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Bill Summary

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Overview

Appropriates \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 from the workforce development fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development to enable the workforce council in each service area to cooperate with school districts and help high school career counselors advise students in selecting careers and an appropriate postsecondary path.

Section

1 High school career counseling.

Subd. 1. Workforce centers; high school career services. Directs the workforce council in each service area to cooperate with school districts in operating programs to help high school students select careers and an appropriate postsecondary path. Suggests career advice incorporate the work of the local councils, identify strategic industries and high-growth occupations, and provide information on various careers and required training.

Subd. 2. School district duties. Directs school districts to assist local workforce councils by providing vocational information about the student, identifying opportunities to help students with career exploration and teacher access, and working with students.

Subd. 3. Allocation formula. (a) Allocates 70 percent of available funds less administrative costs to the county's share of economically disadvantaged youth and allocates the remaining 30 percent based on the county's population of 14 to 21 year olds.

Section

(b) Allows up to 10 percent of funds to be used for administrative costs.

Subd. 4. Reports. Directs each local workforce center providing services under this section to report to the commissioner of employment and economic development.

2 Appropriation. Appropriates \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 from the workforce development fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for high school career counselors.