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A bill for an act

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relating to higher education; expanding program eligibility for workforce

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development scholarships; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section

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136F.38, subdivision 3.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 136F.38, subdivision 3, is amended

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to read:

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Subd. 3. **Program eligibility.** (a) Scholarships shall be awarded only to a student eligible

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for resident tuition, as defined in section 135A.043, who is enrolled in any of the following

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programs of study or certification: (1) advanced manufacturing; (2) agriculture; (3) health

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care services; (4) information technology; (5) early childhood; (6) transportation; (7)

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construction; (8) education; (9) public safety; (10) energy; or ~~(10)~~ (11) a program of study

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under paragraph (b).

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(b) Each institution may add one additional area of study or certification, based on a

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workforce shortage for full-time employment requiring postsecondary education that is

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unique to the institution's specific region, as reported in the most recent Department of

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Employment and Economic Development job vacancy survey data for the economic

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development region in which the institution is located. A workforce shortage area is one in

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which the job vacancy rate for full-time employment in a specific occupation in a region is

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higher than the state average vacancy rate for that same occupation. The institution may

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change the area of study or certification based on new data once every two years.

2.1 (c) The student must be enrolled for at least nine credits in a two-year college in the  
2.2 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system to be eligible for first- and second-year  
2.3 scholarships.

2.4 (d) The student is eligible for a one-year transfer scholarship if the student transfers from  
2.5 a two-year college after two or more terms, and the student is enrolled for at least nine  
2.6 credits in a four-year university in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.