

Promote Competitive, Integrated Employment for Minnesotans with Disabilities

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More individuals with disabilities are choosing competitive, integrated employment. They want jobs in their communities where they can make the same wages as everyone else, and are excited to build careers that use their skills, interests, and abilities to contribute to Minnesota's workforce.

To support these goals, we must build capacity within Minnesota's service infrastructure, create incentives for individualized supports, develop innovative partnerships with businesses statewide, and work together to promote equitable access to employment.

Senate File 3003 builds on current collaborative efforts by directing the Departments of Education, Health & Human Services, and Employment & Economic Development to:

- create plans to improve outcomes in competitive, integrated employment for youth with disabilities and people with more significant support needs
- partner with stakeholders to develop legislative recommendations aimed at overcoming barriers and identifying innovative opportunities to enhance competitive, integrated employment
- submit plans, recommendations, and data to the legislature so elected officials can make even more informed policy decisions about employment and employment supports for people with disabilities.



By enhancing collaboration and partnership between state agencies, stakeholders, & policymakers, we can help ensure that *all* Minnesotans with disabilities build careers, lend their talents to our workforce, and gain access to individualized supports that help maximize success.



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