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## Overview

Provides for development of a virtual assistance network for Minnesota businesses.

Section

1 Minnesota Entrepreneur Resource Virtual Network (MERVN). Directs the commissioner of employment and economic development to seek private funding for development and maintenance of a virtual network to provide access to statewide resources and expertise for entrepreneurs and existing businesses. Private funding must be general in nature and cannot be used to sponsor specific portions of the network. The value of donations and names of private sector organizations providing funding must be disclosed. Sets forth the goal of the network as assistance in the creation of new Minnesota ventures, the growth of existing businesses and global competition. Requires a progress report to the legislature by September 30, 2010.