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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Higher Education Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; modifying the treatment of private institutions in the
1.3 case of an adjudication of fraud or misrepresentation; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2016, section 136A.685.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.685, is amended to read:

1.7 **136A.685 PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS; ADJUDICATION OF FRAUD OR**
1.8 **MISREPRESENTATION.**

1.9 The office ~~shall not provide~~ may revoke, or deny an application for, registration or degree
1.10 or name approval to a school if there has been a criminal, civil, or administrative adjudication
1.11 of fraud or misrepresentation in Minnesota or in another state or jurisdiction against the
1.12 school or its owner, officers, agents, or sponsoring organization. If the adjudication was
1.13 related to a particular academic program or programs, the office may revoke degree approval,
1.14 or deny an application for degree approval, for that program only.

1.15 The adjudication of fraud or misrepresentation is sufficient cause for the office to
1.16 determine that a school:

1.17 (1) does not qualify for exemption under section 136A.657; or

1.18 (2) is not approved to grant degrees or to use the term "academy," "college," "institute,"
1.19 or "university" in its name.