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1 Job-based education and apprenticeship program (JEAP).

Subd. 1. Purpose. Sets forth the purpose of the job-based education and apprenticeship program (JEAP) for manufacturing industries.

Subd. 2. Directs the commissioner of the department of labor and industry (DOLI) in collaboration with MnSCU and employers to develop JEAP for manufacturing industries that integrate academic instruction and job-related learning in the workplace. Directs the commissioner to actively recruit participants in JEAP from targeted groups including: secondary and postsecondary school systems; individuals with disabilities, dislocated workers; veterans; MFIP enrollees, previously incarcerated persons; and individuals residing in labor surplus areas (defined by the U.S. Dept. of Labor) and other disadvantaged groups.

Subd. 3. Definitions. Provides definitions. An eligible employer is defined as a skilled manufacturing employer within the state who enters into an agreement with MnSCU and DOLI.

Subd. 4. Job-seekers hub. Creates a web-based skilled manufacturing job-seekers hub to match employer needs with job seekers. Provides conditions that an employer must satisfy in order to advertise an apprenticeship or job opportunity on the hub.

Subd. 5. JEAP employer agreement. Directs the commissioner, MnSCU, and eligible employers to enter into agreements specific to the identified manufacturing training needs of an employer. Specifies information required to be included in the agreements.

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Subd. 6. JEAP participation agreement. Directs the commissioner, prospective participant, and employer to enter into participation agreements specific to the manufacturing training to be provided to the participant. Specifies information required to be included in the agreements.

Subd. 7. MnSCU instruction. Directs MnSCU to collaborate with employers to provide instruction that the employer thinks is necessary to instruct JEAP participants; instruction must be career-level as negotiated by the commissioner and the MnSCU institution.

Before entering into a JEAP participation agreement, a prospective participant must enroll in the MnSCU institution at which the required instruction will occur.

Instruction may be non-credit or for credit and may be transferred to a degree seeking program. A completion certificate shall be issued to participants that successfully complete the program.

Subd. 8. Expiration. Provides that JEAP does not expire unless jointly agreed to by the commissioner and the MnSCU board.

2 Implementation; report. Directs the commissioner to implement JEAP at Century College, Alexandria Technical and Community College, Hennepin Technical College and Central Lakes College. The commissioner and MnSCU board must report to the legislature by January 15, 2015.

3 Appropriation. Appropriates \$987,000 in fiscal year 2014 from the general fund for the JEAP program.

Of the appropriation:

- \$330,000 is for DOLI to implement JEAP;
- \$657,000 is for MnSCU to allocate as follows: \$187,000 to Alexandria Technical and Community College's Customized Training Center; \$380,000 is for Century College; \$45,000 is for Hennepin Technical College; and \$45,000 is for Central Lakes College.
- Establishes a biennial base budget for JEAP at \$987,000 beginning in fiscal year 2016.