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- 1** **Bridge to Work Minnesota.** Directs the commissioner of employment and economic development to implement a pilot on-the-job training incentive program for eligible individuals who are unemployed. Participation is limited to 5,000 applicants. Individuals eligible to participate must be currently unemployed and eligible to receive unemployment insurance (UI) benefits. The training benefits available under Bridge to Work include up to 25 hours per week for up to 8 weeks at a wage at least equal to the minimum wage. Training must be for a position that pays a wage at least equal to 175 percent of the federal poverty guideline adjusted for a family size of four. An employer must agree to employ an individual for at least 90 days after the training period ends. Wages earned under the Bridge to Work program do not offset a participant's UI benefits.