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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 employment and economic development; funding employment  
1.3 support services for persons with mental illness; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT.**

1.6 (a) The commissioner of employment and economic development shall fund special  
1.7 projects providing employment support to:

1.8 (1) young people with mental illness who are transitioning from school to work;

1.9 (2) people with a serious mental illness who are receiving services through a mental  
1.10 health court; and

1.11 (3) people with serious mental illness who are receiving services through a civil  
1.12 commitment court.

1.13 (b) Projects under paragraph (a) must demonstrate interagency collaboration.

1.14 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.15 (a) \$..... is appropriated for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, from the general  
1.16 fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development to fund special  
1.17 projects focused on providing employment support under section 1.

1.18 (b) \$..... is appropriated for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, from the general  
1.19 fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development specifically for the  
1.20 extended employment program for persons with severe disabilities under Minnesota  
1.21 Statutes, section 268A.15.