

**Subject** Youth skills training programs

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## Summary

This bill requires the commissioner of labor and industry to approve youth skills training programs in the construction industry as long as the program is restricted to work at a headquarters site or training facility. Requires the commissioner to exempt students in such a program from any conflicting child labor laws, using powers the commissioner already has under statute.

The youth skills training program is an existing program (Minnesota Statutes, section 175.46) of work-based skills training for students age 16 and older. Each individual program is formed through a partnership between the school and the employer and combines academic credit with paid work experience in high-demand industries.