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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; appropriating money for the collaboration of
1.3 community services partners demonstration project.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; COLLABORATION OF COMMUNITY**
1.6 **SERVICES PARTNERS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**

1.7 (a) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.8 commissioner of human services for incentive payments to be awarded to a collaborative
1.9 of six disability services providers that provide residential and employment services for
1.10 the collaboration of community services partners demonstration project. The purpose of
1.11 the demonstration project is to implement integrated life plans focused on moving persons
1.12 with disabilities into community living settings with meaningful community employment.

1.13 (b) The collaborative of six disability services providers shall consult with the
1.14 commissioner of human services to establish specific benchmarks that must be met in
1.15 order for the member organizations of the collaborative to receive incentive payments for
1.16 placing persons with disabilities in community living and working arrangements.

1.17 (c) The commissioner shall establish a process for evaluating the effectiveness of
1.18 the project in increasing the independence of the persons with disabilities who are served
1.19 by the project. The commissioner shall report the results of the demonstration project
1.20 evaluation and make recommendations on expanding the project to the chairs and ranking
1.21 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human
1.22 services policy and finance by February 1, 2018.

1.23 (d) This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2018.