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Overview

This bill appropriates money for a grant to Advocating Change Together to maintain and promote self-advocacy services and supports for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout the state.

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1 Appropriation; services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Paragraph (a) appropriates \$143,000 in fiscal year 2018 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant to Advocating Change Together. Allows grant funds to be used for the following purposes:

- to maintain the infrastructure needed to train and support the activities of a statewide network of peer-to-peer mentors for people with disabilities, including the development and delivery of the curriculum to support the peer-to-peer network;
- to provide an annual leadership program for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and
- to provide for administrative and general operating costs associated with managing and maintaining facilities, program delivery, evaluation, staff, and technology.

Paragraph (b) appropriates \$105,000 in fiscal year 2018 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant to Advocating Change Together to be used for sub-grants to Minnesota organizations to conduct outreach to persons working and living in institutional settings to provide education and information about community options. Requires grant funds to be used to deliver peer-led skill training sessions in six regions of the

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state to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities understand community service options.

Paragraph (c) establishes a base appropriation of \$248,000 in fiscal year 2019 and beyond for Advocating Change Together.