

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to business development; providing for a comparative study of state
1.3 laws affecting small business start-ups in Minnesota and bordering states;
1.4 appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. **COMPARATIVE STUDY OF STATE REGULATION AFFECTING**
1.7 **SMALL BUSINESS START-UPS.**

1.8 (a) \$...... is appropriated for fiscal year 2011 from the general fund to the Legislative
1.9 Coordinating Commission to fund a grant for a comparative study of the effects of state
1.10 regulation on the cost and delay required to start a typical small business in Minnesota,
1.11 Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. This appropriation is available until
1.12 spent.

1.13 (b) The study must examine the typical cost and delay required by state regulation
1.14 in the five states to start a typical small services business, small retail business, and
1.15 small manufacturing business. Within each of those three categories, the study must
1.16 choose to study similar types of businesses and follow the start-up process in the two
1.17 states from beginning to end, including formation, financing, licensing, permits, reporting
1.18 requirements, employment laws, and state and local taxes. The study must result in
1.19 a written report submitted to the Legislative Coordinating Commission no later than
1.20 December 1, 2011.

1.21 (c) The Legislative Coordinating Commission shall request proposals and choose
1.22 the recipient of the grant from among higher education institutions that have a graduate
1.23 program in business, business administration, or a similar field. The Legislative
1.24 Coordinating Commission shall periodically monitor the recipient's progress on the study

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2.1 and written report. The Legislative Coordinating Commission shall submit the written
2.2 report as a report to the legislature in compliance with Minnesota Statutes, sections 3.195
2.3 and 3.197.