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## Summary

Current law authorizes Hennepin County to set aside a certain amount of money for awarding contracts to businesses and social services organizations that have a majority of employees who would be eligible for public assistance or who would require rehabilitative services in the absence of their employment. This bill authorizes the county to award such contracts to businesses and social services organizations that employ such persons but do not meet the threshold of half or more of the employees meeting the criteria.

A vendor providing construction services that does not have at least 50 percent of its employees that meet the public assistance or rehabilitative services criteria must have as many employees that meet the criteria as is practicable, taking into consideration industry safety standards, established supervisory ratios for apprentices, and requirements for licensed persons to perform certain work.

Technical amendments are made throughout.