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A bill for an act

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relating to higher education; setting minimum counselor requirements for Minnesota

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State College campuses; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020,

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section 136F.20, by adding a subdivision.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136F.20, is amended by adding a subdivision

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to read:

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Subd. 5. **Counselor support.** Each two-year college must employ full-time faculty

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counselors whose primary assignment is counselor duties. For a campus with fewer than

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750 students enrolled at a campus site on the 30th day of an academic year, the campus

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must have at least one unlimited full-time faculty counselor. For a campus with more than

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750 students enrolled at a campus site on the 30th day of an academic year, the campus

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must employ the number of full-time counselors necessary for the number of students per

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counselor to be the lesser of:

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(1) 750; or

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(2) the number of students per full-time counselor at the campus on February 1, 2022.

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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2025.

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Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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\$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of Trustees

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of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to employ additional faculty counselors

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at two-year colleges to achieve campus student-to-counselor ratios of no greater than 750

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to one. This amount is added to the base for fiscal years 2024 and later.