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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill provides money to the department of economic security to be used to increase the reimbursement rate that the department can pay to providers of supported employment, community employment, and center-based employment for persons with severe disabilities or related conditions. Currently, the department reimburses providers based on a rate of \$2.40 per hour for supported employment, \$2.13 per hour for community employment, and \$1.19 per hour for center-based employment.

The bill also provides money to continue efforts to provide job training to welfare recipients with severe impairments to employment, which can include a lack of training, job history, or education, as well as physical disabilities.

Section

- 1 Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount of money beginning in fiscal year 2000 to the commissioner of economic security to increase reimbursement rates for extended employment services. Does not specify the amount the rates should be raised.
- 2 Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount of money to the commissioner of economic security to be added to the base funding for extended employment services. Provides that the purpose of the appropriation is to continue efforts to provide extended employment training to welfare recipients with severe impairments to employment through the welfare-to-work extended employment partnership program.
- 3 Effective date.** Provides that sections 1 and 2 are effective July 1, 1999.