.10 and veteran-owned businesses. The remaining 25 percent of the registry may include
- 77.11 qualified businesses of any size or ownership.
- 77.12 (c) The county shall establish procedures to allow firms to submit qualifications at
- 77.13 least every 24 months to allow placement on the list of contractors qualified to enter
- 77.14 into a master contract. The county is not prohibited from accepting qualifications more
- 77.15 frequently or on an ongoing or rolling basis.
- 77.16 Subd. 5. Construction services bidding. The county shall request bids for
- 77.17 construction services for any project using job order contracting from qualified contractors
- 77.18 as follows:
- 77.19 (1) for projects up to a maximum cost of \$50,000, the county shall request a
- 77.20 minimum of two bids;
- 77.21 (2) for projects with a cost greater than \$50,000, but less than or equal to \$100,000,
- 77.22 the county shall request a minimum of three bids; and
- 77.23 (3) for projects with a cost greater than \$100,000, but less than or equal to \$250,000,
- 77.24 the county shall request a minimum of four bids.
- 77.25 Subd. 6. Qualified contractor selection. The county shall select the contractor who
- 77.26 submits the lowest price bid for the construction services proposed. At the discretion of
- 77.27 the county, any or all bids may be rejected if it is determined to be in the best interest
- 77.28 of the county.

48.15 Sec. 31. [462A.38] WORKFORCE AND AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP 48.16 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

- 48.17 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** A workforce and affordable homeownership
- 48.18 development program is established to award homeownership development grants
- 48.19 to nonprofit organizations, cooperatives created under chapter 308A or 308B, and
- 48.20 community land trusts created for the purposes outlined in section 462A.31, subdivision
- 48.21 1, for development of workforce and affordable homeownership projects. The purpose
- 48.22 of the program is to increase the supply of workforce and affordable, owner-occupied
- 48.23 multifamily or single-family housing throughout Minnesota.

77.29 Subd. 7. Reasonable distribution of bid requests among qualified contractors.

- 77.30 The county, in requesting bidding for projects using job order contracting as described in
- 77.31 this section, shall develop a system to ensure a reasonable opportunity for all qualified
- 77.32 contractors to periodically bid on construction services.
- 77.33 Subd. 8. Expiration. The authority to enter into new contracts under this section
- 77.34 expires on December 31, 2019.
- 77.35 Subd. 9. **Reporting.** Hennepin County must provide reports to the chairs of the
- 77.36 committees in the senate and the house of representatives that have jurisdiction over local
- 78.1 government operations, describing the uses of the authority provided in this section.
- 78.2 Uses of the authority described in the reports may include identifying the total number
- 78.3 of projects where this procurement method was used, the total number of contractors
- 78.4 qualified by the county, and the total annual expenditures for projects under this section.
- 78.5 The first report must be made by January 15, 2018, and subsequent reports must be made
- 78.6 on January 15 of each subsequent even-numbered year.
- 81.13 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 462A.204, subdivision 1, is amended to
- 81.14 read:
- 81.15 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The agency may establish a family homeless
- 81.16 prevention and assistance program to assist families who are homeless or are at imminent
- 81.17 risk of homelessness. The term "family" may include single individuals. The agency may
- 81.18 make grants to develop and implement family homeless prevention and assistance projects
- 81.19 under the program. For purposes of this section, "families" means families and persons
- 81.20 under the age of 22 24 years of age or younger.
- 81.21 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 462A.204, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 81.22 Subd. 3. **Set aside.** At least one grant must be awarded in an area located outside of
- 81.23 the metropolitan area. A county, a group of contiguous counties jointly acting together, a
- 81.24 tribe, a group of tribes, or a community-based nonprofit organization with a sponsoring
- 81.25 resolution from each of the county boards of the counties located within its operating
- 81.26 jurisdiction may apply for and receive grants for areas located outside the metropolitan area.

- 48.24 Subd. 2. Use of funds. (a) Grant funds awarded under this program may be used for:
- 48.25 (1) development costs;
- 48.26 (2) rehabilitation;
- 48.27 (3) land development; and
- 48.28 (4) residential housing, including storm shelters and related community facilities.
- 48.29 (b) A project funded through the grant program shall serve households that meet the
- 48.30 income limits as provided in section 462A.33, subdivision 5, unless a project is intended
- 48.31 for the purpose outlined in section 462A.02, subdivision 6.
- 48.32 Subd. 3. **Application.** The commissioner shall develop forms and procedures for
- 48.33 soliciting and reviewing applications for grants under this section. The commissioner shall
- 48.34 consult with interested stakeholders when developing the guidelines and procedures for
- 49.1 the program. In making grants, the commissioner shall establish semiannual application
- 49.2 deadlines in which grants will be authorized from all or part of the available appropriations.
- 49.3 Subd. 4. Awarding grants. Among comparable proposals, preference must be
- 49.4 given to proposals that include contributions from nonstate resources for the greatest
- 49.5 portion of the total development cost.
- 49.6 Subd. 5. Statewide program. The agency shall attempt to make grants in
- 49.7 approximately equal amounts to applicants outside and within the metropolitan area.
- 49.8 Subd. 6. **Report.** Beginning January 15, 2018, the commissioner must annually
- 49.9 submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of
- 49.10 representatives committees having jurisdiction over housing and workforce development
- 49.11 specifying the projects that received grants under this section and the specific purposes for
- 49.12 which the grant funds were used.
- 49.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
- 49.14 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 473.121, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 49.15 Subd. 2. Metropolitan area or area. "Metropolitan area" or "area" means the area
- 49.16 over which the Metropolitan Council has jurisdiction, including only the counties of
- 49.17 Anoka; Carver; Dakota excluding the eity cities of Northfield and Cannon Falls; Hennepin
- 49.18 excluding the cities of Hanover and Rockford; Ramsey; Scott excluding the city of New
- 49.19 Prague; and Washington.
- 49.20 Sec. 33. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1, section 4, is amended to
- 49.21 read:
- 49.22 Sec. 4. EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM \$ 14,118,000 \$ 14,248,000

49.23 (a) To develop maximum private sector
49.24 involvement in tourism, \$500,000 in fiscal
49.25 year 2016 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017

49.26 must be matched by Explore Minnesota

49.27 Tourism from nonstate sources. Each \$1 of

49.28 state incentive must be matched with \$6 of

49.29 private sector funding. Cash match is defined

49.30 as revenue to the state or documented cash

49.31 expenditures directly expended to support

49.32 Explore Minnesota Tourism programs. Up

49.33 to one-half of the private sector contribution

50.1 may be in-kind or soft match. The incentive

50.2 in fiscal year 2016 shall be based on fiscal

50.3 year 2015 private sector contributions. The

50.4 incentive in fiscal year 2017 shall be based on

50.5 fiscal year 2016 private sector contributions.

50.6 This incentive is ongoing. Of this amount,

50.7 \$100,000 is for a grant to the Northern Lights

50.8 International Music festival.

50.9 (b) Funding for the marketing grants is

50.10 available either year of the biennium.

50.11 Unexpended grant funds from the first year

50.12 are available in the second year.

50.13 (c) \$30,000 in fiscal year 2016 is for Mille

50.14 Lacs Lake tourism promotion. This is a

50.15 onetime appropriation.

50.16 Sec. 34. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1, section 6, is amended to 50.17 read:

50.18 Sec. 6. BUREAU OF MEDIATION

2,234,000

50.19 **SERVICES** 2,208,000 \$ 2,497,000

50.20 (a) \$68,000 each year is for grants to area

50.21 labor management committees. Grants may

50.22 be awarded for a 12-month period beginning

50.23 July 1 each year. Any unencumbered balance

50.24 remaining at the end of the first year does not

50.25 cancel but is available for the second year.

- 50.26 (b) \$125,000 each year in fiscal year 2016
- 50.27 is for purposes of the Public Employment
- 50.28 Relations Board under Minnesota Statutes,
- 50.29 section 179A.041. This is a onetime
- 50.30 appropriation.
- 50.31 (c) \$256,000 each year is in fiscal year
- 50.32 2016 and \$394,000 in fiscal year 2017 are
- 50.33 for the Office of Collaboration and Dispute
- 50.34 Resolution under Minnesota Statutes, section
- 51.1 179.90. The base appropriation for this
- 51.2 purpose is \$394,000 in fiscal year 2018 and
- 51.3 \$394,000 in fiscal year 2019. Of this amount,
- 51.4 \$160,000 each year is for grants under
- 51.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 179.91, and
- 51.6 \$96,000 each year is for intergovernmental
- 51.7 and public policy collaboration and operation
- 51.8 of the office.
- 51.9 (d) \$250,000 is to complete the Case
- 51.10 Management System-Database Project Phase
- 51.11 II. This is a onetime appropriation.
- 51.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

51.13 Sec. 35. DAY TRAINING AND HABILITATION GRANT PROGRAM.

- 51.14 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of employment and economic
- 51.15 development shall establish a day training and habilitation grant program in fulfillment
- 51.16 of the Olmstead Plan purpose of ensuring that people with disabilities have choices for
- 51.17 competitive, meaningful, and sustained employment in the most integrated setting.
- 51.18 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms
- 51.19 have the meanings given them.
- 51.20 (b) "Day training and habilitation providers" means those organizations whose
- 51.21 names are listed as Department of Human Services providers in the Minnesota Department
- 51.22 of Administration, Materials Management Division, ALP Manual, Appendix J, without
- 51.23 regard to whether they are listed as approved vendors with the Minnesota Department
- 51.24 of Employment and Economic Development, Division of Rehabilitation Services as a
- 51.25 community rehabilitation provider, limited-use vendor, or center for independent living,
- 51.26 and irrespective as to whether they are accredited by CARF International.

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- 51.27 (c) "Competitive employment" means full-time or part-time employment, with or
- 51.28 without support, in an integrated setting in the community that pays at least minimum
- 51.29 wage, as defined by the Fair Labor Standards Act, but not less than the customary wage
- 51.30 and level of benefits paid by the employer for the same or similar work performed by
- 51.31 workers without a disability.
- 51.32 (d) "Olmstead Plan" means Minnesota's 2013 Olmstead Plan, dated November 1,
- 51.33 2013, and all subsequent modifications approved by the United States District Court.
- 52.1 Subd. 3. Competitive process. The commissioner shall issue a request for proposals
- 52.2 to day training and habilitation providers seeking proposals to assist the Department
- 52.3 of Employment and Economic Development in achieving its goals as provided in the
- 52.4 Olmstead Plan. Grant funds shall be used to improve individual employment outcomes
- 52.5 by aligning programs, funding, and policies to support people with disabilities to choose,
- 52.6 secure, and maintain competitive employment and self-employment, including, but not
- 52.7 limited to, the following activities:
- 52.8 (1) implementing policies and initiating processes that improve the employment
- 52.9 outcomes of working adults with disabilities;
- 52.10 (2) offering incentives for innovation that increase competitive employment in
- 52.11 the general work force;
- 52.12 (3) expanding the flexibility in current funding and services to increase competitive
- 52.13 employment outcomes;
- 52.14 (4) providing evidence of partnerships with private sector businesses and public
- 52.15 sector employment; and
- 52.16 (5) submitting outcome data, required by the department, according to the
- 52.17 stipulations of the Olmstead Plan.
- 52.18 Subd. 4. Eligibility. Any person who has a disability as determined by the Social
- 52.19 Security Administration or state medical review team is eligible to receive services
- 52.20 provided with grant funds.
- 52.21 Subd. 5. Consultation required. The commissioner shall consult with the
- 52.22 governor's Workforce Development Council, the Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind, and
- 52.23 Hard-of-Hearing Minnesotans, the governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, and
- 52.24 other governor-appointed disability councils in designing, implementing, and evaluating
- 52.25 the competitive grant program.
- 52.26 Subd. 6. **Report.** On or before February 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, the
- 52.27 commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and
- 52.28 house of representatives committees having jurisdiction over employment and economic
- 52.29 development policy and finance on the amount of funds awarded and the outcomes
- 52.30 reported by grantees.

52.31 Sec. 36. EXPLOITED FAMILIES RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

- 52.32 Subdivision 1. **Rental assistance program.** (a) The commissioner of housing
- 52.33 finance shall establish a grant program within the housing trust fund to serve families
- 52.34 from emerging communities at risk of being homeless and who have been victims of
- 52.35 gender-based violence, including, but not limited to domestic violence, sexual assault,
- 53.1 trafficking, international abusive marriage, or forced marriage. For the purposes of this
- 53.2 section the term "gender-based violence" is defined as violence that is directed against a
- 53.3 woman because she is a woman or that affects women disproportionately; and the term
- 53.4 "emerging communities" is defined as refugee and immigrant communities who are less
- 53.5 established, who are unfamiliar with mainstream government services, or who have
- 53.6 limited English proficiency. The commissioner shall award grants to organizations that
- 53.7 can provide linguistically and culturally appropriate services and that have the capacity to
- 53.8 serve families who have experienced gender-based violence from emerging communities.

53.9 (b) The program must:

- 53.10 (1) provide rental assistance to individuals with a minor child at risk of being
- 53.11 homeless and who have been victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking,
- 53.12 international abusive marriage, or forced marriage;
- 53.13 (2) require the participants to pay at least 30 percent of the participant's income
- 53.14 toward the rent;
- 53.15 (3) allow the families to choose their own housing, including single-family homes,
- 53.16 townhomes, and apartments;
- 53.17 (4) give priority to large families who experience barriers in accessing housing,
- 53.18 including having limited English proficiency, lack of positive rental history, employment
- 53.19 history, and financial history; and
- 53.20 (5) require the program participants to be employed, or actively seeking employment,
- 53.21 or be engaged in activities that will assist them in gaining employment.
- 53.22 Subd. 2. Program evaluation. All grant recipients must collect and make available
- 53.23 to the commissioner, aggregate data to assist the agency in the evaluation of the program.
- 53.24 The commissioner shall evaluate the program effectiveness and measure the number of
- 53.25 families served from emerging communities, the support services provided for families in
- 53.26 seeking employment and achieving economic-stability, and the employment and housing
- 53.27 status of the participants.

53.28 Sec. 37. "GETTING TO WORK" GRANT PROGRAM.

- 53.29 Subdivision 1. Creation. The commissioner of employment and economic
- 53.30 development shall make grants to nonprofit organizations to establish and operate
- 53.31 programs under this section that provide, repair, or maintain motor vehicles to assist
- 53.32 eligible individuals to obtain or maintain employment.

82.21 Sec. 4. EXPLOITED FAMILIES RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

82.22 Subdivision 1. Rental assistance program. (a) The commissioner of housing

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- 82.23 finance shall establish a grant program within the housing trust fund to serve families
- 82.24 from emerging communities at risk of being homeless and who have been victims of
- 82.25 gender-based violence, including but not limited to domestic violence, sexual assault,
- 82.26 trafficking, international abusive marriage, or forced marriage. For the purposes of this
- 82.27 section, the term "gender-based violence" is defined as violence that is directed against a
- 82.28 woman because she is a woman or that affects women disproportionately; and the term
- 82.29 "emerging communities" is defined as refugee and immigrant communities who are less
- 82.30 established, who are unfamiliar with mainstream government services, or who have
- 82.31 limited English proficiency. The commissioner shall award grants to organizations that
- 82.32 can provide linguistically and culturally appropriate services and that have the capacity to
- 82.33 serve families who have experienced gender-based violence from emerging communities.
- 82.34 (b) The program must:
- 83.1 (1) provide rental assistance to individuals with a minor child at risk of being
- 83.2 homeless and who have been victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking,
- 83.3 international abusive marriage, or forced marriage;
- 83.4 (2) require the participants to pay at least 30 percent of the participant's income
- 83.5 toward the rent;
- 83.6 (3) allow the families to choose their own housing, including single-family homes,
- 83.7 townhomes, and apartments;
- 83.8 (4) give priority to large families who experience barriers in accessing housing,
- 83.9 including having limited English proficiency, lack of positive rental history, employment
- 83.10 history, and financial history; and
- 83.11 (5) require the program participants to be employed, or actively seeking employment,
- 83.12 or be engaged in activities that will assist them in gaining employment.
- 83.13 Subd. 2. Program evaluation. All grant recipients must collect and make available
- 83.14 to the commissioner of the Housing Finance Agency aggregate data to assist the agency
- 83.15 in the evaluation of the program. The commissioner of housing finance shall evaluate
- 83.16 the program effectiveness and measure the number of families served from emerging
- 83.17 communities, the support services provided for families in seeking employment and
- 83.18 achieving economic stability, and the employment and housing status of the participants.

- 53.33 Subd. 2. Qualified grantee. A grantee must:
- 53.34 (1) qualify under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and
- 54.1 (2) at the time of application offer, or have the demonstrated capacity to offer, a
- 54.2 motor vehicle program that provides the services required under subdivision 3.
- 54.3 Subd. 3. Program requirements. (a) A program must offer one or more of the
- 54.4 following services:
- 54.5 (1) provision of new or used motor vehicles by gift, sale, or lease;
- 54.6 (2) motor vehicle repair and maintenance services; or
- 54.7 (3) motor vehicle loans.
- 54.8 (b) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (a), a program must offer one or
- 54.9 more of the following services:
- 54.10 (1) financial literacy education;
- 54.11 (2) education on budgeting for vehicle ownership;
- 54.12 (3) car maintenance and repair instruction;
- 54.13 (4) credit counseling; or
- 54.14 (5) job training related to motor vehicle maintenance and repair.
- 54.15 (c) A program may also offer other transportation-related support services.
- 54.16 Subd. 4. **Application.** Applications for a grant must be by a form provided by the
- 54.17 commissioner and on a schedule set by the commissioner. Applications must, in addition
- 54.18 to any other information required by the commissioner, include the following:
- 54.19 (1) a detailed description of all services to be offered;
- 54.20 (2) the area to be served;
- 54.21 (3) the estimated number of program participants to be served by the grant; and
- 54.22 (4) a plan for leveraging resources from partners that may include, but are not
- 54.23 limited to:
- 54.24 (i) automobile dealers;
- 54.25 (ii) automobile parts dealers;
- 54.26 (iii) independent local mechanics and automobile repair facilities;
- 54.27 (iv) banks and credit unions;
- 54.28 (v) employers;

- 54.29 (vi) employment and training agencies;
- 54.30 (vii) insurance companies and agents;
- 54.31 (viii) local workforce centers; and
- 54.32 (ix) educational institutions including vocational institutions and jobs or skills
- 54.33 training programs.
- 54.34 Subd. 5. Participant eligibility. (a) To be eligible to receive program services,
- 54.35 a person must:
- 55.1 (1) have a household income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level;
- 55.2 (2) be at least 18 years of age;
- 55.3 (3) have a valid driver's license;
- 55.4 (4) provide the grantee with proof of motor vehicle insurance; and
- 55.5 (5) demonstrate to the grantee that a motor vehicle is required by the person to
- 55.6 obtain or maintain employment.
- 55.7 (b) This subdivision does not preclude a grantee from imposing additional
- 55.8 requirements, not inconsistent with paragraph (a), for the receipt of program services.
- 55.9 Subd. 6. Allocation of grants. The commissioner shall allocate grants to up to 15
- 55.10 grantees so that, to the extent feasible, program services are available in every county of
- 55.11 the state.
- 55.12 Subd. 7. **Report to legislature.** By February 15, 2018, the commissioner shall
- 55.13 submit a report to the chairs of the house of representatives and senate committees with
- 55.14 jurisdiction over workforce and economic development on program outcomes. At a
- 55.15 minimum, the report must include:
- 55.16 (1) the total number of program participants;
- 55.17 (2) the number of program participants who received each of the following:
- 55.18 (i) provision of a motor vehicle;
- 55.19 (ii) motor vehicle repair services; and
- 55.20 (iii) motor vehicle loan; and
- 55.21 (3) an analysis of the impact of the "Getting to Work" grant program on the
- 55.22 employment rate and wages of program participants.
- 55.23 Sec. 38. REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.

- 55.24 In the next editions of Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules, the Revisor of
- 55.25 Statutes shall change the term "Urban Initiative Board" to "Minnesota Initiative Board,"
- 55.26 "board," or similar terms as the context requires.

78.7 Sec. 11. LAKE MILLE LACS AREA ECONOMIC RELIEF PROGRAM.

- 78.8 Subdivision 1. **Relief program established.** Mille Lacs County must develop and
- 78.9 implement a Lake Mille Lacs area economic relief program to assist businesses adversely
- 78.10 affected by a decline in walleye fishing on Lake Mille Lacs.
- 78.11 Subd. 2. Available relief. (a) The economic relief program established under this
- 78.12 section may include grants or loans as provided in this section to the extent that funds are
- 78.13 available. Prior to awarding a grant to Mille Lacs County for the relief program under
- 78.14 this section:
- 78.15 (1) the county must develop criteria, procedures, and requirements for:
- 78.16 (i) determining eligibility for assistance;
- 78.17 (ii) the duration, terms, underwriting and security requirements, and repayment
- 78.18 requirements for loans;
- 78.19 (iii) evaluating applications for assistance;
- 78.20 (iv) awarding assistance; and
- 78.21 (v) administering the grant and loan program authorized under this section;
- 78.22 (2) the county must submit its criteria, procedures, and requirements developed
- 78.23 pursuant to clause (1) to the commissioner of employment and economic development
- 78.24 for review; and
- 78.25 (3) the commissioner must approve the criteria, procedures, and requirements as
- 78.26 developed pursuant to clause (1) to be used by the county in determining eligibility for
- 78.27 assistance, evaluating, awarding, and administering the grant and loan program.
- 78.28 (b) The relief authorized under this section includes:
- 78.29 (1) grants not to exceed \$50,000 per business. Grants may be awarded to applicants
- 78.30 only when the county determines that a loan is not appropriate to address the needs of
- 78.31 the applicant; and
- 78.32 (2) loans, with or without interest, and deferred or forgivable loans. The maximum
- 78.33 loan amount under this subdivision is \$100,000 per business. The lending criteria adopted
- 78.34 by the county for loans under this subdivision must:

- 79.1 (i) specify that an entity receiving a deferred or forgivable loan must remain in
- 79.2 the local community a minimum of five years after the date of the loan. The maximum
- 79.3 loan deferral period must not exceed five years from the date the loan is approved. The
- 79.4 maximum amount of a loan that may be forgiven must not exceed 50 percent of the
- 79.5 principle amount and may be forgiven only if the business has remained in operation in
- 79.6 the community for at least ten years after the loan is approved; and
- 79.7 (ii) require submission of a business plan for continued operation until the walleye
- 79.8 fishing resource recovers. The plan must document the probable success of the applicant's
- 79.9 business plan and probable success in repaying the loan according to the terms established
- 79.10 for the loan program; and
- 79.11 (3) tourism promotion grants to the Mille Lacs Tourism Council.
- 79.12 (c) All loan repayment funds under this subdivision must be paid to the commissioner
- 79.13 of employment and economic development for deposit in the Minnesota investment fund
- 79.14 disaster contingency account under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731.
- 79.15 Subd. 3. Qualification requirements. To qualify for assistance under this section, a
- 79.16 business must:
- 79.17 (1) be located within one of the following municipalities surrounding Lake Mille
- 79.18 Lacs:
- 79.19 (i) in Crow Wing County, the city of Garrison, township of Garrison, or township
- 79.20 of Roosevelt;
- 79.21 (ii) in Aitkin County, the township of Hazelton, township of Wealthwood, township
- 79.22 of Malmo, or township of Lakeside; or
- 79.23 (iii) in Mille Lacs County, the city of Isle, city of Wahkon, city of Onamia, township
- 79.24 of East Side, township of Isle Harbor, township of South Harbor, or township of Kathio;
- 79.25 (2) document a reduction of at least ten percent in gross receipts in any two-year
- 79.26 period since 2010; and
- 79.27 (3) be a business in one of the following industries, as defined within the
- 79.28 North American Industry Classification System: accommodation, restaurants, bars,
- 79.29 amusement and recreation, food and beverages retail, sporting goods, miscellaneous retail,
- 79.30 general retail, museums, historical sites, health and personal care, gas station, general
- 79.31 merchandise, business and professional membership, movies, or nonstore retailer, as
- 79.32 determined by Mille Lacs County in consultation with the commissioner of employment
- 79.33 and economic development.
- 79.34 Subd. 4. Monitoring. (a) Mille Lacs County must establish performance measures
- 79.35 that include, but are not limited to, the following components:
- 79.36 (1) the number of loans approved and the amounts and terms of the loans;

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- 80.1 (2) the number of grants awarded, award amounts, and the reason that a grant award
- 80.2 was made in lieu of a loan;
- 80.3 (3) the loan default rate;
- 80.4 (4) the number of jobs created or retained as a result of the assistance, including
- 80.5 information on the wages and benefit levels, the status of the jobs as full-time or part-time,
- 80.6 and the status of the jobs as temporary or permanent;
- 80.7 (5) the amount of business activity and changes in gross revenues of the grant or
- 80.8 loan recipient as a result of the assistance; and
- 80.9 (6) the new tax revenue generated as a result of the assistance.
- 80.10 (b) The commissioner of employment and economic development must monitor
- 80.11 Mille Lacs County's compliance with this section and the performance measures
- 80.12 developed under paragraph (a).
- 80.13 (c) Mille Lacs County must comply with all requests made by the commissioner
- 80.14 under this section.
- 80.15 Subd. 5. Business subsidy requirements. Sections 116J.993 to 116J.995 do not
- 80.16 apply to assistance under this section. Businesses in receipt of assistance under this section
- 80.17 must provide for job creation and retention goals, and wage and benefit goals.
- 80.18 Subd. 6. Administrative costs. The commissioner of employment and economic
- 80.19 development may use up to one percent of the appropriation made for this section for
- 80.20 administrative expenses of the department.
- 80.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section, except for subdivision 4, is effective July 1,
- 80.22 2016, and expires June 30, 2017. Subdivision 4 is effective July 1, 2016, and expires on
- 80.23 the date the last loan is repaid or forgiven as provided under this section.
- 80.24 Sec. 12. REPEALER.
- 80.25 Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116U.26, is repealed.