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Overview

This bill requires the commissioners of human services, education, and employment and economic development to: (1) develop plans for supported employment of transition-age youth and individuals with significant needs and for expansion of competitive integrated employment; and (2) submit a report outlining the plans to the legislature by August 1, 2021.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Direction to the commissioners of human services, education, and employment and economic development; plans to promote employment of individuals with disabilities.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Plan for supported employment of transition-age youth and individuals with significant support needs. Paragraph (a) requires the commissioners of human services, education, and employment and economic development, in consultation with others, to develop and implement a plan to assist transition-age youth with disabilities between the ages of 14 and 24 to maximize opportunities to achieve competitive integrated employment.</p> <p>Paragraph (b) requires the commissioners to jointly develop a coordinated plan to expand employment options for individuals with significant disabilities for whom competitive employment has not traditionally occurred, for whom competitive employment has been interrupted or intermittent as a result of the individual's disability, or who selected competitive integrated employment in their most recent career counseling and referral assessment.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Plan for expansion of competitive integrated employment. Paragraph (a) requires the commissioners, in consultation with others, to develop a plan to prioritize and create incentives for competitive integrated employment of individuals with disabilities at minimum wage or higher.</p>

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	<p>Paragraph (b) specifies the items that must be included in the plan, including recommendations to: (1) support small businesses owned and operated by individuals with disabilities and (2) provide training and technical assistance for disability service providers transitioning to support competitive integrated employment.</p>
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	<p>Subd. 3. Reports. Requires the commissioners to submit a report by August 1, 2021, outlining the plans described in subdivisions 1 and 2 to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over employment services for individuals with disabilities. Specifies that the report must include legislative recommendations for implementation of each plan and summary data regarding individuals with disabilities and their employment.</p>
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