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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; creating a resident tuition relief grant program;
1.3 appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.4 136A.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[136A.123] RESIDENT TUITION RELIEF GRANTS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in this
1.8 subdivision have the meanings given them.

1.9 (b) "College" means a public postsecondary institution in the University of Minnesota
1.10 or Minnesota State Colleges and University systems.

1.11 (c) "Eligible individual" means an individual who:

1.12 (1) is a current or incoming resident student as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision
1.13 8, clauses (1) to (4); and

1.14 (2) is a dependent student reporting a potential federal adjusted gross income on a Free
1.15 Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) of \$125,000 or less, or is an independent
1.16 student reporting a family adjusted gross income on a FAFSA of \$75,000 or less.

1.17 (d) "Grant" means a scholarship for undergraduate instruction granted under this section.

1.18 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The commissioner shall implement a resident tuition relief
1.19 grant program to provide grants to eligible individuals to attend a college.

1.20 Subd. 3. **Application.** Application for a grant shall be made by a FAFSA and on any
1.21 additional form required by the commissioner and on a schedule set by the commissioner.

2.1 Subd. 4. **Grant amount.** The commissioner shall award grants in the amount of the
2.2 actual cost of tuition and fees at the student's college of attendance, minus any federal Pell
2.3 grant received, any state grant for which the student is eligible, and any other scholarships
2.4 awarded to the student. For purposes of this subdivision, "fees" has the meaning given in
2.5 section 136A.121, subdivision 6. The commissioner shall not award grants for tuition and
2.6 fees for graduate or professional-level instruction.

2.7 Subd. 5. **Satisfactory academic progress.** An individual is eligible for a grant if the
2.8 individual is making satisfactory academic progress as defined under section 136A.101,
2.9 subdivision 10, and has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale at
2.10 the end of the first academic year and at the end of each academic term after the first
2.11 academic year.

2.12 Subd. 6. **Grant renewal.** A grant may be renewed annually. Application for renewal
2.13 must be on a form provided by the commissioner and on a schedule set by the commissioner.

2.14 Subd. 7. **Appropriation.** The amount necessary to implement the resident tuition relief
2.15 grant program in this section is annually appropriated from the general fund to the
2.16 commissioner.