

Subject Special education employment pilot project

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Overview

Creates the special education pilot project to help special education graduates transition into competitive wage employment in integrated community settings. Appropriates funding for the pilot and requires reports to the legislature on uses of grant funds.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Special education employment pilot project.</p> <p>Creates the special education pilot project to help special education graduates transition into employment via job training, shadowing, and placement services.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines “commissioner” as the commissioner of employment and economic development. Defines “eligible provider” as an organization currently eligible to provide services through the extended employment program under section 268A.15. Defines “eligible student” as: (1) a special education student who has completed at least three years of high school; or (2) a special education graduate under the age of 25 who has not had competitive employment in an integrated community setting.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Establishment. Creates the special education pilot project to help special education graduates transition into competitive wage employment in integrated community settings.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Services. Requires providers who wish to participate in the program to notify the commissioner, on a form designated by the commissioner, of the intent to provide services to an eligible student. These services include: (1) job preparation training that includes at least 20 hours of classroom time, resume preparation, and assistance in setting up a bank account; (2) job shadowing that includes observing at least 30 hours of workplace activity at a job the student might apply to and assistance in transportation to the workplace; and (3) placing the student with appropriate employment paying at least the minimum wage in an integrated community setting, with supportive training for both employer and student.</p>

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2	<p>Subd. 4. Payments. Allows providers to apply to the commissioner for payment of \$1,000 for each student who completes job preparation training, \$1,000 for each student who completes job shadowing, and \$3,000 for each student who completes 90 days of employment after placement through the program.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Forms. Stipulates that the commissioner must make all the necessary forms for the pilot available by October 1, 2019.</p> <p>Special education employment pilot project; appropriation. Appropriates \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund for the special education employment pilot project, as a onetime appropriation available until June 30, 2022. Allows up to four percent of this amount for administration and monitoring of the program. Requires the commissioner to submit yearly reports to the legislature for three years, starting by January 15, 2020, on the use of grant funds and employment outcomes.</p>



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