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A bill for an act

1.1 relating to nonprofit organizations; establishing a nonprofit capacity building
 1.2 grant program; requiring the attorney general to post certain tax records filed by
 1.3 charitable organizations; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending
 1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 309.54, subdivision 1; proposing coding for
 1.5 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116J.
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1.7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.8 Section 1. **[116J.664] NONPROFIT CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS.**

1.9 Subdivision 1. **Grants.** The commissioner shall develop and implement a
 1.10 competitive grant program to provide assistance and training to nonprofit organizations,
 1.11 including, but not limited to: governance board operating procedures; financial
 1.12 management and reporting requirements; and executive management training. Grants
 1.13 under this subdivision may also be used to conduct research and collect data regarding
 1.14 the nonprofit sector in Minnesota.

1.15 Subd. 2. **Reporting.** By January 15 of each year, the commissioner must report to
 1.16 the legislative committees with jurisdiction over economic development regarding the
 1.17 following: methodologies and processes for soliciting and evaluating grant proposals
 1.18 under this section; criteria and methodology for selecting grant recipients; and methods for
 1.19 measuring outcomes and accomplishments of grant recipients. The commissioner must
 1.20 solicit comments and feedback from interested parties regarding ongoing improvements
 1.21 and enhancements to the competitive grant program. The commissioner shall also report on
 1.22 the expenditures related to the administration and monitoring of grants under this section.

1.23 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 309.54, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.1 Subdivision 1. **Filed documents are public records; posting of certain records on**
2.2 **Web site.** (a) Registration statements, annual reports, and other documents required to be
2.3 filed shall become public records in the Office of the Attorney General.

2.4 (b) The attorney general shall post the Internal Revenue Service Form 990, including
2.5 schedules and amendments that are required to be filed by a charitable organization under
2.6 section 309.53, subdivision 2, on the Web site containing the charities database for the
2.7 time period during which the information must be available for public inspection under
2.8 federal law.

2.9 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.10 \$500,000 is appropriated to the commissioner of employment and economic
2.11 development from the general fund in fiscal year 2016 for nonprofit capacity building
2.12 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.664.