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**HOUSE FILE NO. 744**

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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 employment; appropriating money for a transitional employment  
1.3 training project.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.6 \$..... is appropriated from the general fund to the Southeast Asian Collaborative in  
1.7 Hennepin County for an intensive intervention transitional employment training project to  
1.8 move refugee and immigrant welfare recipients into unsubsidized employment leading to  
1.9 economic self-sufficiency, to be available until June 30, 2011. One of the five partners  
1.10 in the collaborative shall be chosen as the fiscal agent by the commissioner of human  
1.11 services. The primary effort must be on intensive employment skills training, including  
1.12 workplace English and overcoming cultural barriers, and on specialized training in fields  
1.13 of work which involve a credit-based curriculum. For recipients without a high school  
1.14 diploma or a GED, extra effort shall be made to help the recipient meet the ability to  
1.15 benefit test so the recipient can receive financial aid for further training. During the  
1.16 specialized training, efforts should be made to involve the recipients with an internship  
1.17 program and retention specialist.