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Bill Summary

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Overview

H.F. 3801 makes a number of changes to the dual training grant program that the legislature established in the 2015 higher education omnibus bill.

First, it permits the Office of Higher Education (OHE) to provide grants to school districts to advise high school students, teachers, and staff about industry occupational pathways. It appropriates an unspecified amount for such grants.

Second, it requires OHE to issue a request for proposals to develop a web-based job and intern-seeking software tool, and appropriates funds to develop it. The purpose of the tool would be to match high school and postsecondary students with potential employers.

Third, it permits OHE to retain five percent of the appropriations to the dual training grant program for the purpose of administering the program.

Fourth, it establishes a new account in the special revenue fund for appropriations to the program, and stipulates that appropriations are available until expended.

Section

- 1 Support grants.** Permits the OHE to provide grants to school districts to advise high school teachers, staff, and students about industry occupational pathways and employment.
- 2 Dual training account.** Establishes a dual training account in the special revenue fund in the state treasury. Requires appropriations to the dual training grant program be deposited in the

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account, and appropriates those funds to OHE. Stipulates that money in the account is available until expended.

- 3** **Administrative expenses.** Permits OHE to expend up to five percent of the appropriation for the dual training grant program to administer the program.
- 4** **Student and employer connection information system.** Requires OHE to issue a request for proposals to develop a web-based job and intern-seeking software tool. Requires that the tool match the needs of employers in Minnesota with the individual profiles of high school seniors and postsecondary students. Requires OHE to select a provider by October 1, 2016, and the provider to have experience with similar software that matches job candidates and employers. Permits OHE to contract for development of the system.
- 5** **Dual training; appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount in fiscal year 2017 to OHE for grants to school districts, as described in section 1 of the bill.
- 6** **Student and employer connection information system; appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount in fiscal year 2017 to OHE for the connection information system required under section 3 of the bill.