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- 1 **Converting layoffs into Minnesota businesses (CLIMB).** Creates a state program similar to a federal initiative utilized in Minnesota in the past to assist dislocated workers in starting or expanding a business. CLIMB is to offer entrepreneurial training, business consulting, and technical assistance to dislocated workers trying to start or expand a business.
- 2 **Unemployment benefits while in entrepreneurial training.** Makes unemployment benefits available to workers participating in the CLIMB program.
- 3 **Shared work plan requirements.** Makes technical and conforming changes in the shared work program operating in Minnesota. Conforming changes are to federal modifications of the program.
- 4 **Approval by commissioner.** Technical and conforming changes.
- 5 **Notice to participating employee.** Requires employers to provide a written notice that includes the proposed terms of the plan and that the employee may apply for unemployment benefits, to each participating employee that the employer has submitted a shared work plan.
- 6 **Applicant requirements.** Clarifies work availability requirements.
- 7 **Amount of unemployment benefits available.** Technical and conforming changes and clarifying language about the reduction of unemployment benefits in proportion to hours worked.

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- 8** **Cancellation; modification.** Technical and conforming changes and clarifying language about employer requests for modifications of the shared work plan.
- 9** **Severable.** Technical and clarifying changes.
- 10** **Commissioner authorized to request shared work funds.** Authorizes the state to request federal funding for the shared work program.