

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to employment; requiring use of certain funds for direct unemployed
1.3 worker assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 116J.401, by
1.4 adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 116J.401, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 4. Use of funds for unemployed worker assistance. Payment of employee
1.9 compensation costs from the Wagner-Peyser Act referenced in subdivision 2, clause
1.10 (8), must be used to provide direct benefit to unemployed and underemployed workers
1.11 through the state's workforce centers. At least 75 percent of the employee compensation
1.12 paid from Wagner-Peyser funds must be used for employees at workforce centers who
1.13 provide direct assistance to unemployed and underemployed workers and no more than 25
1.14 percent may be used for providing hiring and human resource services for employers. The
1.15 funds under this subdivision may be used to establish an Internet-based labor exchange
1.16 system. By July 1 of each year, the commissioner must submit a report to the committees
1.17 of the legislature responsible for oversight of unemployment insurance with details on
1.18 the use of Wagner-Peyser funds, including the number of employee positions funded, the
1.19 location of the employees, and the use of funds for an Internet labor exchange system and
1.20 other business assistance.