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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Jobs and Economic Development

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to workforce development; appropriating money for a survivor employment  
1.3 readiness pilot project in the greater St. Cloud area.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; SURVIVOR EMPLOYMENT READINESS PILOT**  
1.6 **PROJECT.**

1.7 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
1.8 of employment and economic development for a grant to Avivo to provide resources and  
1.9 support services to survivors of sex trafficking and domestic abuse in the greater St. Cloud  
1.10 area as they search for employment. Program resources include but are not limited to costs  
1.11 for day care, transportation, housing, legal advice, procuring documents required for  
1.12 employment, interview clothing, technology, and Internet access. The program shall also  
1.13 include public outreach and corporate training component to communicate to the public  
1.14 and potential employers about the specific struggles faced by survivors as they reenter the  
1.15 workforce. This is a onetime appropriation.