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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill adds an eligible purpose for the Minnesota GI Bill Program, by authorizing financial assistance for eligible apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs for qualified applicants.

- 1 Apprenticeship and on-the-job training.** Directs the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Commissioners of DEED and of Labor and Industry, to develop and implement an apprenticeship and on-the-job training program within the Minnesota GI Bill Program, under the same appropriation as provided for the Minnesota GI Bill.

The bill directs that the apprenticeship and on-the-job training program must use the same eligibility criteria as currently required for the GI Bill Program.

The language stipulates a cap of \$2,000 per year for a participating veteran. It also authorizes a grant of \$1,000 per participant, to be paid to the participant's eligible employer once the individual has been employed full-time with the employer for 12 consecutive months.

- 2 Appropriation.** Directs that the appropriation for the GI Bill Program may be expended for the apprenticeship and on-the-job training program, as well. The language of current law stipulates that: *"During any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2013, the amount paid under this subdivision must not exceed \$6,000,000."*