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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Higher Education and Career Readiness Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; establishing a collegiate recovery grant program in
1.3 the Office of Higher Education; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing
1.4 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136A.

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

1.6 Section 1. [136A.84] COLLEGIATE RECOVERY START-UP AND EXPANSION
1.7 GRANTS.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The commissioner must establish a grant program to
1.9 award grants to assist postsecondary institutions in Minnesota in providing support to
1.10 students in recovery from alcohol, chemical, or other addictive behaviors.

1.11 Subd. 2. Eligible institutions. An institution is eligible to receive a grant under this
1.12 section if it is an eligible institution as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision 4.

1.13 Subd. 3. Grant requirements. Grants shall be awarded for one year to support the
1.14 creation of new or the expansion of existing campus-based addiction recovery programs at
1.15 the applicant institution. Addiction recovery programs include but are not limited to
1.16 specialized professional support through counseling or academic, career, and financial
1.17 advising; on-campus or residential peer support communities; and opportunities for personal
1.18 growth through leadership development and other community engagement activities.

1.19 Subd. 4. Match required. An applicant must commit to provide matching funds to the
1.20 recovery program in an amount at least equal to the grant amount. The matching funds may
1.21 be in cash or an in-kind contribution.

2.1 Subd. 5. **Review committee.** The commissioner must establish and convene a grant
2.2 selection committee to review applications and award grants. The members of the committee
2.3 may include representatives of postsecondary institutions, experts in addiction recovery,
2.4 organizations providing addiction recovery services, and others deemed appropriate by the
2.5 commissioner.

2.6 Subd. 6. **Program evaluation.** Within three months of the expiration of a grant, the
2.7 grant recipient must submit a report to the office delineating its program, student outcome
2.8 goals, and activities implemented to achieve the stated outcomes. The goals must be clearly
2.9 stated and measurable. Grant recipients are required to collect, analyze, and report on
2.10 participation and outcome data that enable the office to verify that the program goals were
2.11 met.

2.12 Subd. 7. **Report.** By January 15 of each odd-numbered year, the office shall submit a
2.13 report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education finance regarding
2.14 the grant recipients and their activities. The report shall include information about the
2.15 students served, the organizations providing services, program activities, program goals
2.16 and outcomes, and program funding levels.

2.17 **Sec. 2. COLLEGIATE RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM.**

2.18 \$..... in fiscal year 2019 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
2.19 higher education for collegiate recovery grants authorized under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.20 136A.84.