

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Department of Human Services Disability Innovation Fund Program**

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To:           Ways and Means Full Committee  
From:        Human Services Subcommittee  
Carrier:      Representative Stark

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On April 8th, the Human Services Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Human Services to the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of up to \$18 million over five years for a demonstration project to develop career pathways focused on advancement for people with disabilities.

If awarded, the Vocational Rehabilitation program will use the funds to (1) contract with the consortium of community colleges, (2) provide direct supports for students, (3) fund an independent evaluation of the project, and (4) hire three limited duration positions at DHS.

The grant does not require a state match. Awards are expected to be made on October 1, 2021.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.