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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1	A bill for an act
1.2	relating to human services; prohibiting subminimum wages for persons with
1.3	disabilities; modifying lead agency board and case manager responsibilities and
1.4	training; establishing a statewide disability employment technical assistance center
1.5	and lead agency employment first capacity building grants; modifying requirements
1.6	for informed choice in employment policy; clarifying eligibility for Minnesota
1.7	supplemental aid program; modifying use of data from the Minnesota
1.8	Unemployment Insurance Law; establishing study; requiring report; appropriating
1.9 1.10	money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 177.24, by adding a subdivision; 252.44; 256B.092, subdivision 1a; 256B.49, subdivision 13;
1.10	256B.4905, subdivisions 4a, 5a; 256D.425, subdivision 1; 268.19, subdivision 1;
1.12	proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 252; 256B.
1.13	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.14	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 177.24, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.15	to read:
1.16	Subd. 6. Special certificate prohibition. (a) On or after August 1, 2023, employers
1.17	must not hire any new employee with a disability at a wage that is less than the highest
1.18	applicable minimum wage, regardless of whether the employer holds a special certificate
1.19	from the United States Department of Labor under section 14(c) of the federal Fair Labor
1.20	Standards Act.
1.21	(b) On or after August 1, 2025, an employer must not pay an employee with a disability
1.22	less than the highest applicable minimum wage, regardless of whether the employer holds
1.23	a special certificate from the United States Department of Labor under section 14(c) of the
1.24	federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

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2.1	Sec. 2. Min	nnesota Statutes 2	2022, section 252.44	, is amended to read:		
2.2	252.44 L	EAD AGENCY	BOARD RESPON	SIBILITIES.		
2.3	When the	e need for day ser	vices in a county or	tribe has been determine	d under section	
2.4		•	ioners for that lead			
2.5	(1) autho	rize the delivery	of services accordin	g to the support plans and	l support plan	
2.6		·		provision of case manager		
2.7				92, subdivision 1b; 256B		
2.8				5.0004 to 9525.0036;		
2.9	(2) ensur	e that transportati	on is provided or an	anged by the vendor in th	e most efficient	
2.10	and reasonal	ole way possible;	and			
2.11	(3) moni	tor and evaluate t	he cost and effective	eness of the services . ;		
2.12	<u>(4) ensur</u>	e that on or after	August 1, 2023, em	ployers do not hire any no	ew employee at	
2.13	a wage that i	is less than the high	ghest applicable mir	nimum wage, regardless c	of whether the	
2.14	employer ho	lds a special certi	ficate from the Unit	ed States Department of	Labor under	
2.15	section 14(c) of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act; and					
2.16	<u>(5) ensur</u>	e that on or after	August 1, 2025, any	day service program, ind	cluding county,	
2.17	Tribal, or priv	vately funded day	services, pay employ	vees with disabilities the hi	ghest applicable	
2.18	minimum w	age, regardless of	whether the employ	yer holds a special certific	cate from the	
2.19	United State	s Department of I	Labor under section	14(c) of the federal Fair I	Labor Standards	
2.20	Act.					
2.21	Sec. 3 [25	2.541 STATEWI	DE DISABILITY	EMPLOYMENT TECH	INICAL	
2.22		<u>CE CENTER.</u>				
2.23	The com	missioner must es	stablish a statewide	technical assistance cente	er to provide	
2.24				l families to support indiv	-	
2.25		•		employment in integrated		
2.26			iter include but are i			
2.27	(1) offeri	ng provider busir	ness model transition	n support to ensure ongoi	ng access to	
2.28	employment	and day services	• <u>•</u>			
2.29	<u>(2)</u> identi	fying and providi	ng training on innov	ative, promising, and eme	erging practices;	
2.30	<u>(3) maint</u>	taining a resource	clearinghouse to se	rve as a hub of information	on to ensure	
2.31	programs, po	eople, and familie	s have access to hig	h-quality materials and in	nformation;	

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3.1	(4) fostering	g innovation and	l actionable progre	ess by providing direct tec	hnical assistance
3.2	to programs; an	nd			
3.3	(5) cultivati	ng partnerships a	and mentorship ac	ross support programs, peo	ople, and families
3.4	<u> </u>			competitive, integrated e	-
3.5	<u> </u>	55] LEAD AGE	NCY EMPLOY	MENT FIRST CAPACI	TY BUILDING
3.6	<u>GRANTS.</u>				
3.7	The commi	ssioner shall est	ablish a grant pro	gram to expand lead agen	icy capacity to
3.8	support people	with disabilities	to contemplate, ex	plore, and maintain compo	etitive, integrated
3.9	employment op	otions. Allowab	le uses of funds in	aclude:	
3.10	(1) enhanci	ng resources and	d staffing to suppo	ort people and families in	understanding
3.11	employment of	otions and navig	ating service opti	ons;	
3.12	(2) impleme	enting and testir	ng innovative app	roaches to better support	people with
3.13	disabilities and	their families in	n achieving comp	etitive, integrated employ	ment; and
3.14	(3) other ac	tivities approve	d by the commiss	ioner.	
3.15	EFFECTIV	VE DATE. This	section is effective	ve July 1, 2023.	
3.16	Sec. 5. Minne	esota Statutes 20)22, section 256B	.092, subdivision 1a, is an	nended to read:
3.17	Subd. 1a. C	ase managemer	nt services. (a) Eac	h recipient of a home and c	community-based
3.18	waiver shall be	provided case 1	management servi	ces by qualified vendors	as described in
3.19	the federally ap	proved waiver	application.		
3.20	(b) Case ma	anagement servi	ce activities prov	ided to or arranged for a p	erson include:
3.21	(1) develop	ment of the pers	son-centered supp	ort plan under subdivision	n 1b;
3.22	(2) informi	ng the individua	l or the individua	l's legal guardian or conse	ervator, or parent
3.23	if the person is	a minor, of serv	ice options, inclue	ling all service options av	ailable under the
3.24	waiver plan;				
3.25	(3) consulti	ng with relevan	t medical experts	or service providers;	
3.26	(4) assisting	g the person in t	he identification of	of potential providers of c	hosen services,
3.27	including:				
3.28	(i) provider	s of services pro	ovided in a non-di	sability-specific setting;	
3.29	(ii) employ	ment service pro	oviders;		

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- (iii) providers of services provided in settings that are not controlled by a provider; and 4.1 (iv) providers of financial management services; 4.2
- (5) assisting the person to access services and assisting in appeals under section 256.045; 4.3 (6) coordination of services, if coordination is not provided by another service provider;
- (7) evaluation and monitoring of the services identified in the support plan, which must 4.5 incorporate at least one annual face-to-face visit by the case manager with each person; and 4.6
- (8) reviewing support plans and providing the lead agency with recommendations for 4.7 service authorization based upon the individual's needs identified in the support plan. 4.8
- (c) Case management service activities that are provided to the person with a 4.9 developmental disability shall be provided directly by county agencies or under contract. 4.10 If a county agency contracts for case management services, the county agency must provide 4.11 each recipient of home and community-based services who is receiving contracted case 4.12 management services with the contact information the recipient may use to file a grievance 4.13 with the county agency about the quality of the contracted services the recipient is receiving 4.14 from a county-contracted case manager. Case management services must be provided by a 4.15 public or private agency that is enrolled as a medical assistance provider determined by the 4.16 commissioner to meet all of the requirements in the approved federal waiver plans. Case 4.17 management services must not be provided to a recipient by a private agency that has a 4.18 financial interest in the provision of any other services included in the recipient's support 4.19 plan. For purposes of this section, "private agency" means any agency that is not identified 4.20 as a lead agency under section 256B.0911, subdivision 10. 4.21
- (d) Case managers are responsible for service provisions listed in paragraphs (a) and 4.22 (b). Case managers shall collaborate with consumers, families, legal representatives, and 4.23 relevant medical experts and service providers in the development and annual review of the 4.24 4.25 person-centered support plan and habilitation plan.
- (e) For persons who need a positive support transition plan as required in chapter 245D, 4.26 4.27 the case manager shall participate in the development and ongoing evaluation of the plan with the expanded support team. At least quarterly, the case manager, in consultation with 4.28 the expanded support team, shall evaluate the effectiveness of the plan based on progress 4.29 evaluation data submitted by the licensed provider to the case manager. The evaluation must 4.30 identify whether the plan has been developed and implemented in a manner to achieve the 4.31 following within the required timelines: 4.32
- (1) phasing out the use of prohibited procedures; 4.33

5.1 (2) acquisition of skills needed to eliminate the prohibited procedures within the plan's
5.2 timeline; and

5.3 (3) accomplishment of identified outcomes.

5.4 If adequate progress is not being made, the case manager shall consult with the person's
5.5 expanded support team to identify needed modifications and whether additional professional
5.6 support is required to provide consultation.

(f) The Department of Human Services shall offer ongoing education in case management
to case managers. Case managers shall receive no less than ten 20 hours of case management
education and disability-related training each year. The education and training must include
person-centered planning, employment planning, community living planning, self-direction
options, and use of technology supports. For the purposes of this section, "person-centered
planning" or "person-centered" has the meaning given in section 256B.0911, subdivision
10. Case managers must document completion of training in a system identified by the

5.14 <u>commissioner of human services.</u>

5.15 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.49, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

5.16 Subd. 13. Case management. (a) Each recipient of a home and community-based waiver
5.17 shall be provided case management services by qualified vendors as described in the federally
5.18 approved waiver application. The case management service activities provided must include:

- 5.19 (1) finalizing the person-centered written support plan within the timelines established
 5.20 by the commissioner and section 256B.0911, subdivision 29;
- 5.21 (2) informing the recipient or the recipient's legal guardian or conservator of service
 5.22 options, including all service options available under the waiver plans;
- 5.23 (3) assisting the recipient in the identification of potential service providers of chosen5.24 services, including:
- 5.25 (i) available options for case management service and providers;
- 5.26 (ii) providers of services provided in a non-disability-specific setting;
- 5.27 (iii) employment service providers;
- 5.28 (iv) providers of services provided in settings that are not community residential settings;5.29 and
- 5.30 (v) providers of financial management services;

6.1 (4) assisting the recipient to access services and assisting with appeals under section
6.2 256.045; and

6.3 (5) coordinating, evaluating, and monitoring of the services identified in the service6.4 plan.

(b) The case manager may delegate certain aspects of the case management service
activities to another individual provided there is oversight by the case manager. The case
manager may not delegate those aspects which require professional judgment including:

- 6.8 (1) finalizing the person-centered support plan;
- 6.9 (2) ongoing assessment and monitoring of the person's needs and adequacy of the6.10 approved person-centered support plan; and

6.11 (3) adjustments to the person-centered support plan.

(c) Case management services must be provided by a public or private agency that is
enrolled as a medical assistance provider determined by the commissioner to meet all of
the requirements in the approved federal waiver plans. Case management services must not
be provided to a recipient by a private agency that has any financial interest in the provision
of any other services included in the recipient's support plan. For purposes of this section,
"private agency" means any agency that is not identified as a lead agency under section
256B.0911, subdivision 10.

(d) For persons who need a positive support transition plan as required in chapter 245D,
the case manager shall participate in the development and ongoing evaluation of the plan
with the expanded support team. At least quarterly, the case manager, in consultation with
the expanded support team, shall evaluate the effectiveness of the plan based on progress
evaluation data submitted by the licensed provider to the case manager. The evaluation must
identify whether the plan has been developed and implemented in a manner to achieve the
following within the required timelines:

6.26 (1) phasing out the use of prohibited procedures;

6.27 (2) acquisition of skills needed to eliminate the prohibited procedures within the plan's6.28 timeline; and

6.29 (3) accomplishment of identified outcomes.

6.30 If adequate progress is not being made, the case manager shall consult with the person's
6.31 expanded support team to identify needed modifications and whether additional professional
6.32 support is required to provide consultation.

7.1	(e) The Department of Human Services shall offer ongoing education in case management
7.2	to case managers. Case managers shall receive no less than ten 20 hours of case management
7.3	education and disability-related training each year. The education and training must include
7.4	person-centered planning, employment planning, community living planning, self-direction
7.5	options, and use of technology supports. For the purposes of this section, "person-centered
7.6	planning" or "person-centered" has the meaning given in section 256B.0911, subdivision
7.7	10. Case managers shall document completion of training in a system identified by the
7.8	commissioner of human services.
7.9	Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4905, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:
7.10	Subd. 4a. Informed choice in employment policy. It is the policy of this state that
7.11	working-age individuals who have disabilities:
7.12	(1) can work and achieve competitive integrated employment with appropriate services
7.13	and supports, as needed;
7.14	(2) make informed choices about their postsecondary education, work, and career goals;
7.15	and
7.16	(3) will be offered the opportunity to make an informed choice, at least annually, to
7.17	pursue postsecondary education or to work and earn a competitive wage-; and
7.18	(4) will be offered benefits planning assistance and supports to understand available
7.19	work incentive programs and to understand the impact of work on benefits.
7.20	Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4905, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:
7.21	Subd. 5a. Employment first implementation for disability waiver services. (a) The
7.22	commissioner of human services shall ensure that:
7.23	(1) the disability waivers under sections 256B.092 and 256B.49 support the presumption
7.24	that all working-age Minnesotans with disabilities can work and achieve competitive
7.25	integrated employment with appropriate services and supports, as needed; and
7.26	(2) each waiver recipient of working age be offered, after an informed decision-making
7.27	process and during a person-centered planning process, the opportunity to work and earn a
7.28	competitive wage before being offered exclusively day services as defined in section
7.29	245D.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clause (4), or successor provisions.
7.30	(b) By August 1, 2024, all case managers must complete an employment support planning
7.31	training course identified by the commissioner. For case managers hired by a lead agency

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after August	1, 2024, this train	ing must be comple	eted within the first 120	days of providing
case manager	nent services. Le	ad agencies must d	ocument completion of	the training for all
case manager	rs in a tracking sy	ystem identified by	the commissioner.	
				IUNITY-BASED
SERVICES	PROHIBITION	I; REQUIREMEN	<u>TS.</u>	
Subdivisio	on 1. <mark>Subminim</mark>	um wage outcome	reporting. (a) A provid	der of home and
community-b	ased services for	people with develop	mental disabilities under	r section 256B.092
or home and	community-base	d services for peop	le with disabilities unde	er section 256B.49
hat holds a c	redential listed in	n clause (1) or (2) a	s of August 1, 2023, m	ust submit data on
ndividuals w	ho are currently b	eing paid subminim	um wages or were being	paid subminimum
wages by the	provider organiz	zation as of August	1, 2023, to the commiss	sioner:
(1) a certi	ficate through th	e United States Dep	partment of Labor under	r United States
Code, title 29	, section 214(c),	of the Fair Labor S	Standards Act authorizir	ng the payment of
subminimum	wages to worker	rs with disabilities;	or	
<u>(2) a perm</u>	nit by the Minnes	sota Department of	Labor and Industry und	er section 177.28.
<u>(b) The fo</u>	llowing data mus	t be submitted abou	t each individual require	d under paragraph
<u>(a):</u>				
<u>(1) name;</u>				
(2) date of	f birth;			
(3) identif	fied race and ethn	nicity;		
(4) disabi	lity type;			
<u>(5) key en</u>	nployment status	measures as deterr	nined by the commission	oner; and
<u>(6) key co</u>	mmunity-life en	gagement measures	s as determined by the c	commissioner.
<u>(c)</u> The in	formation in para	agraph (b) must be	submitted in a format d	etermined by the
commissione	r of human servi	ces.		
<u>(d)</u> A prov	vider must submi	it the data required	under this section annua	ally on a date
specified by t	he commissioner	r. The commissione	r must give a provider a	t least 30 calendar
days to subm	it the data follow	ving notice of the du	ue date. If a provider fai	ils to submit the
requested dat	a by the date spe	cified by the comm	issioner the commission	mer may delay
		cified by the collin.		filer may delay
	after August 1 case manager case manager Sec. 9. [256] SERVICES 1 Subdivision community-bactor or home and of hat holds a can individuals willow wages by the (1) a certin Code, title 29 subminimum (2) a perm (b) The for (a): (1) name; (2) date of (3) identiff (4) disabill (5) key en (6) key con (c) The in commissione (d) A provest specified by t	after August 1, 2024, this train case management services. Let case managers in a tracking sy Sec. 9. [256B.4906] SUBMIN SERVICES PROHIBITION Subdivision 1. Subminim community-based services for or home and community-based hat holds a credential listed in ndividuals who are currently b wages by the provider organiz (1) a certificate through th Code, title 29, section 214(c), subminimum wages to worker (2) a permit by the Minnes (b) The following data must (a): (1) name; (2) date of birth; (3) identified race and ethn (4) disability type; (5) key employment status (6) key community-life en (c) The information in paragement status (d) A provider must submin specified by the commissioner	after August 1, 2024, this training must be comple- case management services. Lead agencies must de case managers in a tracking system identified by Sec. 9. [256B.4906] SUBMINIMUM WAGES I SERVICES PROHIBITION; REQUIREMEN Subdivision 1. Subminimum wage outcome community-based services for people with develop or home and community-based services for peop hat holds a credential listed in clause (1) or (2) a ndividuals who are currently being paid subminim wages by the provider organization as of August (1) a certificate through the United States Dep Code, title 29, section 214(c), of the Fair Labor S subminimum wages to workers with disabilities; (2) a permit by the Minnesota Department of (b) The following data must be submitted abou (a): (1) name; (2) date of birth; (3) identified race and ethnicity; (4) disability type; (5) key employment status measures as detern (6) key community-life engagement measures (c) The information in paragraph (b) must be commissioner of human services. (d) A provider must submit the data required epecified by the commissioner. The commissione days to submit the data following notice of the data	 after August 1, 2024, this training must be completed within the first 120 ase management services. Lead agencies must document completion of ase managers in a tracking system identified by the commissioner. Sec. 9. [256B.4906] SUBMINIMUM WAGES IN HOME AND COMM SERVICES PROHIBITION; REQUIREMENTS. Subdivision 1. Subminimum wage outcome reporting. (a) A provisionmunity-based services for people with developmental disabilities under the holds a credential listed in clause (1) or (2) as of August 1, 2023, mundividuals who are currently being paid subminimum wages or were being wages by the provider organization as of August 1, 2023, to the commiss (1) a certificate through the United States Department of Labor unde Code, title 29, section 214(c), of the Fair Labor Standards Act authorizin aubminimum wages to workers with disabilities; or (2) a permit by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry und (b) The following data must be submitted about each individual require a): (1) name: (2) date of birth: (3) identified race and ethnicity; (4) disability type; (5) key employment status measures as determined by the commission (6) key community-life engagement measures as determined by the commission (c) The information in paragraph (b) must be submitted in a format distribution in paragraph (b)

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(e) Individually identifiable data submitted to the commissioner under this section are 9.1 considered private data on individuals as defined by section 13.02, subdivision 12. 9.2 9.3 (f) The commissioner must analyze data annually for tracking employment and community-life engagement outcomes. 9.4 9.5 Subd. 2. Prohibition of subminimum wages. Providers of home and community-based services are prohibited from paying a person with a disability wages below the state minimum 9.6 wage pursuant to section 177.24, or below the prevailing local minimum wage on the basis 9.7 of the person's disability. A special certificate authorizing the payment of less than the 9.8 minimum wage to a person with a disability issued pursuant to a law of this state or to a 9.9 9.10 federal law is without effect as of August 1, 2025.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256D.425, subdivision 1, is amended to read: 9.11 Subdivision 1. Persons entitled to receive aid. A person who is aged, blind, or 18 years 9.12 of age or older and disabled and who is receiving supplemental security benefits under Title 9.13 XVI on the basis of age, blindness, or disability (or would be eligible for such benefits 9.14 except for excess income) is eligible for a payment under the Minnesota supplemental aid 9.15 9.16 program, if the person's net income is less than the standards in section 256D.44. A person who is receiving benefits under the Minnesota supplemental aid program in the month prior 9.17 to becoming eligible under section 1619(b) of the Social Security Act is eligible for a 9.18 payment under the Minnesota supplemental aid program while they remain in section 1619(b) 9.19 status. Persons who are not receiving Supplemental Security Income benefits under Title 9.20 XVI of the Social Security Act or disability insurance benefits under Title II of the Social 9.21 Security Act due to exhausting time limited benefits are not eligible to receive benefits 9.22 under the MSA program. Persons who are not receiving Social Security or other maintenance 9.23 benefits for failure to meet or comply with the Social Security or other maintenance program 9.24 requirements are not eligible to receive benefits under the MSA program. Persons who are 9.25 found ineligible for Supplemental Security Income because of excess income, but whose 9.26 income is within the limits of the Minnesota supplemental aid program, must have blindness 9.27 9.28 or disability determined by the state medical review team.

9.29

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

9.30 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 268.19, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
9.31 Subdivision 1. Use of data. (a) Except as provided by this section, data gathered from
9.32 any person under the administration of the Minnesota Unemployment Insurance Law are
9.33 private data on individuals or nonpublic data not on individuals as defined in section 13.02,

^{10.1} subdivisions 9 and 12, and may not be disclosed except according to a district court order

or section 13.05. A subpoena is not considered a district court order. These data may be
disseminated to and used by the following agencies without the consent of the subject of
the data:

10.5 (1) state and federal agencies specifically authorized access to the data by state or federal
10.6 law;

10.7 (2) any agency of any other state or any federal agency charged with the administration10.8 of an unemployment insurance program;

(3) any agency responsible for the maintenance of a system of public employment offices
for the purpose of assisting individuals in obtaining employment;

10.11 (4) the public authority responsible for child support in Minnesota or any other state in10.12 accordance with section 256.978;

10.13 (5) human rights agencies within Minnesota that have enforcement powers;

10.14 (6) the Department of Revenue to the extent necessary for its duties under Minnesota10.15 laws;

(7) public and private agencies responsible for administering publicly financed assistance
 programs for the purpose of monitoring the eligibility of the program's recipients;

10.18 (8) the Department of Labor and Industry and the Commerce Fraud Bureau in the
10.19 Department of Commerce for uses consistent with the administration of their duties under
10.20 Minnesota law;

(9) the Department of Human Services and the Office of Inspector General and its agents
within the Department of Human Services, including county fraud investigators, for
investigations related to recipient or provider fraud and employees of providers when the
provider is suspected of committing public assistance fraud;

10.25 (10) the Department of Human Services for the purpose of evaluating medical assistance
 10.26 services and supporting program improvement;

(10)(11) local and state welfare agencies for monitoring the eligibility of the data subject
for assistance programs, or for any employment or training program administered by those
agencies, whether alone, in combination with another welfare agency, or in conjunction
with the department or to monitor and evaluate the statewide Minnesota family investment
program and other cash assistance programs, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,
and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training program by

11.1 providing data on recipients and former recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

Program (SNAP) benefits, cash assistance under chapter 256, 256D, 256J, or 256K, child
care assistance under chapter 119B, or medical programs under chapter 256B or 256L or
formerly codified under chapter 256D;

(11) (12) local and state welfare agencies for the purpose of identifying employment,
wages, and other information to assist in the collection of an overpayment debt in an
assistance program;

(12)(13) local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies for the purpose of ascertaining
the last known address and employment location of an individual who is the subject of a
criminal investigation;

(13) (14) the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement has access to data
 on specific individuals and specific employers provided the specific individual or specific
 employer is the subject of an investigation by that agency;

11.14 (14)(15) the Department of Health for the purposes of epidemiologic investigations;

(15) (16) the Department of Corrections for the purposes of case planning and internal
 research for preprobation, probation, and postprobation employment tracking of offenders
 sentenced to probation and preconfinement and postconfinement employment tracking of
 committed offenders;

11.19 (16) (17) the state auditor to the extent necessary to conduct audits of job opportunity 11.20 building zones as required under section 469.3201; and

(17) (18) the Office of Higher Education for purposes of supporting program
 improvement, system evaluation, and research initiatives including the Statewide
 Longitudinal Education Data System.

(b) Data on individuals and employers that are collected, maintained, or used by the
department in an investigation under section 268.182 are confidential as to data on individuals
and protected nonpublic data not on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivisions 3
and 13, and must not be disclosed except under statute or district court order or to a party
named in a criminal proceeding, administrative or judicial, for preparation of a defense.

(c) Data gathered by the department in the administration of the Minnesota unemployment
insurance program must not be made the subject or the basis for any suit in any civil
proceedings, administrative or judicial, unless the action is initiated by the department.

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12.1	Sec. 12. <u>IN</u>	TERAGENCY	EMPLOYMENT	SUPPORTS ALIGNM	ENT STUDY.		
12.2	The com	missioners of hun	nan services, emplo	oyment and economic de	velopment, and		
12.3	education m	ust conduct an inte	eragency alignment	study on employment su	pports for people		
12.4	with disabili	ties. The study mu	ust evaluate:				
12.5	<u>(1) servic</u>	ce rates;					
12.6	(2) provi	der enrollment and	d monitoring stand	ards; and			
12.7	(3) eligib	ility processes and	l people's lived exp	erience transitioning betw	veen employment		
12.8	programs.						
12.9	Sec. 13. <u>M</u>	ONITORING E	MPLOYMENT C	OUTCOMES.			
12.10	By Janua	ry 15, 2025, the D	Departments of Hur	nan Services, Employme	nt and Economic		
12.11	Developmen	it, and Education r	nust provide the ch	airs and ranking minorit	y members of the		
12.12	legislative co	ommittees with ju	risdiction over hea	lth, human services, and	labor with a plan		
12.13	for tracking	employment outco	omes for people wi	th disabilities served by	programs		
12.14	administered	l by the agencies.	This plan must inc	lude any needed changes	s to state law to		
12.15	track supports received and outcomes across programs.						
12.16	Sec. 14. <u>A</u>	PPROPRIATION	N; EMPLOYMEN	NT TECHNICAL ASSI	STANCE		
12.17	CENTER G	GRANTS.					
12.18	\$450,000) in fiscal year 202	24 and \$1,800,000	in fiscal year 2025 are a	opropriated from		
12.19	the general f	und to the commi	ssioner of human s	ervices for employment	and technical		
12.20	assistance grants to assist organizations and employers in promoting a more inclusive						
12.21	workplace for	or people with dis	abilities.				
12.22	Sec. 15. <u>A</u>	PPROPRIATION	N; LEAD AGENO	CY CAPACITY BUILD	ING GRANTS.		
12.23	\$500,000) in fiscal year 202	24 and \$2,500,000	in fiscal year 2025 are a	opropriated from		
12.24	the general f	und to the commi	ssioner of human s	ervices for grants to assi	st organizations,		
12.25	counties, and	d Tribes to build c	apacity for employ	ment opportunities for p	eople with		
12.26	disabilities u	nder Minnesota S	tatutes, section 252	2.55.			
12.27	Sec. 16. <u>A</u>	PPROPRIATION	N; TRAINING GI	RANTS.			
12.28	<u>\$37,000</u>	in fiscal year 2024	4 and \$123,000 in 1	iscal year 2025 are appro	opriated from the		
12.29		-		ants to provide case man	-		
12.30	to organizati	ons and employer	rs under Minnesota	Statutes, section 256B.4	905, subdivision		
	Sec. 16.		12				

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13.1	5a, to suppor	rt the state's disabil	ity employment sup	pports. The base for this p	ourpose is \$45,000
13.2	in fiscal yea	r 2026 and \$45,00	00 in fiscal year 202	27.	
13.3	Sec. 17. <u>A</u>	PPROPRIATIO	N; MNCHOICES	SYSTEM ENHANCE	MENTS.

- 13.4 \$38,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$75,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the
- 13.5 general fund to the commissioner of human services to carry out MnCHOICES system
- 13.6 <u>enhancements to embed employment-related materials into the MnCHOICES application.</u>
- 13.7 The base for this purpose is \$75,000 in fiscal year 2026.