

**Subject** Career Pathways Program Grant

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## Overview

School districts offer a variety of career pathways for students. The Houston school district operates the Minnesota Virtual Academy which offers online courses for students throughout the state and operates a high school career pathways program called Stride. Stride offers four different career pathways, Business, Health and Human Services, Information Technology, and Manufacturing and Trades.

H.F. 1337, as amended, provides a grant of \$100,000 to the Minnesota Virtual Academy to strengthen the Manufacturing and Trades career pathway for the program operated in conjunction with Operating Engineers Local 49 and to encourage additional student participation in the program.

## Summary

Section	Description
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<b>1</b>	<b>Appropriation; career pathway demonstration program.</b>
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	Appropriates \$100,000 in fiscal year 2022 for a grant to Independent School District No. 294, Houston, for the Minnesota Virtual Academy's career pathway program with Operating Engineers Local 49.
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	Requires the grant to be used to encourage and support student participation in the career pathway program by providing additional support services to students participating in the program.
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	Requires the Houston school district to report to the legislature, by January 15, 2024, on the outcomes of the grant program, including the program's spending and student participation levels. Requires the report to make recommendations for improving career pathway programs statewide.
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