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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2127

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

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to economic development; modifying the Minnesota youth program;

1.3 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 116L.56,

1.4 subdivision 2; 116L.561, subdivision 5.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 116L.56, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Eligible applicant.** "Eligible applicant" means an individual who is between

1.8 the ages of 14 and ~~21~~ 24 and economically disadvantaged.

1.9 An at-risk youth who is classified as a family of one is deemed economically

1.10 disadvantaged. For purposes of eligibility determination the following individuals are

1.11 considered at risk:

- 1.12 (1) a pregnant or parenting youth;
- 1.13 (2) a youth with limited English proficiency;
- 1.14 (3) a potential or actual school dropout;
- 1.15 (4) a youth in an offender or diversion program;
- 1.16 (5) a public assistance recipient or a recipient of group home services;
- 1.17 (6) a youth with disabilities including learning disabilities;
- 1.18 (7) a child of drug or alcohol abusers or a youth with substance use disorder;
- 1.19 (8) a homeless or runaway youth;
- 1.20 (9) a youth with basic skills deficiency;

- 2.1 (10) a youth with an educational attainment of one or more levels below grade level
2.2 appropriate to age; or
2.3 (11) a foster child.

2.4 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 116L.561, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

2.5 Subd. 5. **Allocation formula.** Seventy percent of Minnesota youth program funds must
2.6 be allocated based on the county's share of economically disadvantaged youth. The remaining
2.7 30 percent must be allocated based on the county's share of population ages 14 to ~~21~~ 24.

2.8 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.9 \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from the general fund and \$4,050,000 in fiscal year
2.10 2024 are appropriated from the workforce development fund to the commissioner of
2.11 employment and economic development for the Minnesota youth program. These
2.12 appropriations are available either year of the biennium and are added to the base for this
2.13 purpose.