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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; expanding Youthbuild programs;
1.3 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 116L.362,
1.4 subdivision 1; 116L.364, subdivision 3.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 116L.362, subdivision 1, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) The commissioner shall make grants to eligible
1.9 organizations for programs to provide education and training services to targeted youth.
1.10 The purpose of these programs is to provide specialized training and work experience for
1.11 targeted youth who have not been served effectively by the current educational system.
1.12 The programs are to include a work experience component with work projects that result
1.13 in the rehabilitation, improvement, or construction of (1) residential units for the homeless;
1.14 ~~or;~~ (2) improvements to the energy efficiency and environmental health of residential
1.15 units; (3) facilities to support community garden projects; or (4) education, social service,
1.16 or health facilities which are owned by a public agency or a private nonprofit organization.

1.17 (b) Eligible facilities must principally provide services to homeless or very low
1.18 income individuals and families, and include the following:

- 1.19 (1) Head Start or day care centers;
1.20 (2) homeless, battered women, or other shelters;
1.21 (3) transitional housing;
1.22 (4) youth or senior citizen centers; ~~and~~
1.23 (5) community health centers; and
1.24 (6) community garden facilities.

2.1 Two or more eligible organizations may jointly apply for a grant. The commissioner
2.2 shall administer the grant program.

2.3 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 116L.364, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.4 Subd. 3. **Work experience component.** A work experience component must be
2.5 included in each program. The work experience component must provide vocational skills
2.6 training in an industry where there is a viable expectation of job opportunities. A training
2.7 subsidy, living allowance, or stipend, not to exceed an amount equal to 100 percent of the
2.8 poverty line for a family of two as defined in United States Code, title 42, section 673,
2.9 paragraph (2), may be provided to program participants. The wage or stipend must be
2.10 provided to participants who are recipients of public assistance in a manner or amount
2.11 which will not reduce public assistance benefits. The work experience component must be
2.12 designed so that work projects result in (1) the expansion or improvement of residential
2.13 units for homeless persons and very low income families; ~~or~~; (2) improvements to the
2.14 energy efficiency and environmental health of residential units; (3) facilities to support
2.15 community garden projects; or (4) rehabilitation, improvement, or construction of eligible
2.16 education, social service, or health facilities that principally serve homeless or very low
2.17 income individuals and families. Any work project must include direct supervision by
2.18 individuals skilled in each specific vocation. Program participants may earn credits
2.19 toward the completion of their secondary education from their participation in the work
2.20 experience component.

2.21 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATIONS; YOUTHBUILD.**

2.22 (a) \$..... for fiscal year 2010 and \$..... for fiscal year 2011 are appropriated
2.23 to the commissioner of employment and economic development from the fund.
2.24 Priority for the use of appropriations in this section must be for: (1) Youthbuild programs
2.25 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.361 to 116L.364, that coordinate with the
2.26 recommendations of the Green Jobs Task Force under Laws 2008, chapter 356, section
2.27 15; (2) coordinating with other job development programs, including but not limited to
2.28 HIRE; and (3) expanding Youthbuild into underserved areas.

2.29 (b) The commissioner of employment and economic development must maximize
2.30 the use of federal money to fund Youthbuild projects under Minnesota Statutes, sections
2.31 116L.361 to 116L.364, included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
2.32 and other federal appropriations for Youthbuild and youth training. Federal appropriations
2.33 under this paragraph must supplement and not supplant state funding under this section.