

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

S.F. No. 2964

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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Higher Education

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; providing funding to Riverland Community College;
1.3 appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; RIVERLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

1.6 \$300,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2024 from the general fund to the Board of
1.7 Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to create a new water operator
1.8 training program and a new wastewater operator training program offered by the Riverland
1.9 Community College. The training programs may be offered by any of the Riverland
1.10 Community College campuses in Austin, Albert Lea, and Owatonna. Any unencumbered
1.11 balance does not cancel at the end of fiscal year 2024 and is available until June 30, 2026,
1.12 and may be used for other purposes under this section. This is a onetime appropriation. Of
1.13 this amount:

1.14 (1) \$95,000 is for the development of programs and curriculum that relate to the Pollution
1.15 Control Agency wastewater licensure levels for the water operator training program and
1.16 the Department of Health examination levels for the wastewater operator training program;

1.17 (2) \$85,000 is for the Customized Training and Education Department personnel at
1.18 Riverland Community College campuses to recruit program designers, assist in curriculum
1.19 development, recruit students and instructors, work with the other Riverland Community
1.20 College departments, and collaborate with external partners;

1.21 (3) \$60,000 is for marketing development, distribution, and program outreach;

- 2.1 (4) \$25,000 is for administrative and overhead costs for Riverland Community College
- 2.2 to create and administer the water operator and wastewater operator training programs; and
- 2.3 (5) \$35,000 is for equipment for students and instructors to use in training program
- 2.4 classes.