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1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to education finance; establishing a global education to workforce  
 1.3 initiative program; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **GLOBAL EDUCATION TO WORKFORCE INITIATIVES.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Purpose.** Minnesota contains a large and ever-growing international  
 1.7 community. This existing international community and other human assets of Minnesota  
 1.8 can be utilized above their current usage to assist in meeting the state's goals of providing  
 1.9 a world-class education and developing a global workforce.

1.10 Subd. 2. **Program established.** A program is established to build capacity in  
 1.11 multicultural and linguistically specific organizations to deliver innovative programs  
 1.12 designed to build Minnesota's global workforce for present and future needs. Recipients  
 1.13 must build capacity in delivering healthy homes and living programs that includes:

1.14 (1) developing curriculum for lifetime skills, global workforce education, training,  
 1.15 and leadership development;

1.16 (2) leveraging the funds to obtain technical assistance and support in attaining  
 1.17 national and federal certification;

1.18 (3) providing curriculum to high school and adult education students; or

1.19 (4) training staff to accomplish the items in clauses (1) through (3).

1.20 Subd. 3. **Application.** The international multicultural and multilingual housing  
 1.21 consortium, in consultation with the Department of Education and other state agencies as  
 1.22 necessary, shall develop the form and method for applying for the grants and the criteria  
 1.23 for determining the allocation of the grants, but must require that:

1.24 (1) each recipient must be a multicultural and multilingual nonprofit service provider;

2.1 (2) each recipient must employ or otherwise include members with ties to countries  
2.2 with which the United States and Minnesota have international trade relations;

2.3 (3) curriculum provided under subdivision 2, clause (3), must be available to any  
2.4 age-appropriate student on a first-come, first-serve basis; and

2.5 (4) one-third of the recipients must employ, at and throughout the time of the grant  
2.6 award, individuals or family members of United States citizens who fought for, or are or  
2.7 have been in service to, the United States.

2.8 Subd. 4. **Grant awards.** Grants awarded under this section are limited to \$150,000  
2.9 per applicant organization per year. Grants shall be paid out on a calendar-year basis.

2.10 Subd. 5. **Reports.** Each recipient of grant funds shall report to the granting  
2.11 organization no later than July 1 of the year following the grant's receipt regarding the  
2.12 usage of the grant funds in the previous calendar year. The granting organization shall  
2.13 develop the criteria necessary for the reports.

2.14 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.15 \$..... in fiscal year 2016 and \$..... in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated from the  
2.16 general fund to the commissioner of education for the purposes of section 1. Any balance  
2.17 in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.