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S.F. No. 4027 – Employment and Economic Development policy and technical changes (A-1 amendment)

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S.F. 4027 makes policy and technical changes to state dislocated worker, provisions under the jurisdiction of the Department of Employment and Economic Development.

Article 1 – Dislocated Workers

Section 1 modifies the definition of “dislocated worker” for purposes of access to services to include the spouse of a member of the armed forces who is on active duty when certain conditions are met; an individual with non-work-related injuries or illnesses needing support to re-enter or remain in the workforce; or an adult with a low income, a recipient of public assistance, or is deficient in basic skills.

Section 2 repeals § 116L.17, subdivision 5, which would eliminate fund allocation cost limitations for dislocated worker program grantees.

Article 2 – Job Creation Fund

Section 1 amends definitions applicable to the Job Creation Fund program to allow for equivalent measures for certain new full-time employee and retained job requirements of the program.

Sections 2 to 4 make conforming changes to reflect the amended definitions in **section 1**.

Article 3 – Innovative Business Development Public Infrastructure Grant Program

Section 1 modifies the uses and grant amounts for grants under the innovative business development public infrastructure grant program.

Section 2 reworks the information that is required from a local government unit when applying to the commissioner for an innovative business development public infrastructure grant and makes a conforming change related to the repeal of the priorities subdivision of the law in **section 3**.

Section 3 repeals § 116J.435, subdivision 5, which would eliminate the subdivision listing the priorities to be considered by the commissioner for the grant program.

Article 4 – Energy Transition Advisory Committee

Section 1 increases membership on the energy transition advisory committee to 19 voting members by adding a representative of a school district facing revenue loss due to energy transition.

Article 5 – Technical Changes

Section 1 specifies that the Northland Foundation may use up to five percent of the appropriation for the Canadian Border Counties Economic Relief Program for administrative expenses.

Section 2 modifies availability of the Launch Minnesota 2023 appropriation until June 30, 2027.