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Overview

Creates the Minnesota Fast Training, Resources, and Credentialing Adult Career Pathway Program (FastTRAC)

1 Minnesota FastTRAC Adult Career Pathway Program.

Subd. 1. Creation. Creates the FastTRAC program.

Subd. 2. Purpose. Describes the program's purpose as an interagency initiative to increase the number of adults with postsecondary credentials in high-demand occupations leading to livable wages.

Subd. 3. Administration; leadership committee. Directs the commissioner to provide administration and oversight to FastTRAC and establish a leadership committee comprised of representatives of DEED, Adult Basic Education (ABE) in the state Department of Education, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU), the Office of Higher Education (OHE), the Departments of Human Services and Labor and Industry, state and local partners, and employers. The leadership committee is charged with developing and maintaining interagency collaborative activities and providing advice and guidelines to the commissioner.

Subd. 4. Program design. Provides that FastTRAC is to use an adult career pathways framework to deliver education, training, and employment services to participants.

Subd. 5. Program implementation. Requires the leadership committee to make sure that FastTRAC programs are standard options offered through the state's education and training system.

Subd. 6. Required local program partner. Requires local program partners to include representatives of ABE, employers, MnSCU two year schools, and workforce development partners. Local program partners are responsible for performing the services for FastTRAC.

Subd. 7. Services provided. Services under FastTRAC must include: contextualized instruction, career development, and support services.

Subd. 8. Participant eligibility. Persons eligible to participate in FastTRAC must meet the state

Department of Education ABE requirements and must be assessed using a nationally recognized assessment.

Subd. 9. Accountability and outcome measures. Sets forth outcome components to include: the acquisition of basic skills, program retention, credential attainment, job placement in career field, job retention, wage progression, continuation of career pathway training, attachment to funding stream, participant satisfaction, and employer involvement.

2 Appropriation. Appropriates \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2013 for the program.