

Minnesota PIPELINE Project

Sec. 21. **COMPETENCY STANDARDS: ADVANCED MANUFACTURING,
HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AND
AGRICULTURE.**

(a) The commissioner of labor and industry, in collaboration with the commissioner of employment and economic development, shall establish competency standards for programs in advanced manufacturing, health care services, information technology, and agriculture. This initiative shall be administered by the Department of Labor and Industry. In establishing the competency standards, the commissioner shall convene recognized industry experts, representative employers, higher education institutions, and representatives of labor to assist in defining credible competency standards acceptable to the advanced manufacturing, health care services, information technology, and agriculture industries.

(b) The outcomes expected from the initiatives in this section include:

(1) establishment of competency standards for entry level and at least two additional higher skill levels in each industry;

(2) verification of competency standards and skill levels and their transferability by representatives of each respective industry;

(3) models of ways for Minnesota educational institutions to engage in providing education and training to meet the competency standards established; and

(4) participation from the identified industry sectors.

(c) By January 15, 2015, the commissioner of labor and industry shall report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over jobs on the progress and success, including outcomes, of the initiatives in this section and recommendations on occupations in which similar competency standards should be developed and implemented.

A link to the final law is here: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/?id=312&year=2014&type=0>