

A bill for an act
relating to education; providing funding for concurrent enrollment program;
appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 136A.101,
subdivision 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
124D.

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

Section 1. **[124D.091] CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM AID.**

Subdivision 1. **Accreditation.** To establish a uniform standard by which
concurrent enrollment courses and professional development activities may be measured,
postsecondary institutions are encouraged to apply for accreditation by the National
Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnership.

Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** A district that offers a concurrent enrollment course according
to an agreement under section 124D.09, subdivision 10, is eligible to receive aid for the
costs of providing postsecondary courses at the high school. Beginning in fiscal year 2011,
districts only are eligible for aid if the college or university concurrent enrollment courses
offered by the district are accredited by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment
Partnership, in the process of being accredited, or are shown by clear evidence to be of
comparable standard to accredited courses.

Subd. 3. **Aid.** An eligible district shall receive \$150 per pupil enrolled in a
concurrent enrollment course. The money must be used to defray the cost of delivering
the course at the high school. The commissioner shall establish application procedures
and deadlines for receipt of aid payments.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 136A.101, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Eligible institution.** "Eligible institution" means a postsecondary educational institution located in this state or in a state with which the office has entered into a higher education reciprocity agreement on state student aid programs that either (1) is operated by this state, or (2) is operated publicly or privately and, as determined by the office, maintains academic standards substantially equivalent to those of comparable institutions operated in this state. The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must accept the credits students who enroll at an institution in their system received for National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnership certified courses taken by the student while the student was in high school as a condition of eligibility. The Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota and private, nonprofit, and career schools are encouraged to accept credits students who enroll at their institutions received for National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnership certified courses taken by the student while the student was in high school.

Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) \$4,967,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$5,215,000 in fiscal year 2009 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of education for concurrent enrollment program aid.

(b) \$..... in fiscal year 2008 and \$..... in fiscal year 2009 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of education for transfer to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for institutions to become provisional members of the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnership.

(c) \$..... in fiscal year 2008 and \$..... in fiscal year 2009 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of education for transfer to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities for institutions to become provisional members of the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnership.