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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; appropriating money for supported work and
1.3 auto-related costs for MFIP participants.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION FROM TANF.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Supported work.** Of the TANF appropriation, \$7,291,000 is
1.7 appropriated in fiscal year 2009 to the commissioner of human services for supported work
1.8 for MFIP participants, to be allocated to counties and tribes based on the criteria under
1.9 clauses (1) and (2). Paid transitional work experience and other supported employment
1.10 under this rider provides a continuum of employment assistance, including outreach and
1.11 recruitment, program orientation and intake, testing and assessment, job development
1.12 and marketing, preworksite training, supported worksite experience, job coaching, and
1.13 postplacement follow-up, in addition to extensive case management and referral services.

1.14 (1) A county or tribe is eligible to receive an allocation under this rider if:

1.15 (i) the county or tribe is not meeting the federal work participation rate;

1.16 (ii) the county or tribe has participants who are required to perform work activities

1.17 under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256J, but are not meeting hourly work requirements; and

1.18 (iii) the county or tribe has assessed participants who have completed six weeks

1.19 of job search or are required to perform work activities and are not meeting the hourly

1.20 requirements, and the county or tribe has determined that the participant would benefit

1.21 from working in a supported work environment.

1.22 (2) A county or tribe may also be eligible for funds in order to contract for

1.23 supplemental hours of paid work at the participant's child's place of education, child care

1.24 location, or the child's physical or mental health treatment facility or office. This grant

2.1 to counties and tribes is specifically for MFIP participants who need to work up to five
2.2 hours more per week in order to meet the hourly work requirement, and the participant's
2.3 employer cannot or will not offer more hours to the participant.

2.4 Subd. 2. **Auto repairs and purchases.** \$1,500,000 is appropriated in fiscal year
2.5 2009 to the commissioner of human services from the TANF fund to be allocated to
2.6 community action agencies for auto repairs, auto loans, and auto purchase grants to
2.7 individuals who are eligible to receive benefits under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256J,
2.8 or who have lost eligibility for benefits under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256J, due to
2.9 earnings in the prior 12 months. Base level funding for this activity shall be \$1,500,000 in
2.10 fiscal year 2010 and \$1,181,000 in fiscal year 2011.