

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION**

**S.F. No. 2483**

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/13/2025	759	Introduction and first reading Referred to Higher Education
04/22/2025		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to higher education; providing funding and policy-related changes for the

1.3 Office of Higher Education, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, the

1.4 University of Minnesota, and the Mayo Clinic; modifying certain scholarship and

1.5 student aid programs; creating and modifying grant programs to higher education

1.6 institutions; providing authority to the Office of Higher Education for treatment

1.7 of certain appropriations; providing for certain policy changes to student financial

1.8 aid, institution eligibility, institutional licensure provisions, student loan programs,

1.9 and institutional grant programs; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending

1.10 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 135A.137; 136A.01, by adding a subdivision;

1.11 136A.101, subdivision 5a; 136A.103; 136A.121, subdivisions 5, 6, 7, 13;

1.12 136A.1465, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; 136A.155; 136A.162;

1.13 136A.1701, subdivision 4; 136A.1796; 136A.658; 136A.69, subdivision 1;

1.14 136A.82; 136A.821, subdivisions 4, 5, by adding subdivisions; 136A.822,

1.15 subdivisions 3, 6, 8, 13; 136A.824, subdivisions 1, 2, 6, 7; 136A.833; 136A.834,

1.16 subdivisions 1, 5; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 136A.69,

1.17 subdivisions 3, 5; 136A.824, subdivisions 3, 5.

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

1.19 **ARTICLE 1**

1.20 **APPROPRIATIONS**

1.21 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.22 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies

1.23 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,

1.24 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.

1.25 The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under

1.26 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively.

1.27 "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium"

1.28 is fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

2.1	<u><b>APPROPRIATIONS</b></u>	
2.2	<u><b>Available for the Year</b></u>	
2.3	<u><b>Ending June 30</b></u>	
2.4	<u><b>2026</b></u>	<u><b>2027</b></u>
2.5	<b><u>Sec. 2. OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION</u></b>	
2.6	<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 370,206,000</u></b>
2.7	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>	
2.8	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>	
2.9	<u>subdivisions.</u>	
2.10	<b><u>Subd. 2. State Grants</u></b>	<b><u>232,566,000</u></b>
2.11	<u>(a) If the appropriation in this subdivision for</u>	
2.12	<u>either year is insufficient, the appropriation</u>	
2.13	<u>for the other year is available for it.</u>	
2.14	<u>(b) The base for this appropriation is \$..... for</u>	
2.15	<u>fiscal year 2028 and later.</u>	
2.16	<b><u>Subd. 3. Child Care Grants</u></b>	<b><u>6,694,000</u></b>
2.17	<b><u>Subd. 4. State Work-Study</u></b>	<b><u>14,502,000</u></b>
2.18	<b><u>Subd. 5. Interstate Tuition Reciprocity</u></b>	<b><u>8,500,000</u></b>
2.19	<u>If the appropriation in this subdivision for</u>	
2.20	<u>either year is insufficient, the appropriation</u>	
2.21	<u>for the other year is available to meet</u>	
2.22	<u>reciprocity contract obligations.</u>	
2.23	<b><u>Subd. 6. Safety Officer's Survivors</u></b>	<b><u>100,000</u></b>
2.24	<u>This appropriation is to provide educational</u>	
2.25	<u>benefits under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>	
2.26	<u>299A.45, to eligible dependent children and</u>	
2.27	<u>to the spouses of public safety officers killed</u>	
2.28	<u>in the line of duty.</u>	
2.29	<u>If the appropriation in this subdivision for</u>	
2.30	<u>either year is insufficient, the appropriation</u>	
2.31	<u>for the other year is available for it.</u>	
2.32	<b><u>Subd. 7. Indian Scholarships</u></b>	<b><u>3,500,000</u></b>

3.1 The commissioner must contract with or  
 3.2 employ at least one person with demonstrated  
 3.3 competence in American Indian culture and  
 3.4 residing in or near the city of Bemidji to assist  
 3.5 students with the scholarships under  
 3.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.126, and  
 3.7 with other information about financial aid for  
 3.8 which the students may be eligible. This  
 3.9 appropriation includes funding to administer  
 3.10 the American Indian scholarship program.

3.11	<u>Subd. 8. <b>Tribal College Supplemental Assistance</b></u>	<u>3,150,000</u>	<u>3,150,000</u>
3.12	<u><b>Grants</b></u>		

3.13 (a) For Tribal college assistance grants under  
 3.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1796.

3.15 (b) A Tribal college must use grant funds  
 3.16 received under this section to supplement, not  
 3.17 supplant, any existing funding. Each eligible  
 3.18 Tribal college may receive a minimum grant  
 3.19 in an amount no less than \$1,000,000 and no  
 3.20 more than \$1,050,000, subject to available  
 3.21 appropriations.

3.22 (c) The commissioner may use no more than  
 3.23 three percent of this appropriation to  
 3.24 administer the program grants.

3.25	<u>Subd. 9. <b>Intervention for College Attendance</b></u>	<u>1,142,000</u>	<u>1,142,000</u>
3.26	<u><b>Program Grants</b></u>		

3.27 For the intervention for college attendance  
 3.28 program under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 3.29 136A.861.

3.30 The commissioner may use no more than three  
 3.31 percent of this appropriation to administer the  
 3.32 program grants.

3.33	<u>Subd. 10. <b>Student-Parent Information</b></u>	<u>122,000</u>	<u>122,000</u>
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3.34	<u>Subd. 11. <b>Get Ready!</b></u>	<u>180,000</u>	<u>180,000</u>
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4.1	<u>Subd. 12. <b>Minnesota Education Equity</b></u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
4.2	<u><b>Partnership</b></u>		
4.3	<u>Subd. 13. <b>Midwest Higher Education Compact</b></u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>115,000</u>
4.4	<u>Subd. 14. <b>United Family Medicine Residency</b></u>	<u>501,000</u>	<u>501,000</u>
4.5	<u><b>Program</b></u>		
4.6	<u>For a grant to United Family Medicine</u>		
4.7	<u>residency program. This appropriation shall</u>		
4.8	<u>be used to support up to 21 resident physicians</u>		
4.9	<u>each year in family practice at United Family</u>		
4.10	<u>Medicine residency programs and shall</u>		
4.11	<u>prepare doctors to practice family care</u>		
4.12	<u>medicine in underserved rural and urban areas</u>		
4.13	<u>of the state. It is intended that this program</u>		
4.14	<u>will improve health care in underserved</u>		
4.15	<u>communities, provide affordable access to</u>		
4.16	<u>appropriate medical care, and manage the</u>		
4.17	<u>treatment of patients in a cost-effective</u>		
4.18	<u>manner.</u>		
4.19	<u>Subd. 15. <b>MnLINK Gateway and Minitex</b></u>	<u>6,655,000</u>	<u>6,708,000</u>
4.20	<u>Subd. 16. <b>Statewide Longitudinal Education</b></u>	<u>2,550,000</u>	<u>2,550,000</u>
4.21	<u><b>Data System</b></u>		
4.22	<u>Subd. 17. <b>Hennepin Healthcare</b></u>	<u>645,000</u>	<u>645,000</u>
4.23	<u>For a grant to Hennepin Healthcare for</u>		
4.24	<u>graduate family medical education programs</u>		
4.25	<u>at Hennepin Healthcare.</u>		
4.26	<u>Subd. 18. <b>Spinal Cord Injury and Traumatic</b></u>	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>
4.27	<u><b>Brain Injury Research Grant Program</b></u>		
4.28	<u>For transfer to the spinal cord and traumatic</u>		
4.29	<u>brain injury grant account in the special</u>		
4.30	<u>revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
4.31	<u>section 136A.901, subdivision 1.</u>		
4.32	<u>The commissioner may use no more than three</u>		
4.33	<u>percent of the amount transferred under this</u>		
4.34	<u>subdivision to administer the grant program.</u>		

5.1	<u>Subd. 19. <b>Summer Academic Enrichment</b></u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
5.2	<u><b>Program</b></u>		
5.3	<u>For summer academic enrichment grants under</u>		
5.4	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.091.</u>		
5.5	<u>The commissioner may use no more than three</u>		
5.6	<u>percent of this appropriation to administer the</u>		
5.7	<u>grant program.</u>		
5.8	<u>Subd. 20. <b>Dual Training Competency Grants;</b></u>	<u>4,132,000</u>	<u>4,132,000</u>
5.9	<u><b>Office of Higher Education</b></u>		
5.10	<u>(a) For transfer to the dual training account in</u>		
5.11	<u>the special revenue fund under Minnesota</u>		
5.12	<u>Statutes, section 136A.246, subdivision 10.</u>		
5.13	<u>\$132,000 each year is for transfer to the</u>		
5.14	<u>Department of Labor and Industry.</u>		
5.15	<u>(b) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
5.16	<u>\$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for grants</u>		
5.17	<u>to employers in the legal cannabis industry.</u>		
5.18	<u>The base for this transfer is \$1,000,000 in</u>		
5.19	<u>fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter.</u>		
5.20	<u>The commissioner may use up to six percent</u>		
5.21	<u>of the amount transferred for administrative</u>		
5.22	<u>costs. The commissioner must give priority to</u>		
5.23	<u>applications from employers who are, or who</u>		
5.24	<u>are training employees who are, eligible to be</u>		
5.25	<u>social equity applicants under Minnesota</u>		
5.26	<u>Statutes, section 342.17. After June 30, 2027,</u>		
5.27	<u>any unencumbered balance from this transfer</u>		
5.28	<u>may be used for grants to any eligible</u>		
5.29	<u>employer under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
5.30	<u>136A.246.</u>		
5.31	<u>Subd. 21. <b>Campus Sexual Assault Reporting</b></u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
5.32	<u>For the sexual assault reporting required under</u>		
5.33	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.15.</u>		

6.1	<b><u>Subd. 22. Campus Sexual Violence Prevention</u></b>	<b><u>150,000</u></b>	<b><u>150,000</u></b>
6.2	<b><u>and Response Coordinator</u></b>		
6.3	<u>For the Office of Higher Education to staff a</u>		
6.4	<u>campus sexual violence prevention and</u>		
6.5	<u>response coordinator to serve as a statewide</u>		
6.6	<u>resource providing professional development</u>		
6.7	<u>and guidance on best practices for</u>		
6.8	<u>postsecondary institutions. \$50,000 each year</u>		
6.9	<u>is for administrative funding to conduct</u>		
6.10	<u>trainings and provide materials to</u>		
6.11	<u>postsecondary institutions.</u>		
6.12	<b><u>Subd. 23. Emergency Assistance for</u></b>	<b><u>3,579,000</u></b>	<b><u>3,579,000</u></b>
6.13	<b><u>Postsecondary Students</u></b>		
6.14	<u>(a) \$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
6.15	<u>\$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for transfer</u>		
6.16	<u>to the Minnesota State Colleges and</u>		
6.17	<u>Universities for emergency assistance for</u>		
6.18	<u>postsecondary students.</u>		
6.19	<u>(b) \$779,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$779,000</u>		
6.20	<u>in fiscal year 2027 are for transfer to the</u>		
6.21	<u>University of Minnesota for emergency</u>		
6.22	<u>assistance for postsecondary students.</u>		
6.23	<u>(c) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the</u>		
6.24	<u>second year are for the Office of Higher</u>		
6.25	<u>Education to allocate emergency grant funds</u>		
6.26	<u>to Minnesota Tribal Colleges and eligible</u>		
6.27	<u>nonprofit institutions as defined under</u>		
6.28	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.103, located</u>		
6.29	<u>in Minnesota with a demonstrable homeless</u>		
6.30	<u>student population. The Office of Higher</u>		
6.31	<u>Education shall develop a plan to distribute</u>		
6.32	<u>funds to institutions and provide guidance as</u>		
6.33	<u>to how grants are disbursed to students. The</u>		
6.34	<u>commissioner shall determine the application</u>		
6.35	<u>process and the grant amounts. \$50,000 per</u>		

7.1 year may be used by the commissioner for the  
 7.2 administrative costs associated with this  
 7.3 subdivision.

7.4 (d) The funds must be used for emergency  
 7.5 grants to students to meet immediate student  
 7.6 needs that could result in a student not  
 7.7 completing the term or their program,  
 7.8 including but not limited to emergency  
 7.9 housing, food, and transportation. Institutions  
 7.10 shall minimize any negative impact on student  
 7.11 financial aid resulting from the receipt of  
 7.12 emergency funds.

7.13 (e) The commissioner must not distribute the  
 7.14 funds under this subdivision until the Office  
 7.15 of Higher Education has worked with the  
 7.16 institutions and approved their plans for the  
 7.17 distribution of the grants to students and the  
 7.18 method of their reporting requirements.

7.19 (f) At the end of each biennium, institutions  
 7.20 must return any unused funds to the Office of  
 7.21 Higher Education.

7.22 <b><u>Subd. 24. Grants to Student Teachers in</u></b>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
7.23 <b><u>Shortage Areas</u></b>		

7.24 For grants to student teachers in shortage areas  
 7.25 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1275.

7.26 The commissioner may use no more than three  
 7.27 percent of the appropriation to administer the  
 7.28 program.

7.29 <b><u>Subd. 25. Grants to Underrepresented Student</u></b>	<u>1,125,000</u>	<u>1,125,000</u>
7.30 <b><u>Teachers</u></b>		

7.31 For grants to underrepresented student teachers  
 7.32 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1274.

8.1 The commissioner may use no more than three  
 8.2 percent of the appropriation to administer the  
 8.3 program.

8.4 **Subd. 26. Teacher Shortage Loan Repayment** 200,000 200,000

8.5 For transfer to the teacher shortage loan  
 8.6 repayment account in the special revenue fund  
 8.7 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1791,  
 8.8 subdivision 8.

8.9 The commissioner may use no more than three  
 8.10 percent of the amount transferred under this  
 8.11 subdivision to administer the program.

8.12 **Subd. 27. Large Animal Veterinarian Loan** 375,000 375,000  
 8.13 **Forgiveness Program**

8.14 For transfer to the large animal veterinarian  
 8.15 loan forgiveness program account in the  
 8.16 special revenue fund under Minnesota  
 8.17 Statutes, section 136A.1795, subdivision 2.

8.18 **Subd. 28. Agricultural Educators Loan** 50,000 50,000  
 8.19 **Forgiveness**

8.20 For transfer to the agricultural education loan  
 8.21 forgiveness account in the special revenue  
 8.22 fund under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 8.23 136A.1794, subdivision 2.

8.24 **Subd. 29. Aviation Degree Loan Forgiveness** 25,000 25,000  
 8.25 **Program**

8.26 For transfer to the aviation degree loan  
 8.27 forgiveness program account in the special  
 8.28 revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes,  
 8.29 section 136A.1789, subdivision 2.

8.30 **Subd. 30. Grants for Students with Intellectual** 200,000 200,000  
 8.31 **and Developmental Disabilities**

8.32 For grants for students with intellectual and  
 8.33 developmental disabilities under Minnesota  
 8.34 Statutes, section 136A.1215.

9.1	<b><u>Subd. 31. Loan Repayment Assistance Program</u></b>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>
9.2	<u>For a grant to the Loan Repayment Assistance</u>		
9.3	<u>Program of Minnesota to provide education</u>		
9.4	<u>debt relief to attorneys with full-time</u>		
9.5	<u>employment providing legal advice or</u>		
9.6	<u>representation to low-income clients or support</u>		
9.7	<u>services for this work.</u>		
9.8	<b><u>Subd. 32. Student Loan Debt Counseling</u></b>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
9.9	<u>For student loan debt counseling under</u>		
9.10	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1788.</u>		
9.11	<u>The Office of Higher Education may use no</u>		
9.12	<u>more than three percent of the appropriation</u>		
9.13	<u>to administer the program.</u>		
9.14	<b><u>Subd. 33. Hunger-Free Campus Grants</u></b>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
9.15	<u>For the Hunger-Free Campus program under</u>		
9.16	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.137.</u>		
9.17	<b><u>Subd. 34. Fostering Independence Higher</u></b>	<u>4,416,000</u>	<u>4,416,000</u>
9.18	<b><u>Education Grants</u></b>		
9.19	<u>For grants to eligible students under Minnesota</u>		
9.20	<u>Statutes, section 136A.1241. The Office of</u>		
9.21	<u>Higher Education may use no more than three</u>		
9.22	<u>percent of the appropriation to administer</u>		
9.23	<u>grants.</u>		
9.24	<b><u>Subd. 35. Concurrent Enrollment Grants</u></b>	<u>340,000</u>	<u>340,000</u>
9.25	<u>For concurrent enrollment grants under</u>		
9.26	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.91.</u>		
9.27	<b><u>Subd. 36. Student-Parent Support Initiative</u></b>	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>
9.28	<u>For grants to support student parents under</u>		
9.29	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1251. Of</u>		
9.30	<u>this amount, up to \$338,000 each year is for</u>		
9.31	<u>administrative and promotional costs.</u>		

10.1	<u>Subd. 37. <b>Director of Tribal Relations</b></u>	<u>143,000</u>	<u>143,000</u>
10.2	<u>Subd. 38. <b>Direct Admissions Program</b></u>	<u>650,000</u>	<u>650,000</u>
10.3	<u>For the direct admissions program under</u>		
10.4	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.84.</u>		
10.5	<u>Subd. 39. <b>American Indian Scholars</b></u>	<u>8,500,000</u>	<u>8,500,000</u>
10.6	<u>(a) To support implementation of Minnesota</u>		
10.7	<u>Statutes, section 135A.121.</u>		
10.8	<u>(b) \$4,032,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
10.9	<u>\$4,032,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for transfer</u>		
10.10	<u>to the Board of Regents of the University of</u>		
10.11	<u>Minnesota.</u>		
10.12	<u>(c) \$4,468,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
10.13	<u>\$4,468,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for transfer</u>		
10.14	<u>to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota</u>		
10.15	<u>State Colleges and Universities.</u>		
10.16	<u>Subd. 40. <b>Inclusive Higher Education</b></u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
10.17	<u>(a) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the</u>		
10.18	<u>second year are to enter into a contract</u>		
10.19	<u>establishing the Inclusive Higher Education</u>		
10.20	<u>Technical Assistance Center under Minnesota</u>		
10.21	<u>Statutes, section 135A.161.</u>		
10.22	<u>(b) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the</u>		
10.23	<u>second year are transferred from the general</u>		
10.24	<u>fund to the inclusive higher education grant</u>		
10.25	<u>account under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
10.26	<u>135A.162, subdivision 4. Up to five percent</u>		
10.27	<u>of the transfer can be used for administrative</u>		
10.28	<u>expenses.</u>		
10.29	<u>Subd. 41. <b>Addiction Medicine Graduate Medical</b></u>	<u>270,000</u>	<u>270,000</u>
10.30	<u><b>Education Fellowship</b></u>		
10.31	<u>(a) For a grant to Hennepin County Medical</u>		
10.32	<u>Center to support up to six physicians enrolled</u>		
10.33	<u>in an addiction medicine fellowship program.</u>		

- 11.1 If the appropriation for either year is  
 11.2 insufficient, the appropriation for the other  
 11.3 year is available for it.
- 11.4 (b) Each year, in order to receive funds under  
 11.5 this subdivision, Hennepin County Medical  
 11.6 Center must certify to the commissioner the  
 11.7 number of physicians actually enrolled in an  
 11.8 addiction medicine fellowship for that year.  
 11.9 The commissioner shall award to Hennepin  
 11.10 County Medical Center an amount up to  
 11.11 \$90,000 for each physician enrolled in an  
 11.12 addiction medicine fellowship subject to the  
 11.13 total funds appropriated by this subdivision.
- 11.14 (c) This appropriation shall be used to prepare  
 11.15 fellows to practice addiction medicine in rural  
 11.16 and underserved areas of the state, and to train  
 11.17 fellows in: diagnostic interviewing;  
 11.18 motivational interviewing; addiction  
 11.19 counseling; recognition and care of common  
 11.20 acute withdrawal syndromes and  
 11.21 complications; pharmacotherapies of addictive  
 11.22 disorders; epidemiology and pathophysiology  
 11.23 of addiction; identification and treatment of  
 11.24 addictive disorders in special populations;  
 11.25 secondary interventions; the use of screening  
 11.26 and diagnostic instruments; inpatient care; and  
 11.27 working within a multidisciplinary team.
- 11.28 **Subd. 42. Unemployment Insurance Aid**
- 11.29 For unemployment insurance aid to Tribal  
 11.30 colleges under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 11.31 268.193. Of the amount appropriated, \$24,000  
 11.32 each year is for administration of  
 11.33 unemployment insurance aid.

158,000158,000

12.1	<b><u>Subd. 43. North Star Promise</u></b>	<u>49,500,000</u>	<u>49,500,000</u>
12.2	<u>\$49,500,000 each year is transferred from the</u>		
12.3	<u>general fund to the account in the special</u>		
12.4	<u>revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
12.5	<u>section 136A.1465, subdivision 8.</u>		
12.6	<b><u>Subd. 44. North Star Promise; Administrative</u></b>	<u>202,000</u>	<u>202,000</u>
12.7	<b><u>Costs</u></b>		
12.8	<u>For administrative and promotion expenses to</u>		
12.9	<u>implement and direct the scholarship awards</u>		
12.10	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1465.</u>		
12.11	<b><u>Subd. 45. Agency Administration</u></b>	<u>6,194,000</u>	<u>6,360,000</u>
12.12	<b><u>Subd. 46. Balances Forward</u></b>		
12.13	<u>A balance in the first year under this section</u>		
12.14	<u>does not cancel, but is available for the second</u>		
12.15	<u>year.</u>		
12.16	<b><u>Subd. 47. Transfers</u></b>		
12.17	<u>The commissioner of the Office of Higher</u>		
12.18	<u>Education may transfer unencumbered</u>		
12.19	<u>balances from the appropriations in this</u>		
12.20	<u>section to the state grant appropriation, the</u>		
12.21	<u>interstate tuition reciprocity appropriation, the</u>		
12.22	<u>child care grant appropriation, the Indian</u>		
12.23	<u>scholarship appropriation, the state work-study</u>		
12.24	<u>appropriation, the get ready appropriation, the</u>		
12.25	<u>intervention for college attendance</u>		
12.26	<u>appropriation, the student-parent information</u>		
12.27	<u>appropriation, the summer academic</u>		
12.28	<u>enrichment program appropriation, the public</u>		
12.29	<u>safety officers' survivors appropriation, and</u>		
12.30	<u>the fostering independence higher education</u>		
12.31	<u>grant program. The commissioner may transfer</u>		
12.32	<u>unencumbered balances from the hunger-free</u>		
12.33	<u>campus appropriations to the emergency</u>		
12.34	<u>assistance for postsecondary students grant.</u>		



- 14.1 year rates. The student tuition relief may not  
14.2 be offset by increases in mandatory fees,  
14.3 charges, or other assessments to the student.  
14.4 Colleges and universities are permitted to  
14.5 increase differential tuition charges in fiscal  
14.6 years 2026 and 2027 where costs for course  
14.7 or program delivery have increased due to  
14.8 extraordinary circumstances beyond the  
14.9 control of the college or university. Rates and  
14.10 rationale must be approved by the Board of  
14.11 Trustees.
- 14.12 (b) \$5,700,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
14.13 \$5,700,000 in fiscal year 2027 are to provide  
14.14 supplemental aid for operations and  
14.15 maintenance to the president of each two-year  
14.16 institution in the system with at least one  
14.17 campus that is not located in a metropolitan  
14.18 county, as defined in Minnesota Statutes,  
14.19 section 473.121, subdivision 4. The board  
14.20 shall transfer at least \$158,000 for each  
14.21 campus not located in a metropolitan county  
14.22 in each year to the president of each institution  
14.23 that includes such a campus.
- 14.24 (c) The Board of Trustees is requested to help  
14.25 Minnesota close the attainment gap by funding  
14.26 activities which improve retention and  
14.27 completion for students of color.
- 14.28 (d) \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
14.29 \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for  
14.30 workforce development scholarships under  
14.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.38.
- 14.32 (e) \$300,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$300,000  
14.33 in fiscal year 2027 are for transfer to the Cook  
14.34 County Higher Education Board to provide  
14.35 educational programming, workforce

- 15.1 development, and academic support services  
15.2 to remote regions in northeastern Minnesota.  
15.3 The Cook County Higher Education Board  
15.4 shall continue to provide information to the  
15.5 Board of Trustees on the number of students  
15.6 served, credit hours delivered, and services  
15.7 provided to students.
- 15.8 (f) \$40,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$40,000 in  
15.9 fiscal year 2027 are to implement the sexual  
15.10 assault policies required under Minnesota  
15.11 Statutes, section 135A.15.
- 15.12 (g) \$9,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
15.13 \$9,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for  
15.14 enterprise-wide technology, including  
15.15 upgrading the Integrated Statewide Record  
15.16 System and maintaining enterprise-wide  
15.17 technology services.
- 15.18 (h) \$50,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$50,000  
15.19 in fiscal year 2027 are to reduce students'  
15.20 out-of-pocket costs by expanding free  
15.21 offerings in course materials and resources,  
15.22 including through open educational resources,  
15.23 open textbooks, and implementation of  
15.24 Z-Degrees under Minnesota Statutes, section  
15.25 136F.305.
- 15.26 (i) \$3,158,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
15.27 \$3,158,000 in fiscal year 2027 are to expand  
15.28 student support services. This appropriation  
15.29 provides funding to campuses to address basic  
15.30 needs insecurity, mental health, and other  
15.31 high-need student support services by  
15.32 increasing the amount of available resources  
15.33 to students. In addition, this funding provides  
15.34 systemwide resources and coordination,  
15.35 including electronic connections for peer

16.1 support and professional clinical support for  
 16.2 mental health. These systemwide resources  
 16.3 must be available online 24 hours a day, seven  
 16.4 days a week.

16.5 (j) \$883,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$894,000  
 16.6 in fiscal year 2027 are for costs associated  
 16.7 with the increased employer contribution rates  
 16.8 for the higher education individual retirement  
 16.9 account plan under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 16.10 354B.23, subdivision 3.

16.11 (k) \$282,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$282,000  
 16.12 in fiscal year 2027 are to pay the cost of  
 16.13 supplies and equipment necessary to provide  
 16.14 access to menstrual products for purposes of  
 16.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.1365.

16.16 (l) \$809,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$809,000  
 16.17 in fiscal year 2027 are for unemployment  
 16.18 insurance aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 16.19 section 268.193, to institutions within the  
 16.20 system.

16.21 **Subd. 4. Learning Network of Minnesota** 4,115,000 4,115,000

16.22 **Subd. 5. Juvenile Detention Alternatives**  
 16.23 **Initiative** 500,000 500,000

16.24 For transfer to Metropolitan State University.  
 16.25 Of this amount: \$280,000 each year is to  
 16.26 provide juvenile justice services and resources,  
 16.27 including the Juvenile Detention Alternatives  
 16.28 Initiative, to Minnesota counties and federally  
 16.29 recognized Tribes; and \$220,000 each year is  
 16.30 for funding to local units of government,  
 16.31 federally recognized Tribes, and agencies to  
 16.32 support local Juvenile Detention Alternative  
 16.33 Initiatives, including but not limited to  
 16.34 alternatives to detention. Any unencumbered



18.1 of Family Medicine; (2) the Mobile Dental  
 18.2 Clinic; and (3) expansion of geriatric  
 18.3 education and family programs.

18.4 (c) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
 18.5 \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the  
 18.6 Minnesota Discovery, Research, and  
 18.7 InnoVation Economy funding program for  
 18.8 cancer care research.

18.9 (d) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000  
 18.10 in fiscal year 2027 are for the University of  
 18.11 Minnesota, Morris branch, to cover the costs  
 18.12 of tuition waivers under Minnesota Statutes,  
 18.13 section 137.16.

18.14 (e) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
 18.15 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for  
 18.16 systemwide safety and security measures on  
 18.17 University of Minnesota campuses.

18.18 (f) \$366,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$366,000  
 18.19 in fiscal year 2027 are for unemployment  
 18.20 insurance aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 18.21 section 268.193.

18.22 (g) \$110,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$110,000  
 18.23 in fiscal year 2027 are to pay the cost of  
 18.24 supplies and equipment necessary to provide  
 18.25 access to menstrual products for purposes of  
 18.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.1365.

18.27 **Subd. 3. Primary Care Education Initiatives** 2,157,000 2,157,000

18.28 This appropriation is from the health care  
 18.29 access fund.

18.30 **Subd. 4. Special Appropriations**

18.31 **(a) Agriculture and Extension Service** 42,922,000 42,922,000

18.32 For the Agricultural Experiment Station and  
 18.33 the Minnesota Extension Service:

19.1 (1) the Agricultural Experiment Station and  
19.2 Minnesota Extension Service must convene  
19.3 agricultural advisory groups to focus research,  
19.4 education, and extension activities on producer  
19.5 needs and implement an outreach strategy that  
19.6 more effectively and rapidly transfers research  
19.7 results and best practices to producers  
19.8 throughout the state;

19.9 (2) this appropriation includes funding for  
19.10 research and outreach on the production of  
19.11 renewable energy from Minnesota biomass  
19.12 resources, including agronomic crops, plant  
19.13 and animal wastes, and native plants or trees.  
19.14 The following areas should be prioritized and  
19.15 carried out in consultation with Minnesota  
19.16 producers, renewable energy, and bioenergy  
19.17 organizations:

19.18 (i) biofuel and other energy production from  
19.19 perennial crops, small grains, row crops, and  
19.20 forestry products in conjunction with the  
19.21 Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI);

19.22 (ii) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping  
19.23 systems; and

19.24 (iii) biofuel coproducts used for livestock feed;

19.25 (3) this appropriation includes funding for the  
19.26 College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural  
19.27 Resources Sciences to establish and provide  
19.28 leadership for organic agronomic,  
19.29 horticultural, livestock, and food systems  
19.30 research, education, and outreach and for the  
19.31 purchase of state-of-the-art laboratory,  
19.32 planting, tilling, harvesting, and processing  
19.33 equipment necessary for this project;

- 20.1 (4) this appropriation includes funding for  
20.2 research efforts that demonstrate a renewed  
20.3 emphasis on the needs of the state's agriculture  
20.4 community. The following areas should be  
20.5 prioritized and carried out in consultation with  
20.6 Minnesota farm organizations:
- 20.7 (i) vegetable crop research with priority for  
20.8 extending the Minnesota vegetable growing  
20.9 season;
- 20.10 (ii) fertilizer and soil fertility research and  
20.11 development;
- 20.12 (iii) soil, groundwater, and surface water  
20.13 conservation practices and contaminant  
20.14 reduction research;
- 20.15 (iv) discovering and developing plant varieties  
20.16 that use nutrients more efficiently;
- 20.17 (v) breeding and development of turf seed and  
20.18 other biomass resources in all three Minnesota  
20.19 biomes;
- 20.20 (vi) development of new disease-resistant and  
20.21 pest-resistant varieties of turf and agronomic  
20.22 crops;
- 20.23 (vii) utilizing plant and livestock cells to treat  
20.24 and cure human diseases;
- 20.25 (viii) the development of dairy coproducts;
- 20.26 (ix) a rapid agricultural response fund for  
20.27 current or emerging animal, plant, and insect  
20.28 problems affecting production or food safety;
- 20.29 (x) crop pest and animal disease research;
- 20.30 (xi) developing animal agriculture that is  
20.31 capable of sustainably feeding the world;

21.1 (xii) consumer food safety education and  
 21.2 outreach;

21.3 (xiii) programs to meet the research and  
 21.4 outreach needs of organic livestock and crop  
 21.5 farmers; and

21.6 (xiv) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping  
 21.7 systems and growing, harvesting, and  
 21.8 transporting biomass plant material; and

21.9 (5) by February 1, 2027, the Board of Regents  
 21.10 must submit a report to the legislative  
 21.11 committees and divisions with jurisdiction  
 21.12 over agriculture and higher education finance  
 21.13 on the status and outcomes of research and  
 21.14 initiatives funded in this paragraph.

21.15	<u><b>(b) Health Sciences</b></u>	<u>9,204,000</u>	<u>9,204,000</u>
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21.16 \$346,000 each year is to support up to 12  
 21.17 resident physicians in the St. Cloud Hospital  
 21.18 family practice residency program. The  
 21.19 program must prepare doctors to practice  
 21.20 primary care medicine in rural areas of the  
 21.21 state. The legislature intends this program to  
 21.22 improve health care in rural communities,  
 21.23 provide affordable access to appropriate  
 21.24 medical care, and manage the treatment of  
 21.25 patients in a more cost-effective manner. The  
 21.26 remainder of this appropriation is for the rural  
 21.27 physicians associates program; the Veterinary  
 21.28 Diagnostic Laboratory; health sciences  
 21.29 research; dental care; the Biomedical  
 21.30 Engineering Center; and the collaborative  
 21.31 partnership between the University of  
 21.32 Minnesota and Mayo Clinic for regenerative  
 21.33 medicine, research, clinical translation, and  
 21.34 commercialization.

22.1	<b><u>(c) College of Science and Engineering</u></b>	<u>1,140,000</u>	<u>1,140,000</u>
22.2	<u>For the geological survey and the talented</u>		
22.3	<u>youth mathematics program.</u>		
22.4	<b><u>(d) System Special</u></b>	<u>7,181,000</u>	<u>7,181,000</u>
22.5	<u>(1) For general research, the Labor Education</u>		
22.6	<u>Service, the Natural Resources Research</u>		
22.7	<u>Institute, the Center for Urban and Regional</u>		
22.8	<u>Affairs, the Bell Museum of Natural History,</u>		
22.9	<u>and the Humphrey exhibit.</u>		
22.10	<u>(2) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
22.11	<u>\$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the</u>		
22.12	<u>Natural Resources Research Institute to invest</u>		
22.13	<u>in applied research in natural resource</u>		
22.14	<u>stewardship and economic development to</u>		
22.15	<u>attract and retain top talent; provide matching</u>		
22.16	<u>funds for federal grants; upgrade facilities,</u>		
22.17	<u>equipment, and training; and expand</u>		
22.18	<u>entrepreneurial support and outreach efforts.</u>		
22.19	<u>This appropriation is available until June 30,</u>		
22.20	<u>2029.</u>		
22.21	<b><u>(e) University of Minnesota and Mayo</u></b>		
22.22	<b><u>Foundation Partnership</u></b>	<u>7,991,000</u>	<u>7,991,000</u>
22.23	<u>This appropriation is for the following</u>		
22.24	<u>activities:</u>		
22.25	<u>(1) \$7,491,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
22.26	<u>\$7,491,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the</u>		
22.27	<u>direct and indirect expenses of the</u>		
22.28	<u>collaborative research partnership between the</u>		
22.29	<u>University of Minnesota and the Mayo</u>		
22.30	<u>Foundation for research in biotechnology and</u>		
22.31	<u>medical genomics. An annual report on the</u>		
22.32	<u>expenditure of these funds must be submitted</u>		
22.33	<u>to the governor and the chairs of the legislative</u>		

23.1 committees responsible for higher education  
 23.2 finance by June 30 of each fiscal year.  
 23.3 (2) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000  
 23.4 in fiscal year 2027 are to award competitive  
 23.5 grants to conduct research into the prevention,  
 23.6 treatment, causes, and cures of Alzheimer's  
 23.7 disease and other dementias.

23.8 **Subd. 5. Agriculture Sector; Extreme Weather** 1,000,000 1,000,000

23.9 For a program in the University of Minnesota  
 23.10 Extension Service that enhances the capacity  
 23.11 of the state's agriculture sector, land and  
 23.12 resource managers, and communities to plan  
 23.13 for and adapt to weather extremes, including  
 23.14 but not limited to droughts and floods. The  
 23.15 base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2028  
 23.16 and later is \$1,000,000. The appropriation  
 23.17 under this section must be used to support  
 23.18 existing extension service staff members and  
 23.19 to hire additional staff members for a program  
 23.20 with broad geographic reach throughout the  
 23.21 state. The program must:

23.22 (1) identify, develop, implement, and evaluate  
 23.23 educational programs that increase the  
 23.24 capacity of Minnesota's agriculture sector,  
 23.25 land and resource managers, and communities  
 23.26 to be prepared for and adapt to projected  
 23.27 physical changes in temperature, precipitation,  
 23.28 and other weather parameters that affect crops,  
 23.29 lands, horticulture, pests, and wildlife in ways  
 23.30 that present challenges to the state's agriculture  
 23.31 sector and the communities that depend on the  
 23.32 agriculture sector; and

23.33 (2) communicate and interpret the latest  
 23.34 research on critical weather trends and the



25.1 **ARTICLE 2**

25.2 **HIGHER EDUCATION PROVISIONS**

25.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 135A.137, is amended to read:

25.4 **135A.137 HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS DESIGNATION.**

25.5 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** (a) A Hunger-Free Campus designation is established  
 25.6 for public postsecondary institutions ~~and for~~ nonprofit degree-granting institutions physically  
 25.7 located in Minnesota and registered with the Office of Higher Education under section  
 25.8 136A.63, and Tribal colleges. In order to be awarded the designation, an institution must  
 25.9 meet the following minimum criteria:

25.10 (1) have an established on-campus food pantry or partnership with a local food bank to  
 25.11 provide regular, on-campus food distributions;

25.12 (2) provide information to students on SNAP, MFIP, and other programs that reduce  
 25.13 food insecurity. The institution shall notify students in work-study employment of their  
 25.14 potential eligibility for SNAP benefits and provide information to those students that includes  
 25.15 eligibility criteria and how to apply for benefits;

25.16 (3) hold or participate in one hunger awareness event per academic year;

25.17 (4) have an established emergency assistance grant that is available to students; and

25.18 (5) establish a hunger task force that meets a minimum of three times per academic year.  
 25.19 The task force must include at least two students currently enrolled at the institution.

25.20 (b) Each institution must reapply at least every four years to maintain the designation.

25.21 Subd. 2. **Designation approval.** The commissioner, in collaboration with the student  
 25.22 advisory council under section 136A.031, shall create an application process for institutions  
 25.23 applying for ~~grant funds~~ the designation. The commissioner, in collaboration with the student  
 25.24 advisory council, shall review applications ~~and make recommendations to the commissioner~~.  
 25.25 The student advisory council may provide recommendations to the commissioner, but the  
 25.26 commissioner shall have final approval for the designation and the award amount.

25.27 Subd. 3. **Competitive grant.** ~~(a) Institutions eligible for a grant under this subdivision~~  
 25.28 ~~include public postsecondary institutions, nonprofit private postsecondary institutions, and~~  
 25.29 ~~Tribal colleges.~~

25.30 ~~(b)~~ (a) The commissioner shall establish a competitive grant program to distribute grants  
 25.31 to ~~eligible institutions~~ public postsecondary institutions, nonprofit postsecondary institutions,  
 25.32 and Tribal colleges to meet and maintain the requirements for the Hunger-Free Campus

26.1 ~~designation under subdivision 1, paragraph (a) this section.~~ Initial grants shall be made to  
 26.2 institutions that have not earned the designation and demonstrate a need for funding to meet  
 26.3 the Hunger-Free Campus designation requirements. Sustaining grants shall be made to  
 26.4 institutions that have earned the designation and demonstrate both a partnership with a local  
 26.5 food bank or organization that provides regular, on-campus food distributions and a need  
 26.6 for funds to maintain the requirements under subdivision 1, paragraph (a).

26.7 ~~(e) (b) In awarding competitive grants, the commissioner shall give preference to~~  
 26.8 ~~applications for initial grants and to applications from institutions with the highest number~~  
 26.9 ~~of federal Pell Grant eligible students enrolled. The commissioner shall consider the head~~  
 26.10 ~~count at the institution when awarding grants. The maximum grant award for an initial~~  
 26.11 ~~institution designation is \$25,000. The maximum grant award for sustaining an institution~~  
 26.12 ~~designation is \$15,000. must consider, among other factors:~~

26.13 ~~(1) the number of federal Pell Grant eligible students enrolled in the last academic year~~  
 26.14 ~~at the institution; and~~

26.15 ~~(2) the total number of students enrolled at the institution.~~

26.16 ~~(d) (c) The commissioner, in collaboration with student associations representing eligible~~  
 26.17 ~~institutions the student advisory council under section 136A.031, shall create an application~~  
 26.18 ~~process and establish selection criteria for awarding the grants.~~

26.19 ~~(e) No more than 20 percent of the total grant awards each fiscal year shall be for grants~~  
 26.20 ~~to nonprofit private postsecondary institutions.~~

26.21 Subd. 3a. Grant amounts. (a) The maximum grant amount for an initial grant is \$25,000  
 26.22 per fiscal year.

26.23 (b) The maximum grant amount for a sustaining grant is \$15,000 per fiscal year.

26.24 (c) Eligible institutions may only receive one initial grant.

26.25 (d) If grant requests exceed the amount of available money, no more than 20 percent of  
 26.26 the total grant awards shall be for grants to nonprofit private postsecondary institutions.

26.27 Subd. 4. Grant requirements Match required. (a) An eligible institution that receives  
 26.28 a grant under subdivision 3 must: match at least 50 percent of the grant amount awarded  
 26.29 with money or in-kind resources.

26.30 ~~(1) use the grant funds to meet or maintain the minimum criteria of a hunger-free campus~~  
 26.31 ~~designation under subdivision 1; and~~

26.32 ~~(2) match at least 50 percent of the grant amount awarded with funds or in-kind resources.~~

27.1 ~~(b) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (a), in order to receive a sustaining grant,~~  
 27.2 ~~an institution must demonstrate a partnership with a local food bank or organization or other~~  
 27.3 ~~source of funding that ensures regular, on-campus distributions.~~

27.4 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 27.5 read:

27.6 Subd. 4. **Treatment of appropriations.** (a) The office may retain up to ten percent of  
 27.7 competitively awarded grants if another amount is not already designated as administrative  
 27.8 funding in the appropriation.

27.9 (b) Notwithstanding section 16A.28, beginning in fiscal year 2025, the office may carry  
 27.10 forward unexpended and unencumbered nongrant operating appropriations from the second  
 27.11 year of a biennium into the next biennium.

27.12 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.101, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

27.13 Subd. 5a. **Assigned family responsibility.** "Assigned family responsibility" means the  
 27.14 amount of a family's contribution to a student's cost of attendance, as determined by a federal  
 27.15 need analysis. For dependent students, the assigned family responsibility is ~~79~~ 100 percent  
 27.16 of the parental contribution. ~~If the parental contribution is less than \$0, the assigned family~~  
 27.17 ~~responsibility is 100 percent of the parental contribution.~~ For independent students with  
 27.18 dependents other than a spouse, the assigned family responsibility is ~~71~~ 100 percent of the  
 27.19 student contribution. For independent students without dependents other than a spouse, the  
 27.20 assigned family responsibility is ~~35~~ 100 percent of the student contribution. ~~If the student~~  
 27.21 ~~contribution is less than \$0, the assigned family responsibility is 100 percent of the student~~  
 27.22 ~~contribution.~~ If the program has a projected spending balance and the parental contribution  
 27.23 for dependent students or the student contribution for independent students is less than \$0,  
 27.24 the commissioner may assess the assigned family responsibility up to 100 percent of the  
 27.25 parent or student contribution. For a student registering for less than full time, the office  
 27.26 shall prorate the assigned family responsibility using the ratio of the number of credits the  
 27.27 student is enrolled in to the number of credits for full-time enrollment.

27.28 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.103, is amended to read:

27.29 **136A.103 INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**

27.30 Subdivision 1. **Eligibility.** (a) A postsecondary institution is eligible for state student  
 27.31 aid and to receive state student aid on behalf of students under this chapter ~~136A~~ and sections  
 27.32 197.791 and 299A.45, if the institution is located in this state and:

- 28.1 (1) is operated by this state or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota; or
- 28.2 (2) is operated privately and, ~~as determined by the office,~~ meets the requirements of
- 28.3 paragraph (b).
- 28.4 (b) A private institution must:
- 28.5 ~~(1) maintain academic standards substantially equivalent to those of comparable~~
- 28.6 ~~institutions operated in this state;~~
- 28.7 ~~(2)~~ (1) be licensed or registered as a postsecondary institution by the office; and
- 28.8 ~~(3)(i) by July 1, 2010, participate in the federal Pell Grant program under Title IV of~~
- 28.9 ~~the Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329, as amended; or~~
- 28.10 (2) meet one of the following criteria:
- 28.11 (i) the institution participates in the federal Pell Grant program under Title IV of the
- 28.12 Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329, as amended;
- 28.13 ~~(ii) if an~~ the institution was participating in state student aid programs as of June 30,
- 28.14 2010, ~~and the institution did~~ but does not participate in the federal Pell Grant program ~~by~~
- 28.15 ~~June 30, 2010, the institution must require every student who enrolls to sign a disclosure~~
- 28.16 ~~form, provided by the office, stating that the institution is not participating in the federal~~
- 28.17 ~~Pell Grant program.~~ under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329,
- 28.18 as amended; and
- 28.19 (A) the institution requires every student who enrolls to sign a disclosure form, provided
- 28.20 by the office, stating that the institution is not participating in the federal Pell Grant program;
- 28.21 and
- 28.22 (B) the institution has not had a change in ownership as defined in section 136A.63,
- 28.23 subdivision 2; or
- 28.24 ~~(e) An~~ (iii) the institution ~~that~~ offers only graduate-level degrees or graduate-level
- 28.25 nondegree programs ~~is an eligible institution if the institution is licensed or registered as a~~
- 28.26 ~~postsecondary institution by the office~~ and participates in federal financial aid under Title
- 28.27 IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329, as amended.
- 28.28 ~~(d)~~ (c) An eligible institution under paragraph (b), clause ~~(3), item (ii)~~ (2), that changes
- 28.29 ownership as defined in section 136A.63, subdivision 2, ~~must participate in the federal Pell~~
- 28.30 ~~Grant program within four calendar years of the first ownership change to continue eligibility~~
- 28.31 remains eligible for state student aid for six months following the change in ownership.

29.1 ~~(e) An institution that loses its eligibility for the federal Pell Grant program is not an~~  
 29.2 ~~eligible institution. The office may terminate an institution's eligibility to participate in state~~  
 29.3 ~~student aid programs effective the date of the loss of eligibility for the federal Pell Grant~~  
 29.4 ~~program.~~

29.5 ~~(f) An institution must maintain adequate administrative and financial standards and~~  
 29.6 ~~compliance with all state statutes, rules, and administrative policies related to state financial~~  
 29.7 ~~aid programs.~~

29.8 ~~(g) The office may terminate a postsecondary institution's eligibility to participate in~~  
 29.9 ~~state student aid programs if the institution is~~

29.10 Subd. 2. **Ineligibility.** A postsecondary institution otherwise eligible for state student  
 29.11 aid under this chapter and sections 197.791 and 299A.45 becomes ineligible if the institution:

29.12 (1) fails to maintain adequate compliance with administrative and financial standards  
 29.13 and compliance with all state statutes, rules, and administrative policies related to state  
 29.14 financial aid programs; or

29.15 (2) has been terminated from participating in federal financial aid programs by the United  
 29.16 States Department of Education for a violation of laws, regulations, or participation  
 29.17 agreements governing federal financial aid programs.

29.18 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

29.19 Subd. 5. **Grant stipends.** The grant stipend shall be based on a sharing of responsibility  
 29.20 for covering the recognized cost of attendance by the applicant, the applicant's family, and  
 29.21 the government. The amount of a financial stipend must not exceed a grant applicant's  
 29.22 recognized cost of attendance, as defined in subdivision 6, after deducting the following:

29.23 (1) the assigned student responsibility of at least ~~50~~ 51 percent of the cost of attending  
 29.24 the institution of the applicant's choosing;

29.25 (2) the assigned family responsibility as defined in section 136A.101; and

29.26 (3) the amount of a federal Pell grant award for which the grant applicant is eligible.

29.27 The minimum financial stipend is \$100 per academic year.

29.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective beginning fiscal year 2027.

30.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

30.2 Subd. 6. **Cost of attendance.** (a) The recognized cost of attendance consists of: (1) an  
 30.3 allowance specified in law for living and miscellaneous expenses, and (2) an allowance for  
 30.4 tuition and fees equal to the lesser of the average tuition and fees charged by the institution,  
 30.5 or a tuition and fee maximum if one is established in law. If no living and miscellaneous  
 30.6 expense allowance is established in law, the allowance is equal to ~~45~~ 110 percent of the  
 30.7 federal poverty guidelines for a one person household in Minnesota for nine months. If no  
 30.8 tuition and fee maximum is established in law, the allowance for tuition and fees is equal  
 30.9 to the lesser of: (1) the average tuition and fees charged by the institution, and (2) for  
 30.10 two-year programs, an amount equal to the highest tuition and fees charged at a public  
 30.11 two-year institution, or for four-year programs, an amount equal to the highest tuition and  
 30.12 fees charged at a public university.

30.13 (b) For a student registering for less than full time, the office shall prorate the cost of  
 30.14 attendance using the ratio of the number of credits the student is enrolled in to the number  
 30.15 of credits for full-time enrollment.

30.16 (c) The recognized cost of attendance for a student who is confined to a Minnesota  
 30.17 correctional institution shall consist of the tuition and fee component in paragraph (a), with  
 30.18 no allowance for living and miscellaneous expenses.

30.19 (d) For the purpose of this subdivision, "fees" include only those fees that are mandatory  
 30.20 and charged to full-time resident students attending the institution. Fees do not include  
 30.21 charges for tools, equipment, computers, or other similar materials where the student retains  
 30.22 ownership. Fees include charges for these materials if the institution retains ownership. Fees  
 30.23 do not include optional or punitive fees.

30.24 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

30.25 Subd. 7. **Insufficient appropriation.** If the amount appropriated is determined by the  
 30.26 office to be insufficient to make full awards to applicants under subdivision 5, awards must  
 30.27 be reduced by:

30.28 (1) ~~adding a surcharge~~ a percentage increase to the applicant's assigned family  
 30.29 responsibility, as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision 5a; and

30.30 (2) a percentage increase in the applicant's assigned student responsibility, as defined  
 30.31 in subdivision 5.

30.32 At the commissioner's discretion, the reduction under clauses (1) and (2) ~~must~~ may be equal  
 30.33 dollar amounts.

31.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

31.2 Subd. 13. **Deadline.** The deadline for the office to accept applications for state grants  
31.3 for a term is ~~June 30 of the fiscal year~~ the 30th day of the term for which the student applies  
31.4 for a grant.

31.5 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1465, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

31.6 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** The following terms have the meanings given:

31.7 (1) "eligible student" means a resident student under section 136A.101, subdivision 8,  
31.8 who is enrolled in any public postsecondary educational institution or Tribal college and  
31.9 who meets the eligibility requirements in subdivision 2;

31.10 (2) "gift aid" includes:

31.11 (i) all federal financial aid that is not a loan or pursuant to a work-study program;

31.12 (ii) state financial aid, unless designated for other expenses, that is not a loan or pursuant  
31.13 to a work-study program;

31.14 (iii) institutional financial aid, including a grant, scholarship, tuition waiver, fellowship  
31.15 stipend, or other payment, unless designated for other expenses, that is not a loan or pursuant  
31.16 to a work-study program; and

31.17 (iv) all private financial aid that is not a loan or pursuant to a work-study program.

31.18 Financial aid from the state, public postsecondary educational institutions, and Tribal colleges  
31.19 that is specifically designated for other expenses is not gift aid for purposes of the North  
31.20 Star Promise scholarship.

31.21 (3) "other expenses" includes books, required supplies, child care, emergency assistance,  
31.22 food, and housing;

31.23 (4) "public postsecondary educational institution" means an institution operated by this  
31.24 state, or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota;

31.25 (5) "recognized cost of attendance" has the meaning given in United States Code, title  
31.26 20, chapter 28, subchapter IV, part F, section 10871l;

31.27 (6) "Tribal college" means a college defined in section 136A.1796, subdivision 1,  
31.28 paragraph ~~(e)~~ (d); and

31.29 (7) "tuition and fees" means the ~~actual~~ eligible resident tuition and mandatory fees  
31.30 charged by an institution.

32.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1465, is amended by adding a subdivision  
32.2 to read:

32.3 Subd. 1a. **Resident tuition.** (a) The Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota is  
32.4 requested to adopt a policy to charge resident tuition rates for all students eligible for North  
32.5 Star Promise.

32.6 (b) The Board of Trustees of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must adopt a  
32.7 policy to charge resident tuition rates for all students eligible for North Star Promise.

32.8 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1465, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

32.9 Subd. 2. **Conditions for eligibility.** A scholarship may be awarded to an eligible student  
32.10 who:

32.11 (1) has completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the state  
32.12 aid application;

32.13 (2) has a family adjusted gross income below \$80,000;

32.14 (3) is a graduate of a secondary school or its equivalent, or is 17 years of age or over  
32.15 and has met all requirements for admission as a student to an eligible college or university;

32.16 (4) has not ~~earned a~~ completed the degree requirements for the first baccalaureate degree  
32.17 at the time the scholarship is awarded;

32.18 (5) is enrolled in at least one credit per fall, spring, or summer semester;

32.19 (6) is enrolled in a program or course of study that applies to a degree, diploma, or  
32.20 certificate;

32.21 (7) is not in default, as defined by the office, of any federal or state student educational  
32.22 loan;

32.23 (8) is not more than 30 days in arrears in court-ordered child support that is collected or  
32.24 enforced by the public authority responsible for child support enforcement or, if the applicant  
32.25 is more than 30 days in arrears in court-ordered child support that is collected or enforced  
32.26 by the public authority responsible for child support enforcement, but is complying with a  
32.27 written payment agreement under section 518A.69 or order for arrearages;

32.28 (9) has not been convicted of or pled nolo contendere or guilty to a crime involving  
32.29 fraud in obtaining federal Title IV funds within the meaning of Code of Federal Regulations,  
32.30 subtitle B, chapter VI, part 668, subpart C; and

33.1 (10) is meeting satisfactory academic progress as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision  
33.2 10.

33.3 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.155, is amended to read:

33.4 **136A.155 ADDITIONAL INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**

33.5 A postsecondary institution is an eligible institution for purposes of sections 136A.15  
33.6 to 136A.1702, if the institution:

33.7 (1) meets the eligibility requirements under section 136A.103; or

33.8 (2) is operated publicly or privately in another state, and is approved by the United States  
33.9 Secretary of Education, ~~and, as determined by the office, maintains academic standards~~  
33.10 ~~substantially equal to those of comparable institutions operated in this state.~~

33.11 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.162, is amended to read:

33.12 **136A.162 CLASSIFICATION OF DATA.**

33.13 (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), data on applicants for financial assistance  
33.14 collected and used by the office for student financial aid programs administered by that  
33.15 office are private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12.

33.16 (b) Data on applicants may be disclosed to the commissioner of children, youth, and  
33.17 families to the extent necessary to determine eligibility under section 136A.121, subdivision  
33.18 2, clause (5).

33.19 (c) The following data collected in the Minnesota supplemental loan program under  
33.20 sections 136A.1701 and 136A.1704 may be disclosed to a consumer credit reporting agency  
33.21 only if the borrower and the cosigner give informed consent, according to section 13.05,  
33.22 subdivision 4, at the time of application for a loan:

33.23 (1) the lender-assigned borrower identification number;

33.24 (2) the name and address of borrower;

33.25 (3) the name and address of cosigner;

33.26 (4) the date the account is opened;

33.27 (5) the outstanding account balance;

33.28 (6) the dollar amount past due;

33.29 (7) the number of payments past due;

34.1 ~~(8) the number of late payments in previous 12 months;~~

34.2 ~~(9) (8) the type of account;~~

34.3 ~~(10) (9) the responsibility for the account; and~~

34.4 ~~(11) (10) the status or remarks code.~~

34.5 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1701, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

34.6 Subd. 4. **Terms and conditions of loans.** ~~(a)~~ The office may loan money upon such  
 34.7 terms and conditions as the office may prescribe. Annually, the office must determine the  
 34.8 minimum loan amount, maximum loan amount based on program type, the maximum  
 34.9 cumulative amount for each program type, and the maximum lifetime limit for an individual.  
 34.10 The annual amount of the loan must not exceed the cost of attendance as determined by the  
 34.11 eligible institution less all other financial aid.

34.12 ~~(b) The minimum loan amount and a maximum loan amount to students must be~~  
 34.13 ~~determined annually by the office. Loan limits are defined based on the type of program~~  
 34.14 ~~enrollment, such as a certificate, an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree, or a graduate~~  
 34.15 ~~program. The aggregate principal amount of all loans made subject to this paragraph to a~~  
 34.16 ~~student as an undergraduate and graduate student must not exceed \$140,000. The amount~~  
 34.17 ~~of the loan must not exceed the cost of attendance as determined by the eligible institution~~  
 34.18 ~~less all other financial aid, including PLUS loans or other similar parent loans borrowed on~~  
 34.19 ~~the student's behalf. A student may borrow up to the maximum amount twice in the same~~  
 34.20 ~~grade level.~~

34.21 ~~(c) The cumulative borrowing maximums must be determined annually by the office~~  
 34.22 ~~and are defined based on program enrollment. In determining the cumulative borrowing~~  
 34.23 ~~maximums, the office shall, among other considerations, take into consideration the maximum~~  
 34.24 ~~SELF loan amount, student financing needs, funding capacity for the SELF program,~~  
 34.25 ~~delinquency and default loss management, and current financial market conditions.~~

34.26 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1796, is amended to read:

34.27 **136A.1796 TRIBAL COLLEGE SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT ASSISTANCE.**

34.28 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the  
 34.29 meanings given them.

35.1 (b) "Beneficiary student" means a resident of Minnesota who is enrolled in a certificate,  
 35.2 diploma, or degree program in a Tribally controlled college and is an enrolled member of  
 35.3 a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

35.4 ~~(b)~~ (c) "Nonbeneficiary student" means a resident of Minnesota who is enrolled in a  
 35.5 certificate, diploma, or degree program in a Tribally controlled college but is not an enrolled  
 35.6 member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

35.7 ~~(e)~~ (d) "Tribally controlled college" means an accredited institution of higher education  
 35.8 located in this state that is formally controlled by or has been formally sanctioned or chartered  
 35.9 by the governing body of a federally recognized Indian Tribe, or a combination of federally  
 35.10 recognized Indian Tribes. Tribally controlled college does not include any institution or  
 35.11 campus subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges  
 35.12 and Universities or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota.

35.13 **Subd. 2. Eligibility; grant assistance.** (a) A Tribally controlled college is eligible to  
 35.14 receive supplemental grant assistance from the office, as provided in this section, for  
 35.15 beneficiary and nonbeneficiary student enrollment if the college is not otherwise eligible  
 35.16 to receive federal grant funding for those students under United States Code, title 25, section  
 35.17 1808.

35.18 (b) The office shall make grants to Tribally controlled colleges to defray the costs of  
 35.19 education associated with the enrollment of beneficiary and nonbeneficiary students. Grants  
 35.20 made pursuant to this section must be provided directly to the recipient college.

35.21 (c) The minimum annual grant amount for each eligible Tribally controlled college is  
 35.22 \$500,000. The maximum annual grant amount for each eligible Tribally controlled college  
 35.23 is \$1,050,000.

35.24 **Subd. 3. Grant application.** To receive a grant under this section, a Tribally controlled  
 35.25 college must submit an application in the manner required by the office. Upon submission  
 35.26 of a completed application indicating that the Tribally controlled college is eligible, the  
 35.27 office shall distribute to the college, during each year of the biennium, a grant of \$5,300  
 35.28 for each beneficiary and nonbeneficiary student on a full-time equivalent basis. If the amount  
 35.29 appropriated for grants under this section is insufficient to cover the total amount of grant  
 35.30 eligibility, the office shall distribute a prorated amount per beneficiary and nonbeneficiary  
 35.31 student on a full-time equivalent basis.

35.32 **Subd. 4. Reporting by recipient institutions.** Each Tribally controlled college receiving  
 35.33 a grant under this section shall provide to the office, on an annual basis, an accurate and  
 35.34 detailed account of the expenditures of the grant funds received by the college, and a copy

36.1 of the college's most recent audit report and documentation of the enrollment status and  
 36.2 ethnic status of each beneficiary and nonbeneficiary student for which grant assistance is  
 36.3 sought under this section.

36.4 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.658, is amended to read:

36.5 **136A.658 EXEMPTION; STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY**  
 36.6 **AGREEMENT SCHOOLS.**

36.7 (a) The office may participate in an interstate reciprocity agreement regarding  
 36.8 postsecondary distance education if it determines that participation is in the best interest of  
 36.9 Minnesota postsecondary students.

36.10 (b) If the office decides to participate in an interstate reciprocity agreement, an institution  
 36.11 that meets the following requirements is exempt from the provisions of sections 136A.61  
 36.12 to 136A.71:

36.13 (1) the institution is situated in a state which is also participating in the interstate  
 36.14 reciprocity agreement;

36.15 (2) the institution has been approved to participate in the interstate reciprocity agreement  
 36.16 by the institution's home state and other entities with oversight of the interstate reciprocity  
 36.17 agreement; and

36.18 (3) the institution has elected to participate in and operate in compliance with the terms  
 36.19 of the interstate reciprocity agreement.

36.20 (c) If the office participates in an interstate reciprocity agreement and the office is  
 36.21 responsible for the administration of that interstate reciprocity agreement, which may include  
 36.22 the approval of applications for membership of in-state institutions to participate in the  
 36.23 interstate reciprocity agreement, the office shall collect reasonable fees sufficient to recover,  
 36.24 but not exceed, its costs to administer the interstate reciprocity agreement. The office  
 36.25 processing fees for approving an in-state institution application shall be as follows:

36.26 (1) ~~\$750~~ \$1,500 for institutions with ~~fewer than~~ 2,500 or fewer full-time equivalent  
 36.27 enrollment;

36.28 (2) ~~\$3,000~~ \$5,000 for institutions with 2,501 to ~~20,000~~ 12,500 full-time equivalent  
 36.29 enrollment; and

36.30 (3) \$7,500 for institutions with greater than ~~20,001~~ 12,500 full-time equivalent enrollment.

37.1 Full-time equivalent enrollment is established using the previous year's full-time equivalent  
 37.2 enrollment as established in the United States Department of Education Integrated  
 37.3 Postsecondary Education Data System.

37.4 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.69, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

37.5 Subdivision 1. **Registration fees.** (a) The office shall collect reasonable registration fees  
 37.6 that are sufficient to recover, but do not exceed, its costs of administering the registration  
 37.7 program. The office shall charge the fees listed in paragraphs (b) to (d) for new registrations.

37.8 (b) A new school ~~offering no more than one degree at each level during its first year~~  
 37.9 must pay registration fees ~~for each applicable level~~ based on the institution's total full-time  
 37.10 student enrollment in the following amounts:

37.11	<del>associate degree</del>	<del>\$2,000</del>
37.12	<del>baccalaureate degree</del>	<del>\$2,500</del>
37.13	<del>master's degree</del>	<del>\$3,000</del>
37.14	<del>doctorate degree</del>	<del>\$3,500</del>

37.15 (1) \$5,000 for institutions with 2,500 or fewer full-time equivalent enrollment;

37.16 (2) \$7,500 for institutions with 2,501 to 5,000 full-time equivalent enrollment;

37.17 (3) \$10,000 for institutions with 5,001 to 7,500 full-time equivalent enrollment;

37.18 (4) \$15,000 for institutions with 7,501 to 10,000 full-time equivalent enrollment; and

37.19 (5) \$20,000 for institutions with 10,001 or greater full-time equivalent enrollment, and  
 37.20 for institutions with no data on the previous year's full-time equivalent enrollment.

37.21 Full-time equivalent enrollment is established using the previous year's full-time equivalent  
 37.22 enrollment as established in the United States Department of Education Integrated  
 37.23 Postsecondary Education Data System.

37.24 (c) A new school ~~that will offer more than one degree per level during its first year~~ must  
 37.25 pay registration fees in an amount equal to the fee ~~for the first degree at each degree level~~  
 37.26 under paragraph (b), plus fees for each ~~additional~~ nondegree program or degree as follows:

37.27	nondegree program	\$250
37.28	<del>additional associate degree</del>	<del>\$250</del>
37.29	<del>additional baccalaureate degree</del>	<del>\$500</del>
37.30	<del>additional master's degree program</del>	<del>\$750</del>
37.31	<del>additional doctorate degree</del>	<del>\$1,000</del>

38.1 (d) In addition to the fees under paragraphs (b) and (c), a fee of \$600 must be paid for  
38.2 an initial application that: (1) has had four revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or  
38.3 application reminders for the same application or registration requirement; or (2) cumulatively  
38.4 has had six revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application reminders for the  
38.5 same license application and the school seeks to continue with the application process with  
38.6 additional application submissions. If this fee is paid, the school may submit two final  
38.7 application submissions for review prior to application denial under section 136A.65,  
38.8 subdivision 8. This provision excludes from its scope nonrepetitive questions or clarifications  
38.9 initiated by the school before the submission of the application, initial interpretation questions  
38.10 or inquiries from the office regarding a completed application, and initial requests from the  
38.11 office for verification or validation of a completed application.

38.12 (e) The annual renewal registration fee is ~~\$1,500~~ based on an institution's total full-time  
38.13 student enrollment in the following amounts:

38.14 (1) \$1,500 for institutions with 2,500 or fewer full-time equivalent enrollment;

38.15 (2) \$3,000 for institutions with 2,501 to 5,000 full-time equivalent enrollment;

38.16 (3) \$5,000 for institutions with 5,001 to 10,000 full-time equivalent enrollment; and

38.17 (4) \$7,500 for institutions with 10,001 or greater full-time equivalent enrollment, and  
38.18 for institutions with no data on the previous year's full-time equivalent enrollment.

38.19 Full-time equivalent enrollment is established using the previous year's full-time equivalent  
38.20 enrollment as established in the United States Department of Education Integrated  
38.21 Postsecondary Education Data System.

38.22 (f) In addition to the fee under paragraph (e), a fee of \$600 must be paid for a renewal  
38.23 application that: (1) has had four revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application  
38.24 reminders for the same application or registration requirement; or (2) cumulatively has had  
38.25 six revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application reminders for the same license  
38.26 application and the school seeks to continue with the application process with additional  
38.27 application submissions. If this fee is paid, the school may submit two final application  
38.28 submissions for review prior to application denial under section 136A.65, subdivision 8.  
38.29 This provision excludes from its scope nonrepetitive questions or clarifications initiated by  
38.30 the school before the submission of the application, initial interpretation questions or inquiries  
38.31 from the office regarding a completed application, and initial requests from the office for  
38.32 verification or validation of a completed application.

39.1 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.82, is amended to read:

39.2 **136A.82 POLICY; CITATION.**

39.3 Subdivision 1. **Policy.** The legislature has found and hereby declares that the availability  
 39.4 of legitimate vocational programs offered by responsible nonprofit and for-profit private  
 39.5 career schools are in the best interests of the people of this state. The legislature has found  
 39.6 and declares that the state can provide assistance and protection for persons choosing  
 39.7 vocational programs by establishing policies and procedures to ensure the authenticity and  
 39.8 legitimacy of vocational programs offered by nonprofit and for-profit private career schools.  
 39.9 The legislature has found and declares that this same policy applies to any nonprofit and  
 39.10 for-profit private career schools located in another state or country that offers or makes  
 39.11 available to a Minnesota resident any vocational program which does not require leaving  
 39.12 the state for its completion.

39.13 Subd. 2. **Citation.** Sections 136A.82 to 136A.834 may be cited as the "Private Career  
 39.14 School Act."

39.15 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

39.16 Subd. 4. **Person.** "Person" means any individual, partnership, company, firm, society,  
 39.17 trust, association, or corporation or any combination thereof. Person does not extend to:

39.18 (1) a government body;

39.19 (2) a public school as defined in section 120A.05, subdivisions 9, 11, 13, and 17; or

39.20 (3) a nonpublic school, religious organization, or home school as defined in section  
 39.21 120A.22, subdivision 4.

39.22 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

39.23 Subd. 5. **Private career school.** "Private career school" means a person who maintains  
 39.24 a physical presence for any program at less than an associate degree level; ~~is not registered~~  
 39.25 ~~as a private institution under sections 136A.61 to 136A.71;~~ and is not specifically exempted  
 39.26 by section 136A.833. Private career school does not extend to:

39.27 (1) public postsecondary institutions with a physical presence in Minnesota;

39.28 (2) postsecondary institutions registered under sections 136A.61 to 136A.71;

39.29 (3) postsecondary institutions exempt from registration under sections 136A.653,  
 39.30 subdivisions 1b, 2, 3, and 3a; 136A.657; or 136A.658 due to the nature of the institution's  
 39.31 programs;

40.1 (4) schools exclusively engaged in training physically or mentally disabled persons;

40.2 (5) courses taught to students in an apprenticeship program registered by the United  
40.3 States Department of Labor or Minnesota Department of Labor and taught by or required  
40.4 by a trade union in which students are not responsible for tuition, fees, or any other charges,  
40.5 regardless of payment or reimbursement method;

40.6 (6) programs contracted by persons or government agencies for the training of their own  
40.7 employees for which no fee is charged to the employee, regardless of whether that fee is  
40.8 reimbursed by the employer or a third party after the employee successfully completes the  
40.9 training;

40.10 (7) schools with no physical presence in Minnesota engaged exclusively in offering  
40.11 distance programs that are located in and approved by other states or jurisdictions if the  
40.12 distance education program does not include internships, externships, field placements, or  
40.13 clinical placements for residents of Minnesota;

40.14 (8) schools licensed or approved by other state boards or agencies authorized under  
40.15 Minnesota law to issue licenses for institutions or programs, except for institutions or  
40.16 programs required to be licensed exclusively to participate in state financial aid or be listed  
40.17 on the eligible training provider list;

40.18 (9) review classes, courses, or programs intended to prepare students to sit for  
40.19 undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate, or occupational licensing, certification, or entrance  
40.20 examinations;

40.21 (10) classes, courses, or programs conducted by a bona fide trade, professional, or  
40.22 fraternal organization, solely for that organization's membership and not available to the  
40.23 public. In making the determination that the organization is bona fide, the office may request  
40.24 the school provide three certified letters from persons that qualify as evaluators under section  
40.25 136A.828, subdivision 3, paragraph (1), that the organization is recognized in Minnesota;

40.26 (11) programs in the fine arts provided by organizations exempt from taxation under  
40.27 section 290.05 and registered with the attorney general under chapter 309. For purposes of  
40.28 this clause, "fine arts" means activities resulting in artistic creation or artistic performance  
40.29 of works of the imagination which are engaged in for the primary purpose of creative  
40.30 expression rather than commercial sale, vocational or career advancement, or employment.  
40.31 In making this determination the office may seek the advice and recommendation of the  
40.32 Minnesota Board of the Arts; or

41.1 (12) classes, courses, or programs intended to fulfill the continuing education  
41.2 requirements for a bona fide licensure or certification in a profession that have been approved  
41.3 by a legislatively or judicially established board or agency responsible for regulating the  
41.4 practice of the profession or by an industry-specific certification entity and that are offered  
41.5 exclusively to individuals with the professional licensure or certification. In making the  
41.6 determination that the licensure or certification is bona fide, the office may request the  
41.7 school provide three certified letters from persons that qualify as evaluators under section  
41.8 136A.828, subdivision 3, paragraph (1), that the licensure and certification is recognized in  
41.9 Minnesota.

41.10 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision  
41.11 to read:

41.12 Subd. 21. **Vocational.** "Vocational" means education or training for skills used in the  
41.13 labor market.

41.14 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision  
41.15 to read:

41.16 Subd. 22. **Trade union.** "Trade union" means an organization of workers in a skilled  
41.17 occupation who act together to secure all members favorable wages, hours, or other working  
41.18 conditions.

41.19 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision  
41.20 to read:

41.21 Subd. 23. **Eligible training provider.** "Eligible training provider" has the meaning given  
41.22 in Code of Federal Regulations, title 20, section 680.410.

41.23 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision  
41.24 to read:

41.25 Subd. 24. **Eligible training provider list.** "Eligible training provider list" means the list  
41.26 of eligible training providers that the state must maintain under Code of Federal Regulations,  
41.27 title 20, section 680.430.

41.28 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.822, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

41.29 Subd. 3. **Refunds.** If a contract is ~~deemed~~ determined by the office to be unenforceable  
41.30 under subdivision 2, a private career school must refund tuition, fees, and other charges

42.1 received from a student or on behalf of a student within 30 days of receiving written  
42.2 notification and demand for refund from the office.

42.3 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.822, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

42.4 Subd. 6. **Bond.** (a) No license shall be issued to any private career school with a physical  
42.5 presence within the state of Minnesota for any program, unless the applicant files with the  
42.6 office a continuous corporate surety bond written by a company authorized to do business  
42.7 in Minnesota conditioned upon the faithful performance of all contracts and agreements  
42.8 with students made by the applicant.

42.9 (b)(1) The amount of the surety bond shall be ten percent of the preceding year's net  
42.10 revenue from student tuition, fees, and other required institutional charges collected, but in  
42.11 no event less than \$10,000, except that a private career school may deposit a greater amount  
42.12 at its own discretion. A private career school in each annual application for licensure must  
42.13 compute the amount of the surety bond and verify that the amount of the surety bond complies  
42.14 with this subdivision. A private career school that operates at two or more locations may  
42.15 combine net revenue from student tuition, fees, and other required institutional charges  
42.16 collected for all locations for the purpose of determining the annual surety bond requirement.  
42.17 The net revenue from tuition and fees used to determine the amount of the surety bond  
42.18 required for a private career school having a license for the sole purpose of recruiting students  
42.19 in Minnesota shall be only that paid to the private career school by the students recruited  
42.20 from Minnesota.

42.21 (2) A person required to obtain a private career school license due to the use of  
42.22 "~~academy,~~" "~~institute,~~" "college," or "university" in its name and which is also licensed by  
42.23 another state agency or board, except not including those schools licensed exclusively in  
42.24 order to participate in state grants or SELF loan financial aid programs, shall be required  
42.25 to provide a school bond of \$10,000.

42.26 (c) The bond shall run to the state of Minnesota and to any person who may have a cause  
42.27 of action against the applicant arising at any time after the bond is filed and before it is  
42.28 canceled for breach of any contract or agreement made by the applicant with any student.  
42.29 The aggregate liability of the surety for all breaches of the conditions of the bond shall not  
42.30 exceed the principal sum deposited by the private career school under paragraph (b). The  
42.31 surety of any bond may cancel it upon giving 60 days' notice in writing to the office and  
42.32 shall be relieved of liability for any breach of condition occurring after the effective date  
42.33 of cancellation.

43.1 (d) In lieu of bond, the applicant may deposit with the commissioner of management  
43.2 and budget a sum equal to the amount of the required surety bond in cash, an irrevocable  
43.3 letter of credit issued by a financial institution equal to the amount of the required surety  
43.4 bond, or securities as may be legally purchased by savings banks or for trust funds in an  
43.5 aggregate market value equal to the amount of the required surety bond.

43.6 (e) Failure of a private career school to post and maintain the required surety bond or  
43.7 deposit under paragraph (d) may result in denial, suspension, or revocation of the school's  
43.8 license.

43.9 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.822, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

43.10 Subd. 8. **Minimum standards.** A license shall be issued if the office first determines:

43.11 (1) that the applicant has a sound financial condition with sufficient resources available  
43.12 to:

43.13 (i) meet the private career school's financial obligations;

43.14 (ii) refund all tuition and other charges, within ~~a reasonable period of time~~ 60 days, in  
43.15 the event of dissolution of the private career school or in the event of any justifiable claims  
43.16 for refund against the private career school by the student body;

43.17 (iii) provide adequate service to its students and prospective students; and

43.18 (iv) maintain and support the private career school;

43.19 (2) that the applicant has satisfactory facilities with sufficient tools and equipment and  
43.20 the necessary number of work stations to prepare adequately the students currently enrolled,  
43.21 and those proposed to be enrolled;

43.22 (3) that the applicant employs a sufficient number of qualified teaching personnel to  
43.23 provide the educational programs contemplated;

43.24 (4) that the private career school has an organizational framework with administrative  
43.25 and instructional personnel to provide the programs and services it intends to offer;

43.26 (5) that the quality and content of each occupational course or program of study provides  
43.27 education and adequate preparation to enrolled students for entry level positions in the  
43.28 occupation for which prepared;

43.29 (6) that the premises and conditions where the students work and study and the student  
43.30 living quarters which are owned, maintained, recommended, or approved by the applicant  
43.31 are sanitary, healthful, and safe, as evidenced by certificate of occupancy issued by the

44.1 municipality or county where the private career school is physically situated, a fire inspection  
44.2 by the local or state fire marshal, or another verification deemed acceptable by the office;

44.3 (7) that the contract or enrollment agreement used by the private career school complies  
44.4 with the provisions in section 136A.826;

44.5 (8) that contracts and agreements do not contain a wage assignment provision or a  
44.6 confession of judgment clause;

44.7 (9) that there has been no adjudication of fraud or misrepresentation in any criminal,  
44.8 civil, or administrative proceeding in any jurisdiction against the private career school or  
44.9 its owner, officers, agents, or sponsoring organization;

44.10 (10) that the private career school or its owners, officers, agents, or sponsoring  
44.11 organization has not had a license revoked under section 136A.829 or its equivalent in other  
44.12 states or has closed the institution prior to all students, enrolled at the time of the closure,  
44.13 completing their program within two years of the effective date of the revocation; and

44.14 (11) that the school includes a joint and several liability provision for torts and compliance  
44.15 with the requirements of sections 136A.82 to 136A.834 in any contract effective after July  
44.16 1, 2026, with any individual, entity, or postsecondary school located in another state for the  
44.17 purpose of providing educational or training programs or awarding postsecondary credits  
44.18 to Minnesota residents that may be applied to a program.

44.19 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.822, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

44.20 Subd. 13. **Private career schools licensed by another state agency or board.** A private  
44.21 career school required to obtain a ~~private career school~~ license ~~due to the use of "academy,"~~  
44.22 ~~"institute," "college," or "university" in its name or licensed for the purpose of participating~~  
44.23 participate in state financial aid ~~under chapter 136A~~ or be listed on the eligible training  
44.24 provider list, and which is also licensed by another state agency or board shall be required  
44.25 to satisfy only the requirements of subdivisions 4, clauses (1), (2), (3), (5), (7), (8), and (10);  
44.26 5; 6, paragraph (b), clause (2); 8, clauses (1), (4), (7), (8), and (9); 9; 10; and 12. If a school  
44.27 is licensed to participate in state financial aid under this chapter, the school must follow the  
44.28 refund policy in section 136A.827, even if that section conflicts with the refund policy of  
44.29 the licensing agency or board. A distance education private career school located in another  
44.30 state, or a school licensed to recruit Minnesota residents for attendance at a school outside  
44.31 of this state, or a school licensed by another state agency as its primary licensing body, may  
44.32 continue to use the school's name as permitted by its home state or its primary licensing  
44.33 body.

45.1 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.824, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

45.2 Subdivision 1. **Initial licensure fee.** (a) The office processing fee for an initial licensure  
45.3 application is:

45.4 (1) ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,730 for a private career school that will offer no more than one program  
45.5 during its first year of operation;

45.6 (2) ~~\$750~~ \$1,500 for a private career school licensed exclusively due to the use of the  
45.7 term "college," or "university," "academy," or "institute" in its name, or licensed exclusively  
45.8 ~~in order~~ to participate in state ~~grant or SELF loan~~ financial aid programs or be listed on the  
45.9 eligible training provider list; and

45.10 (3) ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,730, plus \$500 for each additional program offered by the private career  
45.11 school, for a private career school during its first year of licensed operation.

45.12 (b) In addition to the fee under paragraph (a), a fee of \$600 must be paid for an initial  
45.13 application that: (1) has had four revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application  
45.14 reminders for the same application or licensure requirement; or (2) cumulatively has had  
45.15 six revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application reminders for the same license  
45.16 application and the private career school seeks to continue with the application process with  
45.17 additional application submissions. If this fee is paid, the private career school may submit  
45.18 two final application submissions for review prior to application denial under section  
45.19 136A.829, subdivision 1, clause (2). This provision excludes from its scope nonrepetitive  
45.20 questions or clarifications initiated by the school before the submission of the application,  
45.21 initial interpretation questions or inquiries from the office regarding a completed application,  
45.22 and initial requests from the office for verification or validation of a completed application.

45.23 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.824, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

45.24 Subd. 2. **Renewal licensure fee; late fee.** (a) The office processing fee for a renewal  
45.25 licensure application is:

45.26 (1) for a private career school ~~that offers one program~~, the license renewal fee is ~~\$1,150~~  
45.27 \$3,160; and

45.28 (2) ~~for a private career school that offers more than one program, the license renewal~~  
45.29 ~~fee is \$1,150, plus \$200 for each additional program with a maximum renewal licensing~~  
45.30 ~~fee of \$2,000;~~

45.31 (3) ~~for a private career school licensed exclusively due to the use of the term "college,"~~  
45.32 ~~"university," "academy," or "institute" in its name, the license renewal fee is \$750; and~~

46.1 ~~(4)~~ (2) for a private career school licensed by another state agency and also licensed  
46.2 with the office exclusively in order to participate in state ~~student~~ financial aid programs or  
46.3 be listed on the eligible training provider list, the license renewal fee is ~~\$750~~ \$1,500.

46.4 (b) If a license renewal application is not received by the office by ~~the close of business~~  
46.5 ~~at least 60 days before~~ the expiration of the current license, a late fee of \$100 per business  
46.6 day, not to exceed \$3,000, shall be assessed.

46.7 (c) In addition to the fee under paragraph (a), a fee of \$600 must be paid for a renewal  
46.8 application that: (1) has had four revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application  
46.9 reminders for the same application or licensure requirement; or (2) cumulatively has had  
46.10 six revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application reminders for the same license  
46.11 application and the private career school seeks to continue with the application process with  
46.12 additional application submissions. If this fee is paid, the private career school may submit  
46.13 two final application submissions for review prior to application denial under section  
46.14 136A.829, subdivision 1, clause (2). This provision excludes from its scope nonrepetitive  
46.15 questions or clarifications initiated by the school before the submission of the application,  
46.16 initial interpretation questions or inquiries from the office regarding a completed application,  
46.17 and initial requests from the office for verification or validation of a completed application.

46.18 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.824, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

46.19 Subd. 6. **Solicitor permit fee.** The solicitor permit fee is ~~\$350~~ \$500 and must be paid  
46.20 annually.

46.21 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.824, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

46.22 Subd. 7. **Multiple location fee.** Private career schools wishing to operate at multiple  
46.23 locations must pay the greater of:

46.24 (1) ~~\$250~~ \$500 per location, ~~for locations two to five; and; or~~

46.25 (2) ~~an additional \$100 for each location over five.~~ the actual cost of travel expenses,  
46.26 lodging, and customary meals incurred for an in-person site visit, should the office determine  
46.27 one is necessary.

46.28 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.833, is amended to read:

46.29 **136A.833 EXEMPTIONS.**

46.30 Subdivision 1. **Application for exemptions.** A school that seeks an exemption from the  
46.31 provisions of sections 136A.822 to 136A.834 for the school and all of its programs or some

47.1 of its programs must apply to the office to establish that the school or program meets the  
 47.2 requirements of an exemption. An exemption for the school or program expires two years  
 47.3 from the date of approval or when a school adds a new program or makes a modification  
 47.4 equal to or greater than 25 percent to an existing educational program. If a school is  
 47.5 reapplying for an exemption, the application must be submitted to the office 90 days before  
 47.6 the current exemption expires. If a school fails to apply within 90 days of expiration, the  
 47.7 school is subject to fees and penalties under sections 136A.831 and 136A.832. This  
 47.8 exemption shall not extend to any school that uses any publication or advertisement that is  
 47.9 not truthful and gives any false, fraudulent, deceptive, inaccurate, or misleading impressions  
 47.10 about the school or its personnel, programs, services, or occupational opportunities for its  
 47.11 graduates for promotion and student recruitment. Exemptions denied under this section are  
 47.12 subject to appeal under section 136A.829. If an appeal is initiated, the denial of the exemption  
 47.13 is not effective until the final determination of the appeal, unless immediate effect is ordered  
 47.14 by the court.

47.15 Subd. 2. **Exemption reasons.** Sections 136A.821 to 136A.832 shall not apply to the  
 47.16 following:

47.17 ~~(1) public postsecondary institutions;~~

47.18 ~~(2) postsecondary institutions registered under sections 136A.61 to 136A.71;~~

47.19 ~~(3) postsecondary institutions exempt from registration under sections 136A.653,~~  
 47.20 ~~subdivisions 1b, 2, 3, and 3a; 136A.657; and 136A.658;~~

47.21 ~~(4) private schools complying with the requirements of section 120A.22, subdivision 4;~~

47.22 ~~(5) courses taught to students in an apprenticeship program registered by the United~~  
 47.23 ~~States Department of Labor or Minnesota Department of Labor and taught by or required~~  
 47.24 ~~by a trade union. A trade union is an organization of workers in the same skilled occupation~~  
 47.25 ~~or related skilled occupations who act together to secure all members favorable wages,~~  
 47.26 ~~hours, and other working conditions;~~

47.27 ~~(6) private career schools exclusively engaged in training physically or mentally disabled~~  
 47.28 ~~persons;~~

47.29 ~~(7) private career schools licensed or approved by boards authorized under Minnesota~~  
 47.30 ~~law to issue licenses for training programs except private career schools required to obtain~~  
 47.31 ~~a private career school license due to the use of "academy," "institute," "college," or~~  
 47.32 ~~"university" in their names;~~

48.1 ~~(8) private career schools and educational programs, or training programs, contracted~~  
48.2 ~~for by persons, firms, corporations, government agencies, or associations, for the training~~  
48.3 ~~of their own employees, for which no fee is charged the employee, regardless of whether~~  
48.4 ~~that fee is reimbursed by the employer or third party after the employee successfully~~  
48.5 ~~completes the training;~~

48.6 ~~(9) (1) private career schools engaged exclusively in the teaching of purely avocational~~  
48.7 ~~programs that are engaged primarily for personal development, recreational recreation, or~~  
48.8 ~~remedial subjects that education, and are not advertised or maintained generally intended~~  
48.9 ~~for vocational or career advancement, including adult basic education, exercise or fitness~~  
48.10 ~~teacher programs, modeling, or acting, as determined by the office except private career~~  
48.11 ~~schools required to obtain a private career school license due to the use of "college" or~~  
48.12 ~~"university" in their names;~~

48.13 ~~(10) classes, courses, or programs conducted by a bona fide trade, professional, or~~  
48.14 ~~fraternal organization, solely for that organization's membership and not available to the~~  
48.15 ~~public. In making the determination that the organization is bona fide, the office may request~~  
48.16 ~~the school provide three certified letters from persons that qualify as evaluators under section~~  
48.17 ~~136A.828, subdivision 3, paragraph (1), that the organization is recognized in Minnesota;~~

48.18 ~~(11) programs in the fine arts provided by organizations exempt from taxation under~~  
48.19 ~~section 290.05 and registered with the attorney general under chapter 309. For the purposes~~  
48.20 ~~of this clause, "fine arts" means activities resulting in artistic creation or artistic performance~~  
48.21 ~~of works of the imagination which are engaged in for the primary purpose of creative~~  
48.22 ~~expression rather than commercial sale, vocational or career advancement, or employment.~~  
48.23 ~~In making this determination the office may seek the advice and recommendation of the~~  
48.24 ~~Minnesota Board of the Arts;~~

48.25 ~~(12) classes, courses, or programs intended to fulfill the continuing education~~  
48.26 ~~requirements for a bona fide licensure or certification in a profession, that have been approved~~  
48.27 ~~by a legislatively or judicially established board or agency responsible for regulating the~~  
48.28 ~~practice of the profession or by an industry-specific certification entity, and that are offered~~  
48.29 ~~exclusively to individuals with the professional licensure or certification. In making the~~  
48.30 ~~determination that the licensure or certification is bona fide, the office may request the~~  
48.31 ~~school provide three certified letters from persons that qualify as evaluators under section~~  
48.32 ~~136A.828, subdivision 3, paragraph (1), that the licensure and certification is recognized in~~  
48.33 ~~Minnesota;~~

49.1 ~~(13) review classes, courses, or programs intended to prepare students to sit for~~  
 49.2 ~~undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate, or occupational licensing, certification, or entrance~~  
 49.3 ~~examinations and does not include the instruction to prepare students for that license,~~  
 49.4 ~~occupation, certification, or exam;~~

49.5 ~~(14)~~ (2) classes, courses, or programs providing ~~16~~ 40 or fewer clock hours of instruction;

49.6 ~~(15) classes, courses, or programs providing instruction in personal development that is~~  
 49.7 ~~not advertised or maintained for vocational or career advancement, modeling, or acting;~~

49.8 ~~(16) private career schools with no physical presence in Minnesota engaged exclusively~~  
 49.9 ~~in offering distance instruction that are located in and regulated by other states or jurisdictions~~  
 49.10 ~~if the distance education instruction does not include internships, externships, field~~  
 49.11 ~~placements, or clinical placements for residents of Minnesota; and~~

49.12 ~~(17)~~ (3) private career schools providing ~~exclusively~~ training, instructional programs,  
 49.13 or courses where tuition, fees, and any other charges, ~~regardless of payment or reimbursement~~  
 49.14 ~~method,~~ for a student to participate do not exceed ~~\$100.~~ \$500; and

49.15 (4) private career schools enrolling ten or fewer students per year if tuition, fees, and  
 49.16 any other charges for a student to participate do not exceed \$3,000.

49.17 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.834, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

49.18 Subdivision 1. **Exemption.** (a) A program is exempt from the provisions of sections  
 49.19 136A.821 to 136A.832 if it is:

49.20 (1) offered by a ~~private career~~ school or any department or branch of a ~~private career~~  
 49.21 school that is substantially owned, operated, or supported by a bona fide church or religious  
 49.22 organization;

49.23 (2) primarily designed for, aimed at, and attended by persons who sincerely hold or seek  
 49.24 to learn the particular religious faith or beliefs of that church or religious organization; and

49.25 (3) primarily intended to prepare its students to become ministers of, to enter into some  
 49.26 other vocation closely related to, or to conduct their lives in consonance with the particular  
 49.27 faith of that church or religious organization.

49.28 (b) Any ~~private career~~ school or any department or branch of a private career school is  
 49.29 exempt from the provisions of sections 136A.821 to 136A.832 if all of its programs are  
 49.30 exempt under paragraph (a).

50.1 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.834, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

50.2 Subd. 5. **Application.** A school that seeks an exemption from the provisions of sections  
50.3 136A.82 to 136A.834 must apply to the office to establish that the school meets the  
50.4 requirements of an exemption. An exemption expires two years from the date of approval  
50.5 or when a school adds a new program or makes a modification equal to or greater than 25  
50.6 percent to an existing educational program. If a school is reapplying for an exemption, the  
50.7 application must be submitted to the office 90 days before the current exemption expires.  
50.8 If a school fails to apply within 90 days of expiration, the school is subject to the fees and  
50.9 penalties under sections 136A.831 and 136A.832.

50.10 Sec. 36. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION; HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS DESIGNATION.**

50.11 The revisor of statutes must renumber Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.137, as  
50.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.912. The revisor must also make cross-reference changes  
50.13 consistent with the renumbering.

50.14 Sec. 37. **REPEALER.**

50.15 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 136A.69, subdivisions 3 and 5; and 136A.824,  
50.16 subdivisions 3 and 5, are repealed.

APPENDIX  
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**136A.69 FEES.**

Subd. 3. **Degree or nondegree program addition fee.** The office processing fees for adding a degree or nondegree program are as follows:

nondegree program that is part of existing degree	-0-
nondegree program that is not a part of an existing degree	\$250 each
majors, specializations, emphasis areas, concentrations, and other similar areas of emphasis	\$250 each
associate degrees	\$500 each
baccalaureate degrees	\$500 each
master's degrees	\$750 each
doctorate degrees	\$2,000 each

Subd. 5. **Modification fee.** The fee for modification of any existing degree or nondegree program is \$100 and is due if there is:

- (1) an increase or decrease of 25 percent or more from the original date of program approval, in clock hours, credit hours, or calendar length of an existing degree or nondegree program;
- (2) a change in academic measurement from clock hours to credit hours or vice versa; or
- (3) an addition or alteration of courses that represent a 25 percent change or more in the objectives, content, or methods of delivery.

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Subd. 3. **Program addition fee.** The office processing fee for adding a program to those that are currently offered by the private career school is \$500 per program.

Subd. 5. **Modification fee.** The fee for modification of any existing program is \$100 and is due if there is:

- (1) an increase or decrease of 25 percent or more, from the original date of program approval, in clock hours, credit hours, or calendar length of an existing program;
- (2) a change in academic measurement from clock hours to credit hours or vice versa; or
- (3) an addition or alteration of courses that represent a 25 percent change or more in the objectives, content, or methods of delivery.