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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Establishes a resource network for entrepreneurs.

#### Section

- 1** **MERVN.** Appropriates \$200,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2011, to establish an Office of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (OESBD) with the Department of Employment and Economic Development. The new office must develop and market a virtual network to connect entrepreneurs with statewide resources and expertise. The bill establishes based funding of \$100,000 per year for the OESBD beginning in fiscal year 2012, to maintain and market the Minnesota Entrepreneur Resource Virtual Network (MERVN).