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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, and the
1.4 University of Minnesota; creating and modifying certain scholarships, student aid
1.5 programs, and grant programs; modifying program reporting requirements;
1.6 modifying requirements for sexual misconduct grievance processes; requiring a
1.7 standardized financial aid offer form; providing authority to the Office of Higher
1.8 Education for treatment of certain appropriations; modifying requirements for
1.9 licensing of nonpublic and out-of-state postsecondary institutions; requiring reports;
1.10 appropriating money; canceling prior appropriations; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.11 2024, sections 135A.052, subdivision 1; 135A.15, subdivisions 1a, 2a; 135A.1582;
1.12 136A.01, by adding a subdivision; 136A.101, subdivision 5a; 136A.103; 136A.121,
1.13 subdivisions 6, 7, 7a, 9, 13; 136A.1465, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision;
1.14 136A.155; 136A.162; 136A.1701, subdivision 4; 136A.1796; 136A.246,
1.15 subdivision 1a; 136A.65, subdivision 4; 136A.653, subdivision 5; 136A.658;
1.16 136A.69, subdivision 1; 136A.82; 136A.821, subdivisions 4, 5, by adding
1.17 subdivisions; 136A.822, subdivisions 3, 6, 8, 13; 136A.824, subdivisions 1, 2, 6,
1.18 7; 136A.833; 136A.834, subdivisions 1, 5; 136A.87; 136A.901, subdivision 1;
1.19 137.022, subdivisions 3, 4; 137.375; 151.37, subdivision 12; 474A.061, subdivision
1.20 2b; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 135A; 136A;
1.21 repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 5.41, subdivision 2; 135A.137;
1.22 136A.057; 136A.1251, subdivision 5; 136A.1788; 136A.1789; 136A.1791,
1.23 subdivisions 1, 2, 3a, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; 136A.69, subdivisions 3, 5; 136A.824,
1.24 subdivisions 3, 5; 136A.861, subdivision 7; 136A.91; Laws 2022, chapter 42,
1.25 section 2, as amended; Minnesota Rules, part 4850.0014, subparts 1, 2.

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

1.27 ARTICLE 1
1.28 APPROPRIATIONS

1.29 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.30 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
1.31 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,
1.32 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.

2.1 The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under
 2.2 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively.
 2.3 "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium"
 2.4 is fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

APPROPRIATIONS
Available for the Year
Ending June 30
2026 **2027**

2.9 **Sec. 2. OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

2.10 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** \$ **323,789,000** \$ **324,008,000**

2.11 The amounts that may be spent for each
 2.12 purpose are specified in the following
 2.13 subdivisions.

2.14 **Subd. 2. State Grants** **247,300,000** **247,300,000**

2.15 (a) If the appropriation in this subdivision for
 2.16 either year is insufficient, the appropriation
 2.17 for the other year is available for it. This
 2.18 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.

2.19 (b) For purposes of Minnesota Statutes,
 2.20 section 136A.121, subdivision 6, a tuition and
 2.21 fee maximum is established for four-year
 2.22 programs that is the lesser of: (1) the average
 2.23 tuition and fees charged by the institution; or
 2.24 (2) an amount equal to the highest tuition and
 2.25 fees charged at a public university in the
 2.26 2024-2025 academic year plus two percent
 2.27 for fiscal year 2026, plus an additional two
 2.28 percent for fiscal year 2027.

2.29 (c) The base for this appropriation is
 2.30 \$238,467,000 in fiscal year 2028 and
 2.31 thereafter.

2.32 **Subd. 3. Child Care Grants** **6,944,000** **6,944,000**

2.33 **Subd. 4. State Work-Study** **11,752,000** **11,752,000**

2.34 **Subd. 5. Interstate Tuition Reciprocity** **8,500,000** **8,500,000**

3.1 If the appropriation in this subdivision for
 3.2 either year is insufficient, the appropriation
 3.3 for the other year is available to meet
 3.4 reciprocity contract obligations.

3.5 **Subd. 6. Safety Officer's Survivors** 100,000 100,000

3.6 This appropriation is to provide educational
 3.7 benefits under Minnesota Statutes, section
 3.8 299A.45, to eligible dependent children and
 3.9 to the spouses of public safety officers killed
 3.10 in the line of duty.

3.11 If the appropriation in this subdivision for
 3.12 either year is insufficient, the appropriation
 3.13 for the other year is available for it.

3.14 **Subd. 7. Indian Scholarships** 3,500,000 3,500,000

3.15 The commissioner must contract with or
 3.16 employ at least one person with demonstrated
 3.17 competence in American Indian culture and
 3.18 residing in or near the city of Bemidji to assist
 3.19 students with the scholarships under
 3.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.126, and
 3.21 with other information about financial aid for
 3.22 which the students may be eligible. This
 3.23 appropriation includes funding to administer
 3.24 the Indian scholarship program.

3.25 **Subd. 8. Tribal College Supplemental Assistance** 3,150,000 3,150,000
 3.26 **Grants**

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

3.29 (b) A Tribal college must use grant funds
 3.30 received under this section to supplement, not
 3.31 supplant, any existing funding. Each eligible
 3.32 Tribal college may receive a grant in an
 3.33 amount no less than \$1,000,000 and no more

4.1 than \$1,050,000, subject to available
 4.2 appropriations.

4.3 **Subd. 9. Intervention for College Attendance**
 4.4 **Program Grants**

1,142,000

1,142,000

4.5 For the intervention for college attendance
 4.6 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
 4.7 136A.861.

4.8 **Subd. 10. Information for Students and Parents**

122,000

122,000

4.9 **Subd. 11. Get Ready!**

180,000

180,000

4.10 **Subd. 12. Minnesota Education Equity**
 4.11 **Partnership**

45,000

45,000

4.12 **Subd. 13. Midwest Higher Education Compact**

115,000

115,000

4.13 **Subd. 14. United Family Medicine Residency**
 4.14 **Program**

501,000

501,000

4.15 For a grant to United Family Medicine
 4.16 residency program. This appropriation shall
 4.17 be used to support up to 21 resident physicians
 4.18 each year in family practice at United Family
 4.19 Medicine residency programs and shall
 4.20 prepare doctors to practice family care
 4.21 medicine in underserved rural and urban areas
 4.22 of the state. It is intended that this program
 4.23 will improve health care in underserved
 4.24 communities, provide affordable access to
 4.25 appropriate medical care, and manage the
 4.26 treatment of patients in a cost-effective
 4.27 manner.

4.28 **Subd. 15. MnLINK Gateway and Minitex**

6,655,000

6,708,000

4.29 **Subd. 16. Statewide Longitudinal Education**
 4.30 **Data System**

2,550,000

2,550,000

4.31 **Subd. 17. Hennepin Healthcare**

645,000

645,000

4.32 For a grant to Hennepin Healthcare for
 4.33 graduate family medical education programs
 4.34 at Hennepin Healthcare.

5.1	<u>Subd. 18. Summer Academic Enrichment</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
5.2	<u>Program</u>		
5.3	<u>For summer academic enrichment grants under</u>		
5.4	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.091.</u>		
5.5	<u>Subd. 19. Campus Sexual Violence Prevention</u>		
5.6	<u>and Response Coordinator</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
5.7	<u>For the Office of Higher Education to staff a</u>		
5.8	<u>campus sexual violence prevention and</u>		
5.9	<u>response coordinator to serve as a statewide</u>		
5.10	<u>resource providing professional development</u>		
5.11	<u>and guidance on best practices for</u>		
5.12	<u>postsecondary institutions. \$50,000 each year</u>		
5.13	<u>is for administrative funding to conduct</u>		
5.14	<u>trainings and provide materials to</u>		
5.15	<u>postsecondary institutions.</u>		
5.16	<u>Subd. 20. Emergency Assistance for</u>	<u>550,000</u>	<u>550,000</u>
5.17	<u>Postsecondary Students</u>		
5.18	<u>(a) For the Office of Higher Education to</u>		
5.19	<u>allocate to nonprofit private postsecondary</u>		
5.20	<u>institutions and Tribal colleges that are eligible</u>		
5.21	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.103,</u>		
5.22	<u>for emergency assistance grants to students.</u>		
5.23	<u>The commissioner must establish processes</u>		
5.24	<u>for soliciting applications from institutions,</u>		
5.25	<u>selecting applicants to receive an allocation,</u>		
5.26	<u>and determining the funding amount allocated</u>		
5.27	<u>and issue guidance regarding how institutions</u>		
5.28	<u>must award emergency assistance grants to</u>		
5.29	<u>students.</u>		
5.30	<u>(b) Postsecondary institutions must use the</u>		
5.31	<u>funding allocated to them under this</u>		
5.32	<u>subdivision to award emergency assistance</u>		
5.33	<u>grants directly to students to meet immediate</u>		
5.34	<u>needs that could interfere with the student</u>		
5.35	<u>completing the term or their program,</u>		

6.1 including but not limited to emergency
6.2 housing, food, and transportation. Institutions
6.3 must minimize any negative impact on student
6.4 financial aid resulting from the receipt of
6.5 emergency money.

6.6 (c) Money under this subdivision must not be
6.7 distributed to selected applicants until the
6.8 Office of Higher Education has approved their
6.9 plans to award grants to students.

6.10 (d) By February 1 each year, the commissioner
6.11 must submit a report to the chairs and ranking
6.12 minority members of the legislative
6.13 committees with jurisdiction over higher
6.14 education on emergency assistance grants
6.15 awarded to students using the money
6.16 appropriated in this subdivision. The report
6.17 must detail:

6.18 (1) how money was distributed among
6.19 institutions;

6.20 (2) the process by which students apply for
6.21 emergency assistance grants and institutions
6.22 make a determination about whether money
6.23 will be awarded;

6.24 (3) how many students received emergency
6.25 assistance grants and the average award
6.26 amount;

6.27 (4) the most common student needs that grants
6.28 were awarded to meet; and

6.29 (5) the average length of time between grant
6.30 application and disbursement to students.

6.31 (e) At the end of each biennium, institutions
6.32 must return any unused portion of the funding

7.1	<u>allocated to them under this subdivision to the</u>		
7.2	<u>Office of Higher Education.</u>		
7.3	<u>Subd. 21. Grants to Student Teachers in</u>		
7.4	<u>Shortage Areas</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
7.5	<u>For grants to student teachers in shortage areas</u>		
7.6	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1275.</u>		
7.7	<u>Subd. 22. Grants for Underrepresented Student</u>		
7.8	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>1,125,000</u>	<u>1,125,000</u>
7.9	<u>For grants for underrepresented student</u>		
7.10	<u>teachers under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
7.11	<u>136A.1274.</u>		
7.12	<u>Subd. 23. Grants to Students with Intellectual</u>		
7.13	<u>and Developmental Disabilities</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
7.14	<u>For grants to students with intellectual and</u>		
7.15	<u>developmental disabilities under Minnesota</u>		
7.16	<u>Statutes, section 136A.1215.</u>		
7.17	<u>Subd. 24. Loan Repayment Assistance Program</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>
7.18	<u>For a grant to the Loan Repayment Assistance</u>		
7.19	<u>Program of Minnesota to provide education</u>		
7.20	<u>debt relief to attorneys with full-time</u>		
7.21	<u>employment providing legal advice or</u>		
7.22	<u>representation to low-income clients or support</u>		
7.23	<u>services for this work.</u>		
7.24	<u>Subd. 25. Hunger-Free Campus Grants</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
7.25	<u>(a) For the Office of Higher Education to</u>		
7.26	<u>award grants to nonprofit private</u>		
7.27	<u>postsecondary institutions and Tribal colleges</u>		
7.28	<u>registered with the Office of Higher Education</u>		
7.29	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.63,</u>		
7.30	<u>for hunger-free campus activities. The</u>		
7.31	<u>commissioner must establish a competitive</u>		
7.32	<u>grant program to distribute the money</u>		
7.33	<u>appropriated in this subdivision, which must:</u>		

- 8.1 (1) have an application process and selection
8.2 criteria established by the commissioner in
8.3 collaboration with student associations
8.4 representing eligible institutions;
- 8.5 (2) provide a maximum annual grant award
8.6 of \$25,000 per institution;
- 8.7 (3) give preference to applications from
8.8 institutions with the highest number of federal
8.9 Pell Grant eligible students enrolled; and
- 8.10 (4) require grant recipients to match at least
8.11 50 percent of the amount awarded with either
8.12 in-kind contributions or other resources.
- 8.13 (b) Postsecondary institutions must use the
8.14 grant money awarded to them under this
8.15 subdivision to meet the following hunger-free
8.16 campus requirements:
- 8.17 (1) maintain an on-campus food pantry or
8.18 partnership with a local food bank to provide
8.19 regular, on-campus food distributions;
- 8.20 (2) provide information to students on the
8.21 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
8.22 (SNAP), the Minnesota Family Investment
8.23 Program (MFIP), and other programs that
8.24 reduce food insecurity;
- 8.25 (3) notify students in work-study employment
8.26 of their potential eligibility for SNAP benefits
8.27 and provide information to those students
8.28 about eligibility criteria and how to apply for
8.29 benefits;
- 8.30 (4) hold or participate in one hunger awareness
8.31 event per academic year;
- 8.32 (5) provide emergency assistance grants to
8.33 students; and

9.1 (6) establish a hunger task force that meets a
 9.2 minimum of three times per academic year
 9.3 and that includes at least two students
 9.4 currently enrolled at the institution.

9.5 (c) By February 1 each year, the commissioner
 9.6 must submit a report to the chairs and ranking
 9.7 minority members of the legislative
 9.8 committees with jurisdiction over higher
 9.9 education on hunger-free campus activities
 9.10 performed using the money appropriated in
 9.11 this subdivision. The report must detail:

9.12 (1) how money was distributed among
 9.13 institutions;

9.14 (2) how hunger-free campus requirements
 9.15 were met at those institutions; and

9.16 (3) how many students were served.

9.17	<u>Subd. 26. Fostering Independence Higher</u>	<u>8,416,000</u>		<u>8,416,000</u>
9.18	<u>Education Grants</u>			

9.19 For grants to eligible students under Minnesota
 9.20 Statutes, section 136A.1241. Notwithstanding
 9.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.01,
 9.22 subdivision 4, the commissioner may use no
 9.23 more than three percent of the appropriation
 9.24 to administer the grant program.

9.25	<u>Subd. 27. Student-Parent Support Initiative</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>		<u>3,000,000</u>
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9.26 For grants to support student parents under
 9.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1251.
 9.28 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
 9.29 136A.01, subdivision 4, the commissioner
 9.30 may use no more than \$338,000 of the annual
 9.31 appropriation for administrative and
 9.32 promotional costs.

10.1	<u>Subd. 28. Director of Tribal Relations</u>	<u>143,000</u>	<u>143,000</u>
10.2	<u>Subd. 29. Direct Admissions Program</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. 30. American Indian Scholars</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. 31. Inclusive Higher Education</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
10.17	<u>To enter into a contract establishing the</u>		
10.18	<u>Inclusive Higher Education Technical</u>		
10.19	<u>Assistance Center under Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
10.20	<u>section 135A.161.</u>		
10.21	<u>Subd. 32. Addiction Medicine Graduate Medical</u>		
10.22	<u>Education Fellowship</u>	<u>270,000</u>	<u>270,000</u>
10.23	<u>(a) For a grant to Hennepin County Medical</u>		
10.24	<u>Center to support up to six physicians enrolled</u>		
10.25	<u>in an addiction medicine fellowship program.</u>		
10.26	<u>If the appropriation for either year is</u>		
10.27	<u>insufficient, the appropriation for the other</u>		
10.28	<u>year is available for it.</u>		
10.29	<u>(b) Each year, in order to receive funds under</u>		
10.30	<u>this subdivision, Hennepin County Medical</u>		
10.31	<u>Center must certify to the commissioner the</u>		
10.32	<u>number of physicians actually enrolled in an</u>		
10.33	<u>addiction medicine fellowship for that year.</u>		

11.1	<u>The commissioner shall transfer to Hennepin</u>		
11.2	<u>County Medical Center \$90,000 for each</u>		
11.3	<u>physician enrolled in an addiction medicine</u>		
11.4	<u>fellowship subject to the total funds</u>		
11.5	<u>appropriated by this subdivision.</u>		
11.6	<u>(c) This appropriation shall be used to prepare</u>		
11.7	<u>fellows to practice addiction medicine in rural</u>		
11.8	<u>and underserved areas of the state, and to train</u>		
11.9	<u>fellows in: diagnostic interviewing;</u>		
11.10	<u>motivational interviewing; addiction</u>		
11.11	<u>counseling; recognition and care of common</u>		
11.12	<u>acute withdrawal syndromes and</u>		
11.13	<u>complications; pharmacotherapies of addictive</u>		
11.14	<u>disorders; epidemiology and pathophysiology</u>		
11.15	<u>of addiction; identification and treatment of</u>		
11.16	<u>addictive disorders in special populations;</u>		
11.17	<u>secondary interventions; the use of screening</u>		
11.18	<u>and diagnostic instruments; inpatient care; and</u>		
11.19	<u>working within a multidisciplinary team.</u>		
11.20	<u>Subd. 33. Unemployment Insurance Aid</u>	<u>158,000</u>	<u>158,000</u>
11.21	<u>For unemployment insurance aid to Tribal</u>		
11.22	<u>colleges under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
11.23	<u>268.193. Of the amount appropriated, \$24,000</u>		
11.24	<u>each year is for administration of the</u>		
11.25	<u>unemployment insurance aid.</u>		
11.26	<u>Subd. 34. North Star Promise; Administrative</u>		
11.27	<u>Costs</u>	<u>202,000</u>	<u>202,000</u>
11.28	<u>For administrative and promotion expenses to</u>		
11.29	<u>implement and direct the scholarship awards</u>		
11.30	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1465.</u>		
11.31	<u>Subd. 35. Agency Administration</u>	<u>6,219,000</u>	<u>6,385,000</u>
11.32	<u>Subd. 36. Balances Forward</u>		

12.1 A balance in the first year under this section
12.2 does not cancel, but is available for the second
12.3 year.

12.4 **Subd. 37. Transfer Authority**

12.5 The commissioner of the Office of Higher
12.6 Education may transfer unencumbered
12.7 balances from the appropriations in this
12.8 section to the state grant appropriation, the
12.9 interstate tuition reciprocity appropriation, the
12.10 child care grant appropriation, the Indian
12.11 scholarship appropriation, the state work-study
12.12 appropriation, the get ready appropriation, the
12.13 intervention for college attendance
12.14 appropriation, the student-parent information
12.15 appropriation, the summer academic
12.16 enrichment program appropriation, the public
12.17 safety officers' survivors appropriation, and
12.18 the fostering independence higher education
12.19 grant program. The commissioner may transfer
12.20 unencumbered balances from the hunger-free
12.21 campus appropriations to the emergency
12.22 assistance for postsecondary students grant.

12.23 To the extent there is a projected surplus in
12.24 the appropriation for either the student
12.25 teachers in shortage areas grant program or
12.26 the underrepresented student teacher grant
12.27 program, the commissioner may transfer
12.28 unencumbered balances between the two
12.29 programs as needed to meet demand. Transfers
12.30 from the child care, state work-study, or the
12.31 hunger-free campus appropriations may only
12.32 be made to the extent there is a projected
12.33 surplus in the appropriation. A transfer may
12.34 be made only with prior written notice to the
12.35 chairs and ranking minority members of the

- 14.1 upgrading the Integrated Statewide Record
14.2 System and maintaining enterprise-wide
14.3 technology services.
- 14.4 (d) \$50,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$50,000
14.5 in fiscal year 2027 are to reduce students'
14.6 out-of-pocket costs by expanding free
14.7 offerings in course materials and resources,
14.8 including through open educational resources,
14.9 open textbooks, and implementation of
14.10 Z-Degrees under Minnesota Statutes, section
14.11 136F.305.
- 14.12 (e) \$3,158,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
14.13 \$3,158,000 in fiscal year 2027 are to expand
14.14 student support services. This appropriation
14.15 provides funding to campuses to address basic
14.16 needs insecurity, mental health, and other
14.17 high-need student support services by
14.18 increasing the amount of available resources
14.19 to students. In addition, this funding provides
14.20 systemwide resources and coordination,
14.21 including electronic connections for peer
14.22 support and professional clinical support for
14.23 mental health. These systemwide resources
14.24 must be available online 24 hours a day, seven
14.25 days a week.
- 14.26 (f) \$883,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$894,000
14.27 in fiscal year 2027 are for costs associated
14.28 with the increased employer contribution rates
14.29 for the higher education individual retirement
14.30 account plan under Minnesota Statutes, section
14.31 354B.23, subdivision 3.
- 14.32 (g) \$282,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$282,000
14.33 in fiscal year 2027 are to pay the cost of
14.34 supplies and equipment necessary to provide

- 15.1 access to menstrual products under Minnesota
15.2 Statutes, section 135A.1365.
- 15.3 (h) \$809,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$809,000
15.4 in fiscal year 2027 are for unemployment
15.5 insurance aid under Minnesota Statutes,
15.6 section 268.193, to institutions within the
15.7 system.
- 15.8 (i) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000
15.9 in fiscal year 2027 are for the Juvenile
15.10 Detention Alternatives Initiative at
15.11 Metropolitan State University. Of this amount,
15.12 \$280,000 each year is to provide juvenile
15.13 justice services and resources, including the
15.14 Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, to
15.15 Minnesota counties and federally recognized
15.16 Tribes; and \$220,000 each year is for funding
15.17 to local units of government, federally
15.18 recognized Tribes, and agencies to support
15.19 local Juvenile Detention Alternative
15.20 Initiatives, including but not limited to
15.21 alternatives to detention. Any unencumbered
15.22 balance remaining in the first year does not
15.23 cancel and is available in the second year.
- 15.24 (j) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 is to address
15.25 contamination of PFAS, as defined in
15.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 116.943, arising
15.27 from or associated with the use of firefighting
15.28 foam at the Lake Superior College Emergency
15.29 Response Training Center (ERTC) prior to
15.30 January 1, 2015. Money may be used to
15.31 conduct environmental investigation and
15.32 response activities, including ERTC program
15.33 accommodations, and reimburse past expenses
15.34 incurred for these activities. This is a onetime
15.35 appropriation.

- 16.1 Subd. 4. **Direct Student Support** 7,350,000 7,350,000
- 16.2 (a) \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
- 16.3 \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for
- 16.4 workforce development scholarships under
- 16.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.38. The
- 16.6 board may use up to five percent of this
- 16.7 appropriation to administer the programs. Of
- 16.8 the amount appropriated, \$500,000 in fiscal
- 16.9 year 2027 only is for the law enforcement
- 16.10 grant pilot program under article 2, section 61.
- 16.11 (b) \$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
- 16.12 \$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for
- 16.13 emergency assistance grants to Minnesota
- 16.14 State Colleges and Universities students. The
- 16.15 Board of Trustees must:
- 16.16 (1) award emergency assistance grants directly
- 16.17 to students to meet immediate needs that could
- 16.18 interfere with the student completing the term
- 16.19 or their program, including but not limited to
- 16.20 emergency housing, food, and transportation;
- 16.21 (2) minimize any negative impact on student
- 16.22 financial aid resulting from the receipt of
- 16.23 emergency money; and
- 16.24 (3) by February 1 of each year, submit a report
- 16.25 to the chairs and ranking minority members
- 16.26 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
- 16.27 over higher education on emergency assistance
- 16.28 grants awarded to students using the money
- 16.29 appropriated in this paragraph. The report must
- 16.30 detail:
- 16.31 (i) how money was distributed among
- 16.32 institutions;
- 16.33 (ii) the process by which students apply for
- 16.34 emergency assistance grants and institutions

- 17.1 make a determination about whether money
17.2 will be awarded;
- 17.3 (iii) how many students received emergency
17.4 assistance grants and the average award
17.5 amount;
- 17.6 (iv) the most common student needs that
17.7 grants were awarded to meet; and
- 17.8 (v) the average length of time between grant
17.9 application and disbursement to students.
- 17.10 (c) \$600,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$600,000
17.11 in fiscal year 2027 are for hunger-free campus
17.12 activities. The Board of Trustees must:
- 17.13 (1) meet the following hunger-free campus
17.14 requirements on Minnesota State Colleges and
17.15 Universities campuses:
- 17.16 (i) maintain an on-campus food pantry or
17.17 partnership with a local food bank to provide
17.18 regular, on-campus food distributions;
- 17.19 (ii) provide information to students on the
17.20 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
17.21 (SNAP), the Minnesota Family Investment
17.22 Program (MFIP), and other programs that
17.23 reduce food insecurity;
- 17.24 (iii) notify students in work-study employment
17.25 of their potential eligibility for SNAP benefits
17.26 and provide information to those students
17.27 about eligibility criteria and how to apply for
17.28 benefits;
- 17.29 (iv) hold or participate in one hunger
17.30 awareness event per academic year;
- 17.31 (v) provide emergency assistance grants to
17.32 students; and

18.1 (vi) establish a hunger task force that meets a
 18.2 minimum of three times per academic year
 18.3 and that includes at least two students
 18.4 currently enrolled at the institution;
 18.5 (2) match at least 50 percent of the amount
 18.6 appropriated in this paragraph with either
 18.7 in-kind contributions or other resources; and
 18.8 (3) by February 1 each year, submit a report
 18.9 to the chairs and ranking minority members
 18.10 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
 18.11 over higher education on hunger-free campus
 18.12 activities performed using the money
 18.13 appropriated in this paragraph. The report must
 18.14 detail:

18.15 (i) how money was distributed among
 18.16 institutions;
 18.17 (ii) how hunger-free campus requirements
 18.18 were met at those institutions; and
 18.19 (iii) how many students were served.

18.20 Subd. 5. Cook County Higher Education Board 300,000 300,000

18.21 For a grant to the Cook County Higher
 18.22 Education Board to provide educational
 18.23 programming, workforce development, and
 18.24 academic support services to remote regions
 18.25 in northeastern Minnesota. The Cook County
 18.26 Higher Education Board shall continue to
 18.27 provide information to the Board of Trustees
 18.28 on the number of students served, credit hours
 18.29 delivered, and services provided to students.

18.30 Subd. 6. Learning Network of Minnesota 4,115,000 4,115,000

18.31 Sec. 4. BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE
 18.32 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

18.33 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation \$ 754,770,000 \$ 739,508,000

19.1	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
19.2	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
19.3 <u>General</u>	<u>752,613,000</u>	<u>737,351,000</u>
19.4 <u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>
19.5 <u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>		
19.6 <u>purpose are specified in the following</u>		
19.7 <u>subdivisions.</u>		
19.8 <u>Subd. 2. Operations and Maintenance</u>	<u>644,018,000</u>	<u>644,018,000</u>
19.9 <u>Subd. 3. Special Appropriations; Research and</u>		
19.10 <u>Innovation</u>	<u>42,554,000</u>	<u>27,292,000</u>
19.11 <u>(a) \$12,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
19.12 <u>\$12,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for</u>		
19.13 <u>Medical Discovery Teams on Addiction, the</u>		
19.14 <u>Biology of Aging, Optical Imaging and Brain</u>		
19.15 <u>Science, Rural and American Indian Health</u>		
19.16 <u>Disparities, Incretin Mimetics, and other</u>		
19.17 <u>critical, complex health issues.</u>		
19.18 <u>(b) \$2,150,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
19.19 <u>\$2,150,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the</u>		
19.20 <u>Clinical and Translational Science Institute.</u>		
19.21 <u>(c) The Board of Regents may transfer</u>		
19.22 <u>unencumbered balances between the</u>		
19.23 <u>appropriations for the Medical Discovery</u>		
19.24 <u>Teams and the Clinical and Translational</u>		
19.25 <u>Science Institute as needed.</u>		
19.26 <u>(d) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
19.27 <u>\$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the</u>		
19.28 <u>Minnesota Cancer Clinical Trials Network.</u>		
19.29 <u>(e) \$2,465,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
19.30 <u>\$2,465,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for health</u>		
19.31 <u>sciences research at the Office of Academic</u>		
19.32 <u>Clinical Affairs and the School of Public</u>		
19.33 <u>Health.</u>		

20.1 (f) \$4,350,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
20.2 \$4,350,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for
20.3 competitive grants for regenerative medicine
20.4 research and commercialization.

20.5 (g) \$15,262,000 in fiscal year 2026 is for a
20.6 collaborative partnership with the Mayo Clinic
20.7 to engage in ongoing research into
20.8 amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), with the
20.9 goal of bettering the lives of individuals with
20.10 ALS and finding a cure for the disease. This
20.11 is a onetime appropriation. Notwithstanding
20.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28,
20.13 unencumbered balances under this paragraph
20.14 do not cancel until June 30, 2029. Beginning
20.15 January 15, 2026, and annually thereafter until
20.16 January 15, 2030, or until the money is fully
20.17 expended, whichever occurs first, the Board
20.18 of Regents must submit a report to the chairs
20.19 and ranking minority members of the
20.20 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
20.21 higher education that identifies how the
20.22 collaborative partnership used the money
20.23 appropriated in this paragraph. The report must
20.24 be filed according to Minnesota Statutes,
20.25 section 3.195.

20.26 (h) \$77,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$77,000
20.27 in fiscal year 2027 are for biomedical
20.28 engineering.

20.29 (i) \$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
20.30 \$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the
20.31 Cannabis Research Center in the School of
20.32 Public Health. The center must investigate the
20.33 health effects of cannabis use and research
20.34 other topics related to cannabis, including but
20.35 not limited to prevention and treatment of

21.1 substance use disorders, equity issues,
 21.2 education, and decriminalization.

21.3 **Subd. 4. Special Appropriations; Medical**
 21.4 **Training and Care**

12,946,000

12,946,000

21.5 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
21.6 <u>General</u>	<u>10,789,000</u>	<u>10,789,000</u>
21.7 <u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>

21.9 (a) \$1,043,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
 21.10 \$1,043,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the
 21.11 Rural Physician Associate Program (RPAP)
 21.12 and Metropolitan Physician Associate Program
 21.13 (MetroPAP).

21.14 (b) \$6,247,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
 21.15 \$6,247,000 in fiscal year 2027 are to support
 21.16 faculty physicians teaching at eight clinical
 21.17 residency program sites, including medical
 21.18 resident and student training programs in the
 21.19 Department of Family Medicine and
 21.20 Community Health.

21.21 (c) \$346,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$346,000
 21.22 in fiscal year 2027 are to support up to 12
 21.23 resident physicians in the St. Cloud Hospital
 21.24 family medicine residency program, which
 21.25 must prepare doctors to practice primary care
 21.26 medicine in rural areas of Minnesota.

21.27 (d) \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
 21.28 \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for a
 21.29 partnership between the University of
 21.30 Minnesota Medical School and CentraCare to
 21.31 establish and operate new residency programs
 21.32 and maintain existing residency programs
 21.33 based in CentraCare hospitals and clinics in
 21.34 St. Cloud and Willmar. Eligible uses of this
 21.35 appropriation include but are not limited to

22.1	<u>program administration, curriculum</u>		
22.2	<u>development, resident recruitment, training,</u>		
22.3	<u>and resident stipends.</u>		
22.4	<u>(e) \$993,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$993,000</u>		
22.5	<u>in fiscal year 2027 are for the Mobile Dental</u>		
22.6	<u>Clinic.</u>		
22.7	<u>(f) \$2,157,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
22.8	<u>\$2,157,000 in fiscal year 2027 are from the</u>		
22.9	<u>health care access fund for primary care</u>		
22.10	<u>education initiatives.</u>		
22.11	<u>(g) \$660,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$660,000</u>		
22.12	<u>in fiscal year 2027 are for geriatrics education.</u>		
22.13	<u>Subd. 5. Special Appropriations; Social Sciences</u>	<u>1,802,000</u>	<u>1,802,000</u>
22.14	<u>(a) \$985,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$985,000</u>		
22.15	<u>in fiscal year 2027 are for the Center for Urban</u>		
22.16	<u>and Regional Affairs.</u>		
22.17	<u>(b) \$39,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$39,000</u>		
22.18	<u>in fiscal year 2027 are for the Bureau of</u>		
22.19	<u>Business and Economic Research at the</u>		
22.20	<u>University of Minnesota Duluth.</u>		
22.21	<u>(c) \$778,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$778,000</u>		
22.22	<u>in fiscal year 2027 are for industrial relations</u>		
22.23	<u>education at the Carlson School of</u>		
22.24	<u>Management.</u>		
22.25	<u>Subd. 6. Special Appropriations; Natural</u>		
22.26	<u>Resources Management and Education</u>	<u>50,995,000</u>	<u>50,995,000</u>
22.27	<u>(a) \$27,086,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
22.28	<u>\$27,086,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the</u>		
22.29	<u>Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station.</u>		
22.30	<u>(b) \$15,836,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
22.31	<u>\$15,836,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the</u>		
22.32	<u>University of Minnesota Extension.</u>		

- 23.1 (c) The amounts appropriated in paragraphs
23.2 (a) and (b) must be used for the following:
- 23.3 (1) the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment
23.4 Station and University of Minnesota Extension
23.5 must convene agricultural advisory groups to
23.6 focus research, education, and Extension
23.7 activities on producer needs and implement
23.8 an outreach strategy that more effectively and
23.9 rapidly transfers research results and best
23.10 practices to producers throughout the state;
- 23.11 (2) this appropriation includes funding for
23.12 research and outreach on the production of
23.13 renewable energy from Minnesota biomass
23.14 resources, including agronomic crops, plant
23.15 and animal wastes, and native plants or trees.
23.16 The following areas should be prioritized and
23.17 carried out in consultation with Minnesota
23.18 producers, renewable energy, and bioenergy
23.19 organizations:
- 23.20 (i) biofuel and other energy production from
23.21 perennial crops, small grains, row crops, and
23.22 forestry products in conjunction with the
23.23 Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI);
- 23.24 (ii) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping
23.25 systems; and
- 23.26 (iii) biofuel coproducts used for livestock feed;
- 23.27 (3) this appropriation includes funding for the
23.28 College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural
23.29 Resource Sciences to establish and provide
23.30 leadership for organic agronomic,
23.31 horticultural, livestock, and food systems
23.32 research, education, and outreach and for the
23.33 purchase of state-of-the-art laboratory,

- 24.1 planting, tilling, harvesting, and processing
24.2 equipment necessary for this project;
- 24.3 (4) this appropriation includes funding for
24.4 research efforts that demonstrate a renewed
24.5 emphasis on the needs of the state's agriculture
24.6 community. The following areas should be
24.7 prioritized and carried out in consultation with
24.8 Minnesota farm organizations:
- 24.9 (i) vegetable crop research with priority for
24.10 extending the Minnesota vegetable growing
24.11 season;
- 24.12 (ii) fertilizer and soil fertility research and
24.13 development;
- 24.14 (iii) soil, groundwater, and surface water
24.15 conservation practices and contaminant
24.16 reduction research;
- 24.17 (iv) discovering and developing plant varieties
24.18 that use nutrients more efficiently;
- 24.19 (v) breeding and development of turf seed and
24.20 other biomass resources in all three Minnesota
24.21 biomes;
- 24.22 (vi) development of new disease-resistant and
24.23 pest-resistant varieties of turf and agronomic
24.24 crops;
- 24.25 (vii) utilizing plant and livestock cells to treat
24.26 and cure human diseases;
- 24.27 (viii) the development of dairy coproducts;
- 24.28 (ix) a rapid agricultural response fund for
24.29 current or emerging animal, plant, and insect
24.30 problems affecting production or food safety;
- 24.31 (x) crop pest and animal disease research;

- 25.1 (xi) developing animal agriculture that is
25.2 capable of sustainably feeding the world;
- 25.3 (xii) consumer food safety education and
25.4 outreach;
- 25.5 (xiii) programs to meet the research and
25.6 outreach needs of organic livestock and crop
25.7 farmers; and
- 25.8 (xiv) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping
25.9 systems and growing, harvesting, and
25.10 transporting biomass plant material; and
- 25.11 (5) by February 1, 2027, the Board of Regents
25.12 must submit a report to the legislative
25.13 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
25.14 over agriculture and higher education finance
25.15 on the status and outcomes of research and
25.16 initiatives funded in paragraphs (a) and (b).
- 25.17 (d) \$4,414,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
25.18 \$4,414,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the
25.19 Natural Resources Research Institute.
- 25.20 (e) \$1,673,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
25.21 \$1,673,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the
25.22 Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.
- 25.23 (f) \$846,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$846,000
25.24 in fiscal year 2027 are for the Minnesota
25.25 Geological Survey.
- 25.26 (g) \$140,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$140,000
25.27 in fiscal year 2027 are for the Bell Museum.
- 25.28 (h) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
25.29 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for a
25.30 University of Minnesota Extension program
25.31 that enhances the capacity of the state's
25.32 agriculture sector, land and resource managers,
25.33 and communities to plan for and adapt to

26.1 weather extremes, including but not limited
 26.2 to droughts and floods. The money
 26.3 appropriated in this paragraph must be used
 26.4 to support existing Extension staff members
 26.5 and to hire additional staff members for a
 26.6 program with broad geographic reach
 26.7 throughout the state. The program must:
 26.8 (1) identify, develop, implement, and evaluate
 26.9 educational programs that increase the
 26.10 capacity of Minnesota's agriculture sector,
 26.11 land and resource managers, and communities
 26.12 to be prepared for and adapt to projected
 26.13 physical changes in temperature, precipitation,
 26.14 and other weather parameters that affect crops,
 26.15 land, horticulture, pests, and wildlife in ways
 26.16 that present challenges to the state's agriculture
 26.17 sector and the communities that depend on the
 26.18 agriculture sector; and
 26.19 (2) communicate and interpret the latest
 26.20 research on critical weather trends and the
 26.21 scientific basis for critical weather trends to
 26.22 further prepare Extension staff throughout the
 26.23 state to educate and provide technical
 26.24 assistance to the agriculture sector, land and
 26.25 resource managers, and community members
 26.26 at the local level regarding technical
 26.27 information on water resource management,
 26.28 agriculture and forestry, engineering and
 26.29 infrastructure design, and emergency
 26.30 management that is necessary to develop
 26.31 strategies to mitigate the effects of extreme
 26.32 weather change.

26.33 **Subd. 7. Special Appropriations; Campus**
 26.34 **Management and Student Support**

2,455,000

2,455,000

- 27.1 (a) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
27.2 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for campus
27.3 safety and security measures.
- 27.4 (b) \$366,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$366,000
27.5 in fiscal year 2027 are for unemployment
27.6 insurance aid under Minnesota Statutes,
27.7 section 268.193.
- 27.8 (c) \$110,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$110,000
27.9 in fiscal year 2027 are to pay the cost of
27.10 supplies and equipment necessary to provide
27.11 access to menstrual products under Minnesota
27.12 Statutes, section 135A.1365.
- 27.13 (d) \$779,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$779,000
27.14 in fiscal year 2027 are for emergency
27.15 assistance grants to University of Minnesota
27.16 students. The Board of Regents must:
- 27.17 (1) award emergency assistance grants directly
27.18 to students to meet immediate needs that could
27.19 interfere with the student completing the term
27.20 or their program, including but not limited to
27.21 emergency housing, food, and transportation;
- 27.22 (2) minimize any negative impact on student
27.23 financial aid resulting from the receipt of
27.24 emergency money; and
- 27.25 (3) by February 1 each year, submit a report
27.26 to the chairs and ranking minority members
27.27 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
27.28 over higher education on emergency assistance
27.29 grants awarded to students using the money
27.30 appropriated in this paragraph. The report must
27.31 detail:
- 27.32 (i) how money was distributed among
27.33 institutions;

- 28.1 (ii) the process by which students apply for
28.2 emergency assistance grants and institutions
28.3 make a determination about whether money
28.4 will be awarded;
- 28.5 (iii) how many students received emergency
28.6 assistance grants and the average award
28.7 amount;
- 28.8 (iv) the most common student needs that
28.9 grants were awarded to meet; and
- 28.10 (v) the average length of time between grant
28.11 application and disbursement to students.
- 28.12 (e) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$200,000
28.13 in fiscal year 2027 are for hunger-free campus
28.14 activities. The Board of Regents must:
- 28.15 (1) meet the following hunger-free campus
28.16 requirements on University of Minnesota
28.17 campuses:
- 28.18 (i) maintain an on-campus food pantry or
28.19 partnership with a local food bank to provide
28.20 regular, on-campus food distributions;
- 28.21 (ii) provide information to students on the
28.22 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
28.23 (SNAP), the Minnesota Family Investment
28.24 Program (MFIP), and other programs that
28.25 reduce food insecurity;
- 28.26 (iii) notify students in work-study employment
28.27 of their potential eligibility for SNAP benefits
28.28 and provide information to those students
28.29 about eligibility criteria and how to apply for
28.30 benefits;
- 28.31 (iv) hold or participate in one hunger
28.32 awareness event per academic year;

- 29.1 (v) provide emergency assistance grants to
 29.2 students; and
- 29.3 (vi) establish a hunger task force that meets a
 29.4 minimum of three times per academic year
 29.5 and that includes at least two students
 29.6 currently enrolled at the institution;
- 29.7 (2) match at least 50 percent of the amount
 29.8 appropriated in this paragraph with either
 29.9 in-kind contributions or other resources; and
- 29.10 (3) by February 1 of each year, submit a report
 29.11 to the chairs and ranking minority members
 29.12 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
 29.13 over higher education on hunger-free campus
 29.14 activities performed using the money
 29.15 appropriated in this paragraph. The report must
 29.16 detail:
- 29.17 (i) how funding was distributed among
 29.18 institutions;
- 29.19 (ii) how hunger-free campus requirements
 29.20 were met at those institutions; and
- 29.21 (iii) how many students were served.

29.22 **Sec. 5. TRANSFERS.**

- 29.23 (a) The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education, in consultation with the
 29.24 commissioner of management and budget, must transfer \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
 29.25 \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the spinal cord and traumatic brain
 29.26 injury grant account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.901,
 29.27 subdivision 1. The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education may use up to ten
 29.28 percent of the amounts transferred under this paragraph to administer the program. The
 29.29 commissioner of management and budget must include a transfer of \$2,500,000 each year
 29.30 from the general fund to the spinal cord and traumatic brain injury grant account in the
 29.31 special revenue fund in each forecast prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103,
 29.32 from the effective date of this section through the February 2027 forecast.

30.1 (b) The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education, in consultation with the
30.2 commissioner of management and budget, must transfer \$3,132,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
30.3 \$3,132,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the dual training account in the
30.4 special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.246, subdivision 10. The
30.5 commissioner of the Office of Higher Education may use up to five percent of the amounts
30.6 transferred under this paragraph to administer the program. Of the amounts transferred
30.7 under this paragraph, \$132,000 each year is for transfer to the Department of Labor and
30.8 Industry to support identification of competency standards and development of dual training
30.9 programs in the transportation and child care industries as required under Minnesota Statutes,
30.10 section 175.45. The commissioner of management and budget must include a transfer of
30.11 \$3,132,000 each year from the general fund to the dual training account in the special
30.12 revenue fund in each forecast prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103, from
30.13 the effective date of this section through the February 2027 forecast.

30.14 (c) The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education, in consultation with the
30.15 commissioner of management and budget, must transfer \$325,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
30.16 \$325,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the large animal veterinarian loan
30.17 forgiveness program account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section
30.18 136A.1795, subdivision 2. The commissioner of management and budget must include a
30.19 transfer of \$325,000 each year from the general fund to the large animal veterinarian loan
30.20 forgiveness program account in the special revenue fund in each forecast prepared under
30.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103, from the effective date of this section through the
30.22 February 2027 forecast.

30.23 (d) The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education, in consultation with the
30.24 commissioner of management and budget, must transfer \$45,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
30.25 \$45,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the agricultural education loan
30.26 forgiveness account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1794,
30.27 subdivision 2. The commissioner of management and budget must include a transfer of
30.28 \$45,000 each year from the general fund to the agricultural education loan forgiveness
30.29 account in the special revenue fund in each forecast prepared under Minnesota Statutes,
30.30 section 16A.103, from the effective date of this section through the February 2027 forecast.

30.31 (e) The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education, in consultation with the
30.32 commissioner of management and budget, must transfer \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
30.33 \$750,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the inclusive higher education grant
30.34 account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.162, subdivision
30.35 4. The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education may use up to five percent of the

31.1 amounts transferred under this paragraph to administer the program. The commissioner of
 31.2 management and budget must include a transfer of \$750,000 each year from the general
 31.3 fund to the inclusive higher education grant account in the special revenue fund in each
 31.4 forecast prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103, from the effective date of this
 31.5 section through the February 2027 forecast.

31.6 (f) The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education, in consultation with the
 31.7 commissioner of management and budget, must transfer \$49,500,000 in fiscal year 2026
 31.8 and \$49,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the account in the special
 31.9 revenue fund for North Star Promise scholarships under Minnesota Statutes, section
 31.10 136A.1465, subdivision 8. The commissioner of management and budget must include a
 31.11 transfer of \$49,500,000 each year from the general fund to the account in the special revenue
 31.12 fund for North Star Promise scholarships in each forecast prepared under Minnesota Statutes,
 31.13 section 16A.103, from the effective date of this section through the February 2027 forecast.

31.14 **Sec. 6. CANCELLATIONS.**

31.15 (a) The \$500,000 fiscal year 2025 appropriation from the general fund for the Kids on
 31.16 Campus initiative under Laws 2024, chapter 124, article 1, section 6, is canceled.

31.17 (b) Of the amount appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of the Office
 31.18 of Higher Education pursuant to Laws 2022, chapter 42, section 2, paragraph (b), as amended
 31.19 by Laws 2024, chapter 124, article 1, section 1, and Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 34,
 31.20 section 1, \$15,262,263 is canceled.

31.21 **ARTICLE 2**

31.22 **HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY**

31.23 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 135A.052, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

31.24 Subdivision 1. **Statement of missions.** (a) The legislature recognizes each type of public
 31.25 postsecondary institution to have a distinctive mission within the overall provision of public
 31.26 higher education in the state and a responsibility to cooperate with each other. These missions
 31.27 are as follows:

31.28 (1) the technical colleges shall offer vocational training and education to prepare students
 31.29 for skilled occupations that do not require a baccalaureate degree;

31.30 (2) the community colleges shall offer lower division instruction in academic programs,
 31.31 occupational programs in which all credits earned will be accepted for transfer to a

32.1 baccalaureate degree in the same field of study, and remedial studies, for students transferring
32.2 to baccalaureate institutions and for those seeking associate degrees;

32.3 (3) consolidated community technical colleges shall offer the same types of instruction,
32.4 programs, certificates, diplomas, and degrees as the technical colleges and community
32.5 colleges offer;

32.6 (4) the state universities shall offer undergraduate and graduate instruction through the
32.7 master's degree, including specialist certificates, in the liberal arts and sciences and
32.8 professional education, and may offer applied doctoral degrees in education, business,
32.9 psychology, physical therapy, audiology, cybersecurity, and nursing; and

32.10 (5) the University of Minnesota shall offer undergraduate, graduate, and professional
32.11 instruction through the doctoral degree, and shall be the primary state supported academic
32.12 agency for research and extension services.

32.13 (b) It is part of the mission of each system that within the system's resources the system's
32.14 governing board and chancellor or president shall endeavor to:

32.15 (1) prevent the waste or unnecessary spending of public money;

32.16 (2) use innovative fiscal and human resource practices to manage the state's resources
32.17 and operate the system as efficiently as possible;

32.18 (3) coordinate the system's activities wherever appropriate with the activities of the other
32.19 system and governmental agencies;

32.20 (4) use technology where appropriate to increase system productivity, improve customer
32.21 service, increase public access to information about the system, and increase public
32.22 participation in the business of the system;

32.23 (5) utilize constructive and cooperative labor-management practices to the extent
32.24 otherwise required by chapters 43A and 179A; and

32.25 (6) recommend to the legislature appropriate changes in law necessary to carry out the
32.26 mission of the system.

32.27 **Sec. 2. [135A.1367] OPIATE ANTAGONIST.**

32.28 (a) The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must, and
32.29 the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota is requested to:

33.1 (1) maintain a supply of opiate antagonists, as defined in section 604A.04, subdivision
 33.2 1, at each campus site to be administered in compliance with section 151.37, subdivision
 33.3 12; and

33.4 (2) have at least two doses of a nasal opiate antagonist available on site at each campus
 33.5 residential building.

33.6 (b) The commissioner of health shall identify resources, including at least one training
 33.7 video, to help postsecondary institutions implement an opiate antagonist emergency response
 33.8 and make the resources available for institutions.

33.9 (c) The Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents may adopt a model plan for use,
 33.10 storage, and administration of opiate antagonists on system campuses.

33.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective beginning in the 2025-2026 academic
 33.12 year.

33.13 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 135A.15, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

33.14 Subd. 1a. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the
 33.15 meanings given.

33.16 (b) "Advisor" means a person who is selected by a responding or reporting party to serve
 33.17 as a support during a campus investigation and disciplinary process. This person may be
 33.18 an attorney. An advisor serves as a support to a party by offering comfort or attending
 33.19 meetings.

33.20 (c) "Domestic violence" has the meaning given in section 518B.01, subdivision 2.

33.21 (d) "Incident" means one report of sexual misconduct to a postsecondary institution,
 33.22 regardless of the number of complainants included in the report, the number of respondents
 33.23 included in the report, and whether or not the identity of any party is known by the reporting
 33.24 postsecondary institution. Incident encompasses all nonconsensual events included within
 33.25 one report if multiple events have been identified.

33.26 (e) "Intimate partner violence" means any physical or sexual harm or a pattern of any
 33.27 other coercive behavior committed, enabled, or solicited to gain or maintain power and
 33.28 control over a victim, including verbal, psychological, economic, or technological abuse
 33.29 that may or may not constitute criminal behavior against an individual, that may be classified
 33.30 as a sexual misconduct, dating violence, or domestic violence caused by:

33.31 (1) a current or former spouse of the individual; or

33.32 (2) a person in a sexual or romantic relationship with the individual.

34.1 (f) "Nonconsensual dissemination of sexual images" has the meaning given in section
34.2 617.261.

34.3 (g) "Reporting party" means the party in a disciplinary proceeding who has reported
34.4 being subjected to conduct or communication that could constitute sexual misconduct.

34.5 (h) "Responding party" means the party in a disciplinary proceeding who has been
34.6 reported to be the perpetrator of conduct or communication that could constitute sexual
34.7 misconduct.

34.8 (i) "Retaliation" means intimidation, threats, coercion, or discrimination against a
34.9 reporting party, responding party, or witness for the purpose of interfering with any right
34.10 or privilege or because the person has reported information, made a complaint, testified,
34.11 assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation,
34.12 proceeding, or hearing under this section, including in nondisciplinary restorative justice
34.13 services.

34.14 (j) "Sexual assault" means rape, sex offenses - fondling, sex offenses - incest, or sex
34.15 offenses - statutory rape as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, part 668, subpart
34.16 D, appendix A, as amended.

34.17 ~~(k)~~ (k) "Sexual extortion" has the meaning given in section 609.3458.

34.18 ~~(l)~~ (l) "Sex trafficking" has the meaning given in section 609.321, subdivision 7a.

34.19 ~~(m)~~ (m) "Sexual harassment" has the meaning given in section 363A.03, subdivision 43.

34.20 ~~(n)~~ (n) "Sexual misconduct" means an incident of sexual violence, intimate partner
34.21 violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, nonconsensual distribution
34.22 of sexual images, sexual extortion, nonconsensual dissemination of a deepfake depicting
34.23 intimate parts or sexual acts, sex trafficking, or stalking.

34.24 ~~(o)~~ (o) "Stalking" has the meaning given in section 609.749.

34.25 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 135A.15, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

34.26 Subd. 2a. ~~Campus investigation and disciplinary hearing procedures~~ sexual
34.27 misconduct grievance procedures. (a) A postsecondary institution must provide a reporting
34.28 party an opportunity for an impartial, timely, and thorough investigation of a report of sexual
34.29 misconduct against a student. If an investigation reveals that sexual misconduct has occurred,
34.30 the institution must take prompt and effective steps reasonably calculated to end the sexual
34.31 misconduct, prevent its recurrence, and, as appropriate, remedy its effects. Remedial action
34.32 may include any or all of the following: (1) disciplinary action against the responding party;

35.1 (2) with the consent of the parties, alternative resolution options; and (3) academic or
35.2 residential supportive measures, as requested by the reporting party.

35.3 (b) An institution must offer and coordinate academic and residential supportive measures
35.4 as needed and equitably to both the reporting and responding parties participating in a
35.5 campus sexual misconduct grievance process, including but not limited to exam or assignment
35.6 extensions, permitted class absence, a change in on-campus residence, and schedule changes.

35.7 (c) A postsecondary institution must allow the reporting and responding parties to present
35.8 and review relevant testimony by parties and witnesses and relevant evidence compiled in
35.9 an investigative report.

35.10 (d) Throughout any investigation or disciplinary proceeding, a postsecondary an
35.11 institution must treat the reporting parties, responding parties, witnesses, and other
35.12 participants in the proceeding with dignity and respect.

35.13 ~~(e) If a postsecondary institution conducts a hearing, an advisor may provide opening~~
35.14 ~~and closing remarks on behalf of a party or assist with formulating questions to the other~~
35.15 ~~party or witnesses about related evidence or credibility.~~

35.16 (e) A postsecondary institution must provide due process protections before imposing
35.17 disciplinary action against a responding party who is a student. The responding party must
35.18 be informed in writing of the allegations with sufficient details related to the allegations,
35.19 including the alleged misconduct; the identity of the reporting party; and to the extent
35.20 possible, the date, time, and location of the alleged sexual misconduct. The responding party
35.21 must be provided with the campus code of conduct guidelines listing possible sanctions.

35.22 (f) In any grievance process arising from an alleged incident of sexual misconduct against
35.23 a student, a postsecondary institution must apply, at a minimum, a preponderance of the
35.24 evidence standard of proof.

35.25 (g) An institution must allow equal opportunity during the hearing for the reporting and
35.26 responding parties to consult an additional support person other than the party's advisor,
35.27 such as an advocate, if requested and deemed appropriate by the Title IX coordinator or
35.28 designee.

35.29 (h) The reporting and responding parties must be given equal opportunity to question
35.30 the credibility of the other party and witnesses through a live hearing or questioning by a
35.31 decision-maker, pursuant to paragraph (l).

35.32 (i) If an institution allows for cross-examination of witnesses and parties, the reporting
35.33 party and the responding party are not permitted to personally cross-examine each other or

36.1 any witnesses. Any cross-examination must be performed by the party's advisor or an
36.2 adjudicator of the campus disciplinary proceeding.

36.3 (j) A postsecondary institution must hold a hearing related to disciplinary action under
36.4 this section if requested by either the reporting or responding party.

36.5 (k) If a postsecondary institution conducts a hearing, the institution must provide the
36.6 reporting and responding parties with equal opportunity to provide testimony without
36.7 encountering the other party in person, and to review testimony provided by the other party
36.8 in a similar manner. This may be done through video conference or closed-circuit television.

36.9 (l) An institution must appoint a decision-maker or panel of decision-makers who are
36.10 not the investigator to assess the credibility of the reporting party, the responding party, and
36.11 any other witnesses through a live hearing or direct questioning.

36.12 (m) If the facts and circumstances rise to a policy violation, an institution must proceed
36.13 with the campus sexual misconduct grievance process, if requested by the reporting party,
36.14 concurrently with a criminal investigation, except that a postsecondary institution may
36.15 temporarily delay a campus proceeding if requested by law enforcement and if the campus
36.16 proceeding may impede a criminal investigation.

36.17 (n) Personal information of the reporting party such as character witness or sexual
36.18 behavior of the reporting party is allowable if the information is deemed relevant by the
36.19 decision-maker and if the information substantiates that the misconduct may have occurred.
36.20 Mental health and medical information of the reporting party may be considered if: (1) a
36.21 release is signed by the reporting party; and (2) nonrelevant information is redacted. If a
36.22 responding party is found responsible, medical and mental health information of the reporting
36.23 party may be considered to determine sanctions.

36.24 (o) Questions and evidence about the reporting party's sexual predisposition or prior
36.25 sexual behavior are not considered relevant unless such questions and evidence: (1) are
36.26 offered to prove that someone other than the responding party committed the alleged conduct;
36.27 or (2) concern specific incidents of the reporting party's prior sexual behavior with respect
36.28 to the responding party and are offered to prove consent.

36.29 (p) The responding and reporting parties may discuss the investigation and disciplinary
36.30 proceedings with an advisor of choice, the party's parents, or an authorized legal guardian.

36.31 (q) An institution must deliver the outcome of the grievance process simultaneously to
36.32 the reporting and responding parties.

37.1 (r) An institution must inform the reporting and responding parties no later than 24 hours
 37.2 before a decision is rendered regarding the timeline of the outcome's release. Alongside the
 37.3 notice of the outcome, an institution must offer community mental health and, if applicable,
 37.4 on-campus resources equitably to a reporting and responding party. The outcome must not
 37.5 be delivered to a reporting or responding party at the end of the day or on a weekend or
 37.6 holiday to ensure that the reporting and responding parties may access supportive services.

37.7 (s) Institutions must have a policy prohibiting retaliation that specifies what constitutes
 37.8 retaliation and possible actions for students and employees if retaliation occurs. Retaliation
 37.9 against the reporting party, responding party, or witnesses resulting from a person's
 37.10 participation in a campus sexual misconduct investigation is prohibited.

37.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026.

37.12 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 135A.1582, is amended to read:

37.13 **135A.1582 PROTECTIONS FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS.**

37.14 Subdivision 1. ~~Definition~~ **Definitions.** (a) For ~~the purpose~~ purposes of this section, the
 37.15 following ~~term has~~ terms have the ~~meaning~~ meanings given.

37.16 (b) "Parenting student" means a student enrolled at a public college or university who
 37.17 is the parent or legal guardian of or can claim as a dependent a child under the age of 18.

37.18 (c) "Pregnancy or related conditions" has the meaning given in Code of Federal
 37.19 Regulations, title 34, section 106.2.

37.20 (d) "Postsecondary institution" means an institution governed by the Board of Trustees
 37.21 of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities or a private postsecondary institution that
 37.22 offers in-person courses on a campus located in Minnesota and is an eligible institution as
 37.23 defined in section 136A.103. Institutions governed by the Board of Regents of the University
 37.24 of Minnesota are requested to comply with this section.

37.25 Subd. 2. **Rights and protections.** (a) A ~~Minnesota state college or university~~
 37.26 postsecondary institution may not require and the University of Minnesota is requested not
 37.27 to require a pregnant or parenting student, solely because of the student's status as a pregnant
 37.28 or parenting student or due to issues related to the student's pregnancy or parenting, to:

37.29 (1) take a leave of absence or withdraw from the student's degree or certificate program;

37.30 (2) limit the student's studies;

37.31 (3) participate in an alternative program;

38.1 (4) change the student's major, degree, or certificate program; or

38.2 (5) refrain from joining or cease participating in any course, activity, or program at the
38.3 college or university.

38.4 (b) A ~~Minnesota state college or university~~ postsecondary institution shall provide and
38.5 the University of Minnesota is requested to provide reasonable modifications to a pregnant
38.6 student, including modifications that:

38.7 (1) would be provided to a student with a temporary medical condition; or

38.8 (2) are related to the health and safety of the student and the student's unborn child, such
38.9 as allowing the student to maintain a safe distance from substances, areas, and activities
38.10 known to be hazardous to pregnant women or unborn children.

38.11 (c) A ~~Minnesota state college or university~~ postsecondary institution must and the
38.12 University of Minnesota is requested to, for reasons related to a student's pregnancy,
38.13 childbirth, or any resulting medical status or condition:

38.14 (1) excuse the student's absence;

38.15 (2) allow the student to make up missed assignments or assessments;

38.16 (3) allow the student additional time to complete assignments in the same manner as the
38.17 institution allows for a student with a temporary medical condition; and

38.18 (4) provide the student with access to instructional materials and video recordings of
38.19 lectures for classes for which the student has an excused absence under this section to the
38.20 same extent that instructional materials and video recordings of lectures are made available
38.21 to any other student with an excused absence.

38.22 (d) A ~~Minnesota state college or university~~ postsecondary institution must and the
38.23 University of Minnesota is requested to allow a pregnant or parenting student to:

38.24 (1) take a leave of absence; and

38.25 (2) if in good academic standing at the time the student takes a leave of absence, return
38.26 to the student's degree or certificate program in good academic standing without being
38.27 required to reapply for admission.

38.28 (e) If a ~~public college or university~~ postsecondary institution provides early registration
38.29 for courses or programs at the institution for any group of students, the ~~Minnesota state~~
38.30 ~~college or university~~ institution must provide and the University of Minnesota is requested
38.31 to provide early registration for those courses or programs for pregnant or parenting students
38.32 in the same manner.

39.1 Subd. 3. **Policy on discrimination.** Each ~~Minnesota state college or university~~
 39.2 postsecondary institution must adopt and the University of Minnesota is requested to adopt
 39.3 a policy for students on pregnancy and parenting discrimination. The policy must:

39.4 (1) include the contact information of the Title IX coordinator who is the designated
 39.5 point of contact for a student requesting each protection or modification under this section.
 39.6 Contact information must include the Title IX coordinator's name, phone number, email,
 39.7 and office;

39.8 (2) be posted in an easily accessible, straightforward format on the college or university's
 39.9 website; and

39.10 (3) be made available annually to faculty, staff, and employees of the college or
 39.11 university.

39.12 Subd. 4. **Administration.** The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education must,
 39.13 in consultation with the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
 39.14 ~~and~~, the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, and other relevant stakeholders,
 39.15 establish guidelines, as necessary, to administer this section. The guidelines must establish
 39.16 minimum periods for which a pregnant or parenting student must be given a leave of absence
 39.17 under subdivision 2, paragraph (d). In establishing the minimum periods, the Office of
 39.18 Higher Education shall consider the maximum amount of time a student may be absent
 39.19 without significantly interfering with the student's ability to complete the student's degree
 39.20 or certificate program.

39.21 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
 39.22 read:

39.23 Subd. 4. **Treatment of appropriations.** Notwithstanding section 16B.98, subdivision
 39.24 14, unless amounts are otherwise appropriated for administrative costs, the office may retain
 39.25 up to five percent of the amount appropriated to the agency for grants enacted by the
 39.26 legislature and formula grants, and up to ten percent for competitively awarded grants.

39.27 Sec. 7. **[136A.054] CONSOLIDATED COMPETITIVE GRANT AND STUDENT**
 39.28 **LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM REPORTING.**

39.29 (a) The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education shall report annually by February
 39.30 15 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
 39.31 over higher education on the details of programs administered under sections 136A.1251,

40.1 136A.1789, 136A.1791, 136A.1794, 136A.1795, and 136A.861 including the following,
 40.2 where applicable:

- 40.3 (1) organizations receiving grant awards;
 40.4 (2) grant award amounts and utilization rates;
 40.5 (3) grant program activities, goals, and outcomes;
 40.6 (4) grant matching sources and funding levels;
 40.7 (5) number and amount of loan repayment awards disbursed; and
 40.8 (6) demographic data of loan repayment program participants.

40.9 (b) The commissioner must report any additional data and outcomes relevant to the
 40.10 evaluation of programs administered under sections 136A.1251, 136A.1789, 136A.1791,
 40.11 136A.1794, 136A.1795, and 136A.861 as evidenced by activities funded under each program.

40.12 **Sec. 8. [136A.0901] STANDARD FINANCIAL AID OFFER FORM FOR HIGHER**
 40.13 **EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS.**

40.14 Subdivision 1. **Citation.** Sections 136A.0901 to 136A.0905 may be cited as the "College
 40.15 Financing Literacy Act."

40.16 Subd. 2. **Standard format and terminology.** The commissioner must develop standard
 40.17 terminology and financial aid offer forms. The commissioner may develop separate financial
 40.18 aid offer forms for:

- 40.19 (1) undergraduate students;
 40.20 (2) graduate students;
 40.21 (3) first-time students; and
 40.22 (4) returning students.

40.23 Subd. 3. **Consultation with stakeholders.** In developing the financial aid offer form,
 40.24 the commissioner must consult with and consider the recommendations of stakeholders,
 40.25 including the student loan advocate in the Department of Commerce, representatives of
 40.26 students, institutions of higher education, financial aid administrators and counselors, school
 40.27 counselors, and any other relevant stakeholders as determined by the commissioner. The
 40.28 commissioner must begin consulting with and soliciting recommendations from stakeholders
 40.29 by September 1, 2025. By September 1, 2026, the commissioner must publish on the
 40.30 department's website a draft of the form created under subdivision 2 and solicit feedback
 40.31 from stakeholders regarding the form.

41.1 Subd. 4. **Final form.** The commissioner must publish on the department's website the
41.2 final financial aid offer form with sufficient time for institutions to implement use of the
41.3 form for the 2028-2029 academic year.

41.4 Subd. 5. **Authority to modify.** The commissioner may update and modify the definitions,
41.5 terms, formatting, and design of the financial aid offer form based on changes in laws, in
41.6 process, or for purposes of clarity.

41.7 Subd. 6. **Use of standard financial aid offer forms and terms.** Beginning with the
41.8 2028-2029 academic year, institutions of higher education that receive state grant aid must:

41.9 (1) use the financial aid offer form developed under this section in providing official
41.10 and unofficial offers, including paper, mobile-optimized, or other electronic offers to all
41.11 students who are accepted at the institution and apply for aid; and

41.12 (2) use the standard terminology and definitions developed by the commissioner for all
41.13 communications from the institution related to financial aid offers.

41.14 Sec. 9. **[136A.0902] REQUIRED CONTENTS FOR FINANCIAL AID OFFER**
41.15 **FORM.**

41.16 Subdivision 1. **General.** The financial aid offer form developed under section 136A.0901
41.17 must be a form titled "Financial Aid Offer" which includes the required information under
41.18 this section with costs listed first, followed by grants and scholarships clearly separated
41.19 with separate headings, and the additional information under section 136A.0903 included
41.20 last. The form must be in a consumer-friendly format that is simple to understand and must
41.21 allow for each institution to customize the form with the institution's own logo, branding,
41.22 or other identifiers.

41.23 Subd. 2. **Cost information.** The financial aid offer form must contain information on
41.24 the student's estimated cost of attendance including:

41.25 (1) total direct costs, including the totals for estimated tuition and fees charged by an
41.26 institution, including differential tuition if applicable, college or university-sponsored
41.27 housing, and food costs;

41.28 (2) total estimated other expenses, including estimated housing and food costs for students
41.29 who reside off-campus, and for all students, costs for books, materials, supplies,
41.30 transportation, and miscellaneous personal expenses;

42.1 (3) the academic period covered by the financial aid offer and an explanation that the
 42.2 financial aid offered may change for academic periods not covered by the aid offer or by
 42.3 program;

42.4 (4) whether cost and aid estimates are based on full-time or part-time enrollment;

42.5 (5) whether tuition and fees cover a set range of credits or are per credit hour; and

42.6 (6) whether the tuition and fees are estimated based on the previous year or are set for
 42.7 the academic period indicated in accordance with clause (3).

42.8 Subd. 3. **Grants and scholarships.** The financial aid offer form must include the
 42.9 aggregate amount of grants and scholarships itemized by source and type that the student
 42.10 does not have to repay, including grant aid:

42.11 (1) offered under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, United States Code, title
 42.12 20, section 1070, et seq.;

42.13 (2) offered through other federal programs;

42.14 (3) offered by the institution;

42.15 (4) offered by the state; and

42.16 (5) from an outside source to the student for the academic period, if known, including
 42.17 a disclosure that the grants and scholarships do not have to be repaid. If institutional aid is
 42.18 included, the form must also note:

42.19 (i) the conditions under which the student can expect to receive similar amounts of
 42.20 financial aid for each academic period the student is enrolled at the institution; and

42.21 (ii) whether the institutional aid offer may change if grants or scholarships from outside
 42.22 sources are applied after the student receives the financial aid offer form and how the
 42.23 institutional aid will change, if applicable.

42.24 Subd. 4. **Net price.** The financial aid offer form must include:

42.25 (1) the estimated net price that the student, or the student's family on behalf of the student,
 42.26 is estimated to have to pay for the student to attend the institution for the academic period,
 42.27 equal to the cost of attendance as described in subdivision 2, clauses (1) and (2), for the
 42.28 student for the period indicated in subdivision 2, clause (3), minus the amount of grant and
 42.29 scholarship aid described in subdivision 3 that is included in the financial aid offer form;
 42.30 and

43.1 (2) a disclosure that the estimated net price is an estimate of the total expenses for the
 43.2 year and not equivalent to the amount the student will owe directly to the institution.

43.3 Subd. 5. **Loans.** (a) The financial aid offer form must include:

43.4 (1) information on loans that are available to the student under part D or E of title IV of
 43.5 the Higher Education Act of 1965, United States Code, title 20, sections 1087a, et seq., and
 43.6 1087aa, et seq., except a Federal Direct PLUS Loan under part D of that act;

43.7 (2) information on other loans under this chapter for the academic period covered by
 43.8 the offer;

43.9 (3) a disclosure that the loans have to be repaid and a disclosure that the student can
 43.10 borrow a lesser or, if applicable, greater amount than the recommended loan amount;

43.11 (4) a disclosure that the interest rates and fees on the loans are set annually and affect
 43.12 total cost over time and a link to the Department of Education's and the Office of Higher
 43.13 Education's websites that includes current information on interest rates and fees; and

43.14 (5) a link to the Department of Education's repayment calculator website for students
 43.15 with instruction that the website contains customizable estimates of expected repayment
 43.16 costs under different loan repayment plans.

43.17 (b) The offer must clearly use the word "loan" to describe the recommended loan amounts
 43.18 and must clearly label subsidized and unsubsidized loans with a plain language explanation
 43.19 of the difference between the two.

43.20 Subd. 6. **Supplemental information on cost of attendance.** The financial aid offer
 43.21 form must contain information on how a student may request an adjustment to increase the
 43.22 cost of attendance to accommodate the student's special circumstances or higher costs of
 43.23 housing, food, or other eligible expenses.

43.24 Subd. 7. **Supplemental information for students with dependents.** The financial aid
 43.25 offer form must contain information on resources available to students with dependents
 43.26 including:

43.27 (1) the dependent care allowance, including a disclosure that a student with a dependent
 43.28 child in paid child care may request a dependent care allowance as part of the student's
 43.29 financial aid calculation, which may result in a higher grant or loan amount; and

43.30 (2) information on the Minnesota child care grant program provided in section 136A.125
 43.31 and instructions on how to apply.

44.1 Subd. 8. **Process for accepting or declining aid.** The financial aid offer form must
 44.2 include:

44.3 (1) deadlines and a summary of the process for accepting the financial aid offered in the
 44.4 financial aid offer form, requesting higher loan amounts if recommended loan amounts
 44.5 were included, and declining aid offered in the form;

44.6 (2) information on when and how direct costs to the institution must be paid, including
 44.7 information on payment plans if available;

44.8 (3) a disclosure that verification of financial circumstances may require the student to
 44.9 submit further documentation; and

44.10 (4) information about where a student or the student's family can seek additional
 44.11 information regarding the financial aid offered, including contact information for the
 44.12 institution's financial aid office, the Department of Education's website on financial aid,
 44.13 and the Office of Higher Education's website.

44.14 Sec. 10. **[136A.0903] ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL**
 44.15 **AID OFFER FORM.**

44.16 Subdivision 1. **Repayment resources; private student loans; work study.** In addition
 44.17 to the information described in section 136A.0902, the financial aid offer form must, in a
 44.18 concise format determined by the commissioner, include:

44.19 (1) at the institution's discretion, additional options and potential resources for paying
 44.20 the amount listed in section 136A.0902, subdivision 4, such as tuition payment plans;

44.21 (2) the following information relating to private student loans:

44.22 (i) a statement that students considering borrowing to cover the cost of attendance should
 44.23 consider available federal and state student loans prior to applying for private student loans,
 44.24 including an explanation that federal and state student loans offer generally more favorable
 44.25 terms and beneficial repayment options than private student loans;

44.26 (ii) the impact of a proposed private student loan on the student's potential eligibility for
 44.27 other financial assistance, including federal financial assistance under title IV of the Higher
 44.28 Education Act of 1965, United States Code, title 20, section 1070, et seq.; and

44.29 (iii) a statement explaining the student's ability to select a private educational lender of
 44.30 the student's choice; and

44.31 (3) information on work-study employment opportunities under section 136A.233, and
 44.32 work-study offered in accordance with part C of title IV of the Higher Education Act of

45.1 1965, United States Code, title 20, section 1087-51, et seq., including a disclosure that the
45.2 work-study aid offered is subject to the availability of qualified employment opportunities
45.3 and is disbursed over time as earned by the student. Work-study employment opportunities
45.4 must not be included in the category of financial aid described under section 136A.0902,
45.5 subdivision 3.

45.6 Subd. 2. **Additional requirements.** The financial aid offer form must meet the
45.7 requirements of this section and section 136A.0902 by:

45.8 (1) including, in addition to the requirements described in subdivision 1 and section
45.9 136A.0902, a concise summary in plain language of:

45.10 (i) the terms and conditions of financial aid under subdivision 1, clause (3), and section
45.11 136A.0902, subdivisions 3 and 5, and a method to provide students with additional
45.12 information about the terms and conditions, such as links to the supplementary information;
45.13 and

45.14 (ii) federal, state, or institutional conditions required to receive and renew financial aid
45.15 and a method to provide students with additional information about these conditions, such
45.16 as links to the supplementary information;

45.17 (2) clearly distinguishing between aid offered under subdivision 1, clause (3), and section
45.18 136A.0902, subdivisions 3 and 5, by including a subtotal for the aid offered and by refraining
45.19 from commingling the different types of aid described;

45.20 (3) using standard terminology and definitions, as determined by the commissioner, and
45.21 using plain language where possible;

45.22 (4) providing additional information on federal student loans, including the types and
45.23 amounts for which the student is eligible in an attached document or web page, if an
45.24 institution's recommended federal student loan aid offered under section 136A.0902,
45.25 subdivision 5, is less than the federal maximum available to the student;

45.26 (5) including a delivery confirmation for electronic financial aid offer forms, except that
45.27 receipt of the financial aid offer form shall not be considered an acceptance or rejection of
45.28 aid by the student; and

45.29 (6) accompanying any reference to private education loans, with respect to dependent
45.30 students, with:

45.31 (i) information about the availability of and terms and conditions associated with Federal
45.32 Direct PLUS Loans under section 455 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, United States
45.33 Code, title 20, section 1087e, for the student's parents regardless of family income; and

46.1 (ii) a notification of the student's increased eligibility for unsubsidized federal student
 46.2 loans under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, United States Code, title 20,
 46.3 section 1070, et seq., if the student's parents are rejected under the Federal Direct PLUS
 46.4 Loan program.

46.5 Sec. 11. [136A.0904] SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION; REMOVAL OF
 46.6 INFORMATION.

46.7 (a) Nothing in sections 136A.0901 to 136A.0903 precludes an institution from
 46.8 supplementing the financial aid offer form with additional information if the additional
 46.9 information supplements the financial aid offer form and is not located on the financial aid
 46.10 offer form and if the information utilizes the same standard terminology developed by the
 46.11 commissioner under this act.

46.12 (b) Nothing in sections 136A.0901 to 136A.0903 precludes an institution from omitting
 46.13 a required item in an individual offer form if that item is inapplicable to the student receiving
 46.14 the offer.

46.15 Sec. 12. [136A.0905] SUPERSEDING FEDERAL LAW.

46.16 Sections 136A.0901 to 136A.0904 are null and void upon the effective date of a federal
 46.17 law or regulation establishing a uniform financial aid offer form and requiring institutions
 46.18 of higher education to adopt it.

46.19 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.101, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

46.20 Subd. 5a. **Assigned family responsibility.** "Assigned family responsibility" means the
 46.21 amount of a family's contribution to a student's cost of attendance, as determined by a federal
 46.22 need analysis. For dependent students, the assigned family responsibility is ~~79~~ 95 percent
 46.23 of the parental contribution. If the parental contribution is ~~less than~~ between \$0 and negative
 46.24 \$1,500, the assigned family responsibility is ~~40~~ 50 percent of the parental contribution. If
 46.25 the parental contribution is less than negative \$1,500, the recognized parental contribution
 46.26 is negative \$1,500. For independent students with dependents other than a spouse, the
 46.27 assigned family responsibility is 71 percent of the student contribution. For independent
 46.28 students without dependents other than a spouse, the assigned family responsibility is 35
 46.29 percent of the student contribution. If the student contribution is ~~less than~~ between \$0 and
 46.30 negative \$1,500, the assigned family responsibility is ~~40~~ 50 percent of the student
 46.31 contribution. If the student contribution is less than negative \$1,500, the recognized student
 46.32 contribution is negative \$1,500. For a student registering for less than full time, the office

47.1 shall prorate the assigned family responsibility using the ratio of the number of credits the
47.2 student is enrolled in to the number of credits for full-time enrollment.

47.3 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.103, is amended to read:

47.4 **136A.103 INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**

47.5 Subdivision 1. Eligibility. (a) A postsecondary institution is eligible for state student
47.6 aid ~~and to receive state student aid on behalf of students under this chapter 136A and sections~~
47.7 197.791 and 299A.45, if the institution is located in this state and:

47.8 (1) is operated by this state or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota; or

47.9 (2) is operated privately and, ~~as determined by the office,~~ meets the requirements of
47.10 paragraph (b).

47.11 (b) A private institution must:

47.12 ~~(1) maintain academic standards substantially equivalent to those of comparable~~
47.13 ~~institutions operated in this state;~~

47.14 ~~(2)~~ (1) be licensed or registered as a postsecondary institution by the office; and

47.15 ~~(3)(i) by July 1, 2010, participate in the federal Pell Grant program under Title IV of~~
47.16 ~~the Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329, as amended; or~~

47.17 (2) meet one of the following criteria:

47.18 (i) the institution participates in the federal Pell Grant program under Title IV of the
47.19 Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329, as amended;

47.20 (ii) ~~if an~~ the institution:

47.21 (A) was participating in state student aid programs as of June 30, 2010, and the institution
47.22 did but does not participate in the federal Pell Grant program by June 30, 2010, the institution
47.23 must require every student who enrolls to sign a disclosure form, provided by the office,
47.24 stating that the institution is not participating in the federal Pell Grant program. under Title
47.25 IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329, as amended;

47.26 (B) requires every student who enrolls to sign a disclosure form, provided by the office,
47.27 stating that the institution is not participating in the federal Pell Grant program; and

47.28 (C) has not had a change in ownership as defined in section 136A.63, subdivision 2; or

47.29 ~~(e) An~~ (iii) the institution that offers only graduate-level degrees or graduate-level
47.30 nondegree programs is an eligible institution if the institution is licensed or registered as a

48.1 ~~postsecondary institution by the office~~ and participates in federal financial aid under Title
48.2 IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329, as amended.

48.3 ~~(d)~~ (c) An eligible institution under paragraph (b), clause ~~(3)~~, item ~~(ii)~~ (2), that changes
48.4 ownership as defined in section 136A.63, subdivision 2, ~~must participate in the federal Pell~~
48.5 ~~Grant program within four calendar years of the first ownership change to continue eligibility~~
48.6 remains eligible for state student aid for six months following the change in ownership.

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

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

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

48.16 Subd. 2. **Ineligibility.** A postsecondary institution otherwise eligible for state student
48.17 aid under this chapter and sections 197.791 and 299A.45 may be determined by the office
48.18 to be ineligible if the institution:

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

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

48.25 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

48.26 Subd. 6. **Cost of attendance.** (a) The recognized cost of attendance consists of: (1) an
48.27 allowance specified in law for living and miscellaneous expenses, and (2) an allowance for
48.28 tuition and fees equal to the lesser of the average tuition and fees charged by the institution,
48.29 or a tuition and fee maximum if one is established in law. If no living and miscellaneous
48.30 expense allowance is established in law, the allowance is equal to ~~45~~ 106 percent of the
48.31 federal poverty guidelines for a one person household in Minnesota for nine months. If no
48.32 tuition and fee maximum is established in law, the allowance for tuition and fees is equal
48.33 to the lesser of: (1) the average tuition and fees charged by the institution, and (2) for

49.1 two-year programs, an amount equal to the highest tuition and fees charged at a public
49.2 two-year institution, or for four-year programs, an amount equal to the highest tuition and
49.3 fees charged at a public university.

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

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

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

49.15 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

49.16 Subd. 7. **Insufficient appropriation.** (a) If the amount appropriated is determined by
49.17 the office to be insufficient to make full awards to applicants under subdivision 5, awards
49.18 must be reduced by:

49.19 (1) adding a surcharge to the applicant's assigned family responsibility, as defined in
49.20 section 136A.101, subdivision 5a; and

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

49.23 (b) The reduction under paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), must be equal dollar amounts.
49.24 The total assigned family responsibility after the addition of the surcharge may exceed 100
49.25 percent of the parental or student contribution, as applicable, assigned by the federal needs
49.26 analysis. The commissioner must not adjust the surcharge under paragraph (a), clause (1),
49.27 according to the student's status as a dependent student, an independent student with
49.28 dependents other than a spouse, or an independent student without dependents other than
49.29 a spouse.

50.1 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, subdivision 7a, is amended to read:

50.2 Subd. 7a. **Surplus appropriation.** (a) If the amount appropriated is determined by the
50.3 office to be more than sufficient to fund projected grant demand in the second year of the
50.4 biennium, the office may:

50.5 (1) increase the living and miscellaneous expense allowance in the second year of the
50.6 biennium by up to an amount that retains sufficient appropriations to fund the projected
50.7 grant demand; or

50.8 (2) when calculating assigned family responsibility, recognize a negative parental
50.9 contribution or student contribution that is less than negative \$1,500 to a value that is equal
50.10 to the lowest student contribution provided under the federal needs analysis.

50.11 (b) The ~~adjustment~~ adjustments in paragraph (a) may be made one or more times. In
50.12 making the determination that there are more than sufficient funds, the office shall balance
50.13 the need for sufficient resources to meet the projected demand for grants with the goal of
50.14 fully allocating the appropriation for state grants. An increase in the living and miscellaneous
50.15 expense allowance or a modified assigned family responsibility under this subdivision does
50.16 not carry forward into a subsequent biennium.

50.17 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

50.18 Subd. 9. **Awards.** An undergraduate student who meets the office's requirements is
50.19 eligible to apply for and receive a grant in any year of undergraduate study unless the student
50.20 has obtained a baccalaureate degree or previously has received a state grant award for ~~180~~
50.21 120 credits or the equivalent, excluding (1) courses taken from a Minnesota school or
50.22 postsecondary institution which is not participating in the state grant program and from
50.23 which a student transferred no credit, and (2) courses taken that qualify as developmental
50.24 education or below college-level. A student enrolled in a two-year program at a four-year
50.25 institution is only eligible for the tuition and fee maximums established by law for two-year
50.26 institutions.

50.27 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

50.28 Subd. 13. **Deadline.** The deadline for the office to accept applications for state grants
50.29 for a term is ~~June 30 of the fiscal year for which the student applies for a grant~~ 30 days after
50.30 the start of that term.

51.1 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1465, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

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

51.6 (2) "gift aid" includes:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

51.21 (5) "recognized cost of attendance" has the meaning given in United States Code, title
51.22 20, chapter 28, subchapter IV, part F, section 1087ll;

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

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

51.27 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1465, is amended by adding a subdivision
51.28 to read:

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

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

52.3 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1465, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

52.6 (1) has completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the state
52.7 aid application by 30 days after the start of the term for which a scholarship is being awarded;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

52.26 (10) is meeting satisfactory academic progress as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision
52.27 10.

53.1 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.155, is amended to read:

53.2 **136A.155 ADDITIONAL INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**

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

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

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

53.9 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.162, is amended to read:

53.10 **136A.162 CLASSIFICATION OF DATA.**

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

53.14 (b) Data on applicants may be disclosed to the commissioner of children, youth, and
53.15 families to the extent necessary to determine eligibility under section 136A.121, subdivision
53.16 2, clause (5).

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

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

53.22 (2) the name and address of borrower;

53.23 (3) the name and address of cosigner;

53.24 (4) the date the account is opened;

53.25 (5) the outstanding account balance;

53.26 (6) the dollar amount past due;

53.27 (7) the number of payments past due;

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

53.29 ~~(9)~~ (8) the type of account;

54.1 ~~(10)~~ (9) the responsibility for the account; and

54.2 ~~(11)~~ (10) the status or remarks code.

54.3 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1701, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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

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

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

54.24 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1796, is amended to read:

54.25 **136A.1796 TRIBAL COLLEGE SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT ASSISTANCE.**

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

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

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

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

55.10 Subd. 2. **Eligibility; grant assistance.** (a) A Tribally controlled college is eligible to
 55.11 receive supplemental grant assistance from the office, as provided in this section, for total
 55.12 beneficiary and nonbeneficiary student enrollment ~~if the college is not otherwise eligible~~
 55.13 ~~to receive federal grant funding for those students under United States Code, title 25, section~~
 55.14 ~~1808~~ students enrolled in the fall, spring, and summer terms.

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

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

55.26 Subd. 4. **Reporting by recipient institutions.** Each Tribally controlled college receiving
 55.27 a grant under this section shall provide to the office, on an annual basis, an accurate and
 55.28 detailed account of the expenditures of the grant funds received by the college, and a copy
 55.29 of the college's most recent audit report and documentation of the enrollment status and
 55.30 ethnic status of each beneficiary and nonbeneficiary student for which grant assistance is
 55.31 sought under this section.

55.32 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.246, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

55.33 Subd. 1a. **Definitions.** (a) The terms defined in this subdivision apply to this section.

56.1 (b) "Competency standard" has the meaning given in section 175.45, subdivision 2.

56.2 (c) "Eligible training" means training provided by an eligible training provider that:

56.3 (1) includes training to meet one or more identified competency standards;

56.4 (2) is instructor-led for a majority of the training; and

56.5 (3) results in the employee receiving an industry-recognized degree, certificate, or
56.6 credential.

56.7 (d) "Eligible training provider" means an institution:

56.8 (1) operated by the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
56.9 or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota;

56.10 (2) licensed or registered as a postsecondary institution by the office; or

56.11 (3) exempt from the provisions of section 136A.822 to 136A.834 or 136A.61 to 136A.71
56.12 as approved by the office.

56.13 (e) "Industry-recognized degrees, certificates, or credentials" means:

56.14 (1) accredited certificates, diplomas, or degrees issued by a postsecondary institution;

56.15 (2) registered apprenticeship certifications or certificates;

56.16 (3) occupational licenses or registrations;

56.17 (4) certifications issued by, or recognized by, industry or professional associations; and

56.18 (5) other certifications as approved by the commissioner.

56.19 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.65, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

56.20 Subd. 4. **Criteria for approval.** (a) A school applying to be registered and to have its
56.21 degree or degrees and name approved must substantially meet the following criteria:

56.22 (1) the school has an organizational framework with administrative and teaching personnel
56.23 to provide the educational programs offered;

56.24 (2) the school has financial resources sufficient to meet the school's financial obligations,
56.25 including refunding tuition and other charges consistent with its stated policy if the institution
56.26 is dissolved, or if claims for refunds are made, to provide service to the students as promised,
56.27 and to provide educational programs leading to degrees as offered;

56.28 (3) the school operates in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles
56.29 according to the type of school;

- 57.1 (4) the school provides an educational program leading to the degree it offers;
- 57.2 (5) the school provides appropriate and accessible library, laboratory, and other physical
57.3 facilities to support the educational program offered;
- 57.4 (6) the school has a policy on freedom or limitation of expression and inquiry for faculty
57.5 and students which is published or available on request;
- 57.6 (7) the school uses only publications and advertisements which are truthful and do not
57.7 give any false, fraudulent, deceptive, inaccurate, or misleading impressions about the school,
57.8 its personnel, programs, services, or occupational opportunities for its graduates for promotion
57.9 and student recruitment;
- 57.10 (8) the school's compensated recruiting agents who are operating in Minnesota identify
57.11 themselves as agents of the school when talking to or corresponding with students and
57.12 prospective students;
- 57.13 (9) the school provides information to students and prospective students concerning:
- 57.14 (i) comprehensive and accurate policies relating to student admission, evaluation,
57.15 suspension, and dismissal;
- 57.16 (ii) clear and accurate policies relating to granting credit for prior education, training,
57.17 and experience and for courses offered by the school;
- 57.18 (iii) current schedules of fees, charges for tuition, required supplies, student activities,
57.19 housing, and all other standard charges;
- 57.20 (iv) policies regarding refunds and adjustments for withdrawal or modification of
57.21 enrollment status; and
- 57.22 (v) procedures and standards used for selection of recipients and the terms of payment
57.23 and repayment for any financial aid program;
- 57.24 (10) the school must not withhold a student's official transcript because the student is
57.25 in arrears or in default on any loan issued by the school to the student if the loan qualifies
57.26 as an institutional loan under United States Code, title 11, section 523(a)(8)(b);
- 57.27 (11) the school has a process to receive and act on student complaints;
- 57.28 (12) if the school is unaccredited, the school includes a joint and several liability provision
57.29 for torts and compliance with the requirements of sections 136A.61 to 136A.71 in any
57.30 contract effective after July 1, 2026, with any individual, entity, or postsecondary school
57.31 located in another state for the purpose of providing educational or training programs or

58.1 awarding postsecondary credits or continuing education credits to Minnesota residents that
58.2 may be applied to a degree program; and

58.3 (13) the school must not use nondisclosure agreements or other contracts restricting a
58.4 student's ability to disclose information in connection with school actions or conduct that
58.5 would be covered under section 136A.672.

58.6 (b) An application for degree approval must also include:

58.7 (i) title of degree and formal recognition awarded;

58.8 (ii) location where such degree will be offered;

58.9 (iii) proposed implementation date of the degree;

58.10 (iv) admissions requirements for the degree;

58.11 (v) length of the degree;

58.12 (vi) projected enrollment for a period of five years;

58.13 (vii) the curriculum required for the degree, including course syllabi or outlines;

58.14 (viii) statement of academic and administrative mechanisms planned for monitoring the
58.15 quality of the proposed degree;

58.16 (ix) statement of satisfaction of professional licensure criteria, if applicable;

58.17 (x) documentation of the availability of clinical, internship, externship, or practicum
58.18 sites, if applicable; and

58.19 (xi) statement of how the degree fulfills the institution's mission and goals, complements
58.20 existing degrees, and contributes to the school's viability.

58.21 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.653, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

58.22 Subd. 5. **Higher Learning Commission accredited institutions in Minnesota.** (a) A
58.23 postsecondary institution accredited by the Higher Learning Commission or its successor
58.24 with its primary physical location in Minnesota is exempt from the provisions of sections
58.25 136A.61 to 136A.71, including related fees, when it creates new or modifies existing:

58.26 (1) program degree levels, program degree types, majors, minors, concentrations,
58.27 specializations, and areas of emphasis within approved degrees;

58.28 (2) nondegree programs ~~within approved degrees~~;

58.29 (3) underlying curriculum or courses;

59.1 (4) modes of delivery; ~~and~~

59.2 (5) locations; and

59.3 (6) course or term changes that do not impact the number of instructional hours.

59.4 (b) The institution must annually notify the commissioner of the exempt actions listed
59.5 in paragraph (a) and, upon the commissioner's request, must provide additional information
59.6 about the action.

59.7 (c) The institution must notify the commissioner within 60 days of a program closing.

59.8 (d) Nothing in this subdivision exempts an institution from the annual registration and
59.9 degree approval requirements of sections 136A.61 to 136A.71.

59.10 (e) An institution exempt under this subdivision may advertise, recruit, and enroll students
59.11 while the program is evaluated for an exemption. In the event the program is determined
59.12 not to be exempt, the institution must submit the full review application to the office within
59.13 60 days of notification or cease advertisement, recruitment, and enrollment of students and
59.14 may be subject to the provisions of sections 136A.65, subdivision 8, 136A.705, and 136A.71.

59.15 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.658, is amended to read:

59.16 **136A.658 EXEMPTION; STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY**
59.17 **AGREEMENT SCHOOLS.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

60.7 (1) ~~\$750~~ \$1,500 for institutions with ~~fewer than 2,500~~ or fewer full-time equivalent
 60.8 enrollment;

60.9 (2) ~~\$3,000~~ \$5,000 for institutions with 2,501 to ~~20,000~~ 12,500 full-time equivalent
 60.10 enrollment; and

60.11 (3) \$7,500 for institutions with greater than ~~20,000~~ 12,500 full-time equivalent enrollment.

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

60.15 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.69, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

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

60.22 ~~associate degree~~ \$2,000

60.23 ~~baccalaureate degree~~ \$2,500

60.24 ~~master's degree~~ \$3,000

60.25 ~~doctorate degree~~ \$3,500

60.26 (1) \$5,000 for institutions with 2,500 or fewer full-time equivalent enrollment;

60.27 (2) \$7,500 for institutions with 2,501 to 5,000 full-time equivalent enrollment;

60.28 (3) \$10,000 for institutions with 5,001 to 7,500 full-time equivalent enrollment;

60.29 (4) \$15,000 for institutions with 7,501 to 10,000 full-time equivalent enrollment; and

60.30 (5) \$20,000 for institutions with 10,001 or greater full-time equivalent enrollment, and
 60.31 for institutions with no data on the previous year's full-time equivalent enrollment.

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

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

61.7	nondegree program	\$250
61.8	additional associate degree	\$250
61.9	additional baccalaureate degree	\$500
61.10	additional master's degree program	\$750
61.11	additional doctorate degree	\$1,000

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

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

61.25 (1) \$1,500 for institutions with 2,500 or fewer full-time equivalent enrollment;

61.26 (2) \$3,000 for institutions with 2,501 to 5,000 full-time equivalent enrollment;

61.27 (3) \$5,000 for institutions with 5,001 to 10,000 full-time equivalent enrollment; and

61.28 (4) \$7,500 for institutions with 10,001 or greater full-time equivalent enrollment, and
 61.29 for institutions with no data on the previous year's full-time equivalent enrollment.

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

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

62.12 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.82, is amended to read:

62.13 **136A.82 POLICY; CITATION.**

62.14 Subdivision 1. **Policy.** The legislature has found and hereby declares that the availability
 62.15 of legitimate vocational programs offered by responsible nonprofit and for-profit private
 62.16 career schools are in the best interests of the people of this state. The legislature has found
 62.17 and declares that the state can provide assistance and protection for persons choosing
 62.18 vocational programs by establishing policies and procedures to ensure the authenticity and
 62.19 legitimacy of vocational programs offered by nonprofit and for-profit private career schools.
 62.20 The legislature has found and declares that this same policy applies to any nonprofit and
 62.21 for-profit private career schools located in another state or country that offers or makes
 62.22 available to a Minnesota resident any vocational program which does not require leaving
 62.23 the state for its completion.

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

62.26 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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

62.29 (1) a government body;

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

62.31 (3) a nonpublic school, religious organization, or home school as defined in section
 62.32 120A.22, subdivision 4.

63.1 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

63.16 (6) programs contracted by persons or government agencies for the training of their own
63.17 employees for which no fee is charged to the employee, regardless of whether that fee is
63.18 reimbursed by the employer or a third party after the employee successfully completes the
63.19 training, except for institutions or programs required to obtain a limited license exclusively
63.20 to receive the dual training grant;

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

63.25 (8) schools licensed or approved by other state boards or agencies authorized under
63.26 Minnesota law to issue licenses for institutions or programs, except for institutions or
63.27 programs required to be licensed exclusively to participate in state financial aid or be listed
63.28 on the eligible training provider list, access WIOA funding, or receive the dual training
63.29 grant;

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

64.1 (10) classes, courses, or programs conducted by a bona fide trade, professional, or
 64.2 fraternal organization, solely for that organization's membership and not available to the
 64.3 public. In making the determination that the organization is bona fide, the office may request
 64.4 the school provide three certified letters from persons that qualify as evaluators under section
 64.5 136A.828, subdivision 3, paragraph (1), that the organization is recognized in Minnesota;

64.6 (11) programs in the fine arts provided by organizations exempt from taxation under
 64.7 section 290.05 and registered with the attorney general under chapter 309. For purposes of
 64.8 this clause, "fine arts" means activities resulting in artistic creation or artistic performance
 64.9 of works of the imagination which are engaged in for the primary purpose of creative
 64.10 expression rather than commercial sale, vocational or career advancement, or employment;
 64.11 or

64.12 (12) classes, courses, or programs intended to fulfill the continuing education
 64.13 requirements for a bona fide licensure or certification in a profession that have been approved
 64.14 by a legislatively or judicially established board or agency responsible for regulating the
 64.15 practice of the profession or by an industry-specific certification entity and that are offered
 64.16 exclusively to individuals with the professional licensure or certification.

64.17 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision
 64.18 to read:

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

64.21 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision
 64.22 to read:

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

64.26 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision
 64.27 to read:

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

65.1 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision
65.2 to read:

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

65.6 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision
65.7 to read:

65.8 Subd. 25. **State financial aid.** For purposes of sections 136A.82 to 136A.834, "state
65.9 financial aid" includes all financial aid that may be awarded under chapter 136A, with the
65.10 exception of the dual training grant.

65.11 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision
65.12 to read:

65.13 Subd. 26. **WIOA funding.** "WIOA funding" means any funding available through the
65.14 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act under Code of Federal Regulations, title 20,
65.15 section 680.

65.16 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision
65.17 to read:

65.18 Subd. 27. **Dual training grant.** "Dual training grant" means any money awarded under
65.19 section 136A.246.

65.20 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.822, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

65.21 Subd. 3. **Refunds.** If a contract is ~~deemed~~ determined by the office to be unenforceable
65.22 under subdivision 2, a private career school must refund tuition, fees, and other charges
65.23 received from a student or on behalf of a student within 30 days of receiving written
65.24 notification and demand for refund from the office.

65.25 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.822, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

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

66.1 (b)(1) The amount of the surety bond shall be ten percent of the preceding year's net
66.2 revenue from student tuition, fees, and other required institutional charges collected, but in
66.3 no event less than \$10,000, except that a private career school may deposit a greater amount
66.4 at its own discretion. A private career school in each annual application for licensure must
66.5 compute the amount of the surety bond and verify that the amount of the surety bond complies
66.6 with this subdivision. A private career school that operates at two or more locations may
66.7 combine net revenue from student tuition, fees, and other required institutional charges
66.8 collected for all locations for the purpose of determining the annual surety bond requirement.
66.9 The net revenue from tuition and fees used to determine the amount of the surety bond
66.10 required for a private career school having a license for the sole purpose of recruiting students
66.11 in Minnesota shall be only that paid to the private career school by the students recruited
66.12 from Minnesota.

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

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

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

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

- 67.1 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.822, subdivision 8, is amended to read:
- 67.2 Subd. 8. **Minimum standards.** A license shall be issued if the office first determines:
- 67.3 (1) that the applicant has a sound financial condition with sufficient resources available
- 67.4 to:
- 67.5 (i) meet the private career school's financial obligations;
- 67.6 (ii) refund all tuition and other charges, within ~~a reasonable period of time~~ 60 days, in
- 67.7 the event of dissolution of the private career school or in the event of any justifiable claims
- 67.8 for refund against the private career school by the student body;
- 67.9 (iii) provide adequate service to its students and prospective students; and
- 67.10 (iv) maintain and support the private career school;
- 67.11 (2) that the applicant has satisfactory facilities with sufficient tools and equipment and
- 67.12 the necessary number of work stations to prepare adequately the students currently enrolled,
- 67.13 and those proposed to be enrolled;
- 67.14 (3) that the applicant employs a sufficient number of qualified teaching personnel to
- 67.15 provide the educational programs contemplated;
- 67.16 (4) that the private career school has an organizational framework with administrative
- 67.17 and instructional personnel to provide the programs and services it intends to offer;
- 67.18 (5) that the quality and content of each occupational course or program of study provides
- 67.19 education and adequate preparation to enrolled students for entry level positions in the
- 67.20 occupation for which prepared;
- 67.21 (6) that the premises and conditions where the students work and study and the student
- 67.22 living quarters which are owned, maintained, recommended, or approved by the applicant
- 67.23 are sanitary, healthful, and safe, as evidenced by certificate of occupancy issued by the
- 67.24 municipality or county where the private career school is physically situated, a fire inspection
- 67.25 by the local or state fire marshal, or another verification deemed acceptable by the office;
- 67.26 (7) that the contract or enrollment agreement used by the private career school complies
- 67.27 with the provisions in section 136A.826;
- 67.28 (8) that contracts and agreements do not contain a wage assignment provision or a
- 67.29 confession of judgment clause;

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

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

68.8 (11) that the school includes a joint and several liability provision for torts and compliance
68.9 with the requirements of sections 136A.82 to 136A.834 in any contract effective after July
68.10 1, 2026, with any individual, entity, or postsecondary school located in another state for the
68.11 purpose of providing educational or training programs or awarding postsecondary credits
68.12 to Minnesota residents that may be applied to a program.

68.13 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.822, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

68.14 Subd. 13. ~~Private career schools licensed by another state agency or board~~ **Limited**
68.15 **license.** (a) Unless otherwise exempt under sections 136A.82 to 136A.834:

68.16 (1) a private career school licensed by another state agency or board must be required
68.17 to obtain a private career school limited license due to the use of "academy," "institute,"
68.18 "college," or "university" in its name or licensed for the purpose of participating participate
68.19 in state financial aid under chapter 136A, and which is also licensed by another state agency
68.20 or board; and

68.21 (2) a private career school exclusively seeking to be listed on the eligible training provider
68.22 list, access WIOA funding, or receive the dual training grant shall be required to obtain a
68.23 limited license.

68.24 (b) A private career school seeking a limited license under this subdivision shall be
68.25 required to satisfy only the requirements of subdivisions 4, clauses (1), (2), (3), ~~(5)~~, (7), (8),
68.26 (9), and (10); 5; 6, paragraph (b), clause (2); 8, clauses (1), (4), (7), (8), and (9), and (10);
68.27 9; 10; 11; and 12. If a school is licensed to participate in state financial aid under this chapter,
68.28 the school must follow the refund policy in section 136A.827, even if that section conflicts
68.29 with the refund policy of the licensing agency or board. A distance education private career
68.30 school located in another state, or a school licensed to recruit Minnesota residents for
68.31 attendance at a school outside of this state, or a school licensed by another state agency as
68.32 its primary licensing body, may continue to use the school's name as permitted by its home
68.33 state or its primary licensing body.

69.1 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.824, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

69.4 (1) ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,730 for a private career school that will offer no more than one program
69.5 during its first year of operation;

69.6 (2) ~~\$750~~ \$1,500 for a private career school licensed by another state agency and seeking
69.7 a limited license exclusively due to the use of the term "college," "university," "academy,"
69.8 or "institute" in its name, or licensed exclusively in order to participate in state grant or
69.9 ~~SELF loan~~ financial aid programs; and

69.10 (3) ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,730, plus \$500 for each additional program offered by the private career
69.11 school, for a private career school during its first year of licensed operation.

69.12 (b) In addition to the fee under paragraph (a), a fee of \$600 must be paid for an initial
69.13 application that: (1) has had four revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application
69.14 reminders for the same application or licensure requirement; or (2) cumulatively has had
69.15 six revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application reminders for the same license
69.16 application and the private career school seeks to continue with the application process with
69.17 additional application submissions. If this fee is paid, the private career school may submit
69.18 two final application submissions for review prior to application denial under section
69.19 136A.829, subdivision 1, clause (2). This provision excludes from its scope nonrepetitive
69.20 questions or clarifications initiated by the school before the submission of the application,
69.21 initial interpretation questions or inquiries from the office regarding a completed application,
69.22 and initial requests from the office for verification or validation of a completed application.

69.23 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.824, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

69.26 (1) for a private career school ~~that offers one program~~, the license renewal fee is ~~\$1,150~~
69.27 \$3,160; and

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

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

70.1 ~~(4)~~ (2) for a private career school licensed by another state agency ~~and also licensed and~~
 70.2 that also has a limited license with the office exclusively in order to participate in state
 70.3 ~~student~~ financial aid programs, the license renewal fee is ~~\$750~~ \$1,500.

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

70.7 (c) In addition to the fee under paragraph (a), a fee of \$600 must be paid for a renewal
 70.8 application that: (1) has had four revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application
 70.9 reminders for the same application or licensure requirement; or (2) cumulatively has had
 70.10 six revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application reminders for the same license
 70.11 application and the private career school seeks to continue with the application process with
 70.12 additional application submissions. If this fee is paid, the private career school may submit
 70.13 two final application submissions for review prior to application denial under section
 70.14 136A.829, subdivision 1, clause (2). This provision excludes from its scope nonrepetitive
 70.15 questions or clarifications initiated by the school before the submission of the application,
 70.16 initial interpretation questions or inquiries from the office regarding a completed application,
 70.17 and initial requests from the office for verification or validation of a completed application.

70.18 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.824, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

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

70.21 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.824, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

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

70.24 (1) ~~\$250~~ \$500 per location, ~~for locations two to five; and; or~~

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

70.28 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.833, is amended to read:

70.29 **136A.833 EXEMPTIONS.**

70.30 Subdivision 1. **Application for exemptions.** (a) A school that seeks an exemption from
 70.31 the provisions of sections 136A.822 to 136A.834 for the school and all of its programs or

71.1 some of its programs must apply to the office to establish that the school or program meets
 71.2 the requirements of an exemption. An exemption for the school or program expires two
 71.3 years from the date of approval or when a school adds a new program or makes a
 71.4 modification equal to or greater than 25 percent to an existing educational program. If a
 71.5 school is reapplying for an exemption, the application must be submitted to the office 90
 71.6 days before the current exemption expires. If a school fails to apply within 90 days of
 71.7 expiration, the school is subject to fees and penalties under sections 136A.831 and 136A.832.
 71.8 This exemption shall not extend to any school that uses any publication or advertisement
 71.9 that is not truthful and gives any false, fraudulent, deceptive, inaccurate, or misleading
 71.10 impressions about the school or its personnel, programs, services, or occupational
 71.11 opportunities for its graduates for promotion and student recruitment. Exemptions denied
 71.12 under this section are subject to appeal under section 136A.829. If an appeal is initiated,
 71.13 the denial of the exemption is not effective until the final determination of the appeal, unless
 71.14 immediate effect is ordered by the court.

71.15 (b) A school that meets any of the exemptions in this section and exclusively seeks to
 71.16 be listed on the eligible training provider list, access WIOA funding, or receive the dual
 71.17 training grant, is exempt from sections 136A.822 to 136A.834, except the school must
 71.18 satisfy the requirements of section 136A.822, subdivisions 4, clauses (1), (2), and (3); 8,
 71.19 clauses (9) and (10); 10, clause (8); and 12.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

72.10 ~~(9) (1) private career schools engaged exclusively in the teaching of purely avocational~~
 72.11 ~~programs that are engaged primarily for personal development, recreational recreation, or~~
 72.12 ~~remedial subjects that education, and are not advertised or maintained generally intended~~
 72.13 ~~for vocational or career advancement, including adult basic education, exercise or fitness~~
 72.14 ~~teacher programs, modeling, or acting, as determined by the office except private career~~
 72.15 ~~schools required to obtain a private career school license due to the use of "college" or~~
 72.16 ~~"university" in their names;~~

72.17 ~~(10) classes, courses, or programs conducted by a bona fide trade, professional, or~~
 72.18 ~~fraternal organization, solely for that organization's membership and not available to the~~
 72.19 ~~public. In making the determination that the organization is bona fide, the office may request~~
 72.20 ~~the school provide three certified letters from persons that qualify as evaluators under section~~
 72.21 ~~136A.828, subdivision 3, paragraph (1), that the organization is recognized in Minnesota;~~

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

72.29 ~~(12) classes, courses, or programs intended to fulfill the continuing education~~
 72.30 ~~requirements for a bona fide licensure or certification in a profession, that have been approved~~
 72.31 ~~by a legislatively or judicially established board or agency responsible for regulating the~~
 72.32 ~~practice of the profession or by an industry-specific certification entity, and that are offered~~
 72.33 ~~exclusively to individuals with the professional licensure or certification. In making the~~
 72.34 ~~determination that the licensure or certification is bona fide, the office may request the~~

73.1 ~~school provide three certified letters from persons that qualify as evaluators under section~~
 73.2 ~~136A.828, subdivision 3, paragraph (1), that the licensure and certification is recognized in~~
 73.3 ~~Minnesota;~~

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

73.8 ~~(14) (2) classes, courses, or programs providing 16 40 or fewer clock hours of instruction;~~
 73.9 ~~and~~

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

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

73.16 ~~(17) (3) private career schools providing exclusively training, instructional programs,~~
 73.17 ~~or courses where tuition, fees, and any other charges, regardless of payment or reimbursement~~
 73.18 ~~method, for a student to participate do not exceed \$100 \$500.~~

73.19 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.834, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

73.20 Subdivision 1. **Exemption.** (a) A program is exempt from the provisions of sections
 73.21 136A.821 to 136A.832 if it is:

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

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

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

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

74.1 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.834, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

74.2 Subd. 5. **Application.** A school that seeks an exemption from the provisions of sections
 74.3 136A.82 to 136A.834 must apply to the office to establish that the school meets the
 74.4 requirements of an exemption. An exemption expires two years from the date of approval
 74.5 or when a school adds a new program or makes a modification equal to or greater than 25
 74.6 percent to an existing educational program. If a school is reapplying for an exemption, the
 74.7 application must be submitted to the office 90 days before the current exemption expires.
 74.8 If a school fails to apply within 90 days of expiration, the school is subject to the fees and
 74.9 penalties under sections 136A.831 and 136A.832.

74.10 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.87, is amended to read:

74.11 **136A.87 PLANNING INFORMATION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.**

74.12 (a) The office shall make available to all residents beginning in 7th grade through
 74.13 adulthood information about planning and preparing for postsecondary opportunities.
 74.14 Information must be provided to all 7th grade students and their parents annually by
 74.15 September 30 about planning for their postsecondary education. The office may also provide
 74.16 information to high school students and their parents, to adults, and to out-of-school youth.

74.17 ~~(b) The office shall gather and share information with students and parents about the~~
 74.18 ~~dual credit acceptance policies of each Minnesota public and private college and university.~~
 74.19 ~~The office shall gather and share information related to the acceptance policies for concurrent~~
 74.20 ~~enrollment courses, postsecondary enrollment options courses, advanced placement courses,~~
 74.21 ~~and international baccalaureate courses. This information must be shared on the office's~~
 74.22 ~~website and included in the information under paragraph (a).~~

74.23 ~~(e)~~ (b) The information provided under paragraph (a) may include the following:

74.24 (1) the need to start planning early;

74.25 (2) the availability of assistance in educational planning from educational institutions
 74.26 and other organizations;

74.27 (3) suggestions for studying effectively during high school;

74.28 (4) high school courses necessary to be adequately prepared for postsecondary education;

74.29 (5) encouragement to involve parents actively in planning for all phases of education;

74.30 (6) information about postsecondary education and training opportunities existing in the
 74.31 state, their respective missions and expectations for students, their preparation requirements,
 74.32 admission requirements, and student placement;

- 75.1 (7) ways to evaluate and select postsecondary institutions;
- 75.2 (8) the process of transferring credits among Minnesota postsecondary institutions and
75.3 systems;
- 75.4 (9) the costs of postsecondary education and the availability of financial assistance in
75.5 meeting these costs, including specific information about the Minnesota Promise;
- 75.6 (10) the interrelationship of assistance from student financial aid, public assistance, and
75.7 job training programs;
- 75.8 (11) financial planning for postsecondary education; and
- 75.9 (12) postsecondary education options for students with intellectual and developmental
75.10 disabilities.

75.11 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.901, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

75.12 Subdivision 1. **Grant program.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a grant program
75.13 to award grants to institutions in Minnesota for research into spinal cord injuries and traumatic
75.14 brain injuries. Grants shall be awarded to conduct research into new and innovative treatments
75.15 and rehabilitative efforts for the functional improvement of people with spinal cord and
75.16 traumatic brain injuries. Research topics may include, but are not limited to, pharmaceutical,
75.17 medical device, brain stimulus, and rehabilitative approaches and techniques. The
75.18 commissioner, in consultation with the advisory council established under section 136A.902,
75.19 shall award 50 percent of the grant funds for research involving spinal cord injuries and 50
75.20 percent to research involving traumatic brain injuries. In addition to the amounts appropriated
75.21 by law, the commissioner may accept additional funds from private and public sources.
75.22 Amounts received from these sources are appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes
75.23 of issuing grants under this section.

75.24 (b) Institutions that are eligible to apply for a grant under this section include
75.25 postsecondary institutions and nonprofit organizations.

75.26 (c) A spinal cord and traumatic brain injury grant account is established in the special
75.27 revenue fund. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner to make grants
75.28 and to administer the grant program under this section. Appropriations to the commissioner
75.29 for the program are for transfer to the account. Appropriations from the account do not
75.30 cancel and are available until expended.

76.1 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 137.022, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

76.2 Subd. 3. **Endowed chair account.** (a) For purposes of this section, the permanent
76.3 university fund has three accounts. The sources of the money in the endowed mineral
76.4 research and endowed scholarship accounts are set out in paragraph (b) and subdivision 4.
76.5 All money in the fund that is not otherwise allocated is in the endowed chair account. The
76.6 income from the endowed chair account must be used, and capital gains allocated to that
76.7 account may be used, to provide endowment support for professorial chairs in academic
76.8 disciplines. The endowment support for the chairs from the income and the capital gains
76.9 must not total more than six percent per year of the 36-month trailing average market value
76.10 of the endowed chair account of the fund, as computed quarterly or otherwise as directed
76.11 by the regents. The endowment support from the income and the capital gains must not
76.12 provide more than half the sum of the endowment support for all university chairs and
76.13 professorships endowed, with nonstate sources providing the remainder. The endowment
76.14 support from the income and the capital gains may provide more than half the endowment
76.15 support of an individual chair.

76.16 (b) If any portion of the annual appropriation of the income is not used for the purposes
76.17 specified in paragraph (a) or subdivision 4, that portion lapses and must be added to the
76.18 principal of the three accounts of the permanent university fund in proportion to the market
76.19 value of each account.

76.20 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 137.022, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

76.21 Subd. 4. **Mineral research; scholarships.** (a) All income credited after July 1, 1992,
76.22 to the permanent university fund from royalties for mining under state mineral leases from
76.23 and after July 1, 1991, must be allocated as provided in this subdivision.

76.24 (b)(1) Beginning January 1, ~~2013~~ 2026, ~~50 percent~~ of the income must be allocated
76.25 according to this paragraph.

76.26 ~~One-half~~ (1) One-fourth of the income under this paragraph, up to ~~\$50,000,000~~
76.27 \$100,000,000, must be credited to the endowed mineral research account of the fund ~~to be~~
76.28 ~~allocated for the Natural Resources Research Institute-Duluth and Coleraine facilities, for~~
76.29 mineral and mineral-related research, including mineral-related environmental research, at
76.30 the Natural Resources Research Institute-Duluth and Coleraine facilities.

76.31 ~~The other one-half~~ (2) One-fourth of the income under this paragraph, up to \$25,000,000,
76.32 is ~~must be~~ credited to an endowment for ~~the costs of~~ operating mining, mineral, and
76.33 mineral-related, degree programs or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics

77.1 (STEM) degree programs offered through the University of Minnesota at Minnesota North
 77.2 College and the University of Minnesota Duluth Swenson College of Science and Engineering
 77.3 ~~at Duluth~~ to support workforce development and collaborations benefiting regional
 77.4 academics, industry, and natural resources on the Iron Range in northeast Minnesota, and
 77.5 for providing scholarships for Minnesota students, prioritizing students in the Minnesota
 77.6 Economic Development Region 3, to attend the mining, mineral, mineral-related, or STEM
 77.7 degree programs. The maximum scholarship awarded to attend the degree programs funded
 77.8 under this paragraph cannot exceed 75 percent of current resident tuition rates per academic
 77.9 year and may be awarded a maximum of four academic years.

77.10 (3) One-fourth of the income under this paragraph must be credited to the Natural
 77.11 Resources Research Institute for general operating and research costs.

77.12 ~~(2) The remainder of the income under paragraph (a)~~ (4) One-fourth of the income under
 77.13 this paragraph, plus the amount of any remainder of the income allocated under clause (1)
 77.14 ~~after \$50,000,000~~ \$100,000,000 has been credited to the endowed mineral research account
 77.15 ~~for the Natural Resources Research Institute and the amount of any income over the~~
 77.16 ~~\$25,000,000 for the programming in clause (1)~~ and the remainder of the income allocated
 77.17 under clause (2) after \$25,000,000 has been credited to an endowment for mining, mineral,
 77.18 mineral-related, or STEM degree programs and scholarships, must be credited to the endowed
 77.19 scholarship account of the fund for distribution annually for scholastic achievement as
 77.20 provided by the Board of Regents to undergraduates enrolled at the University of Minnesota
 77.21 who are resident students as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision 8.

77.22 (c) The annual distribution from the endowed scholarship account must be allocated to
 77.23 the various campuses of the University of Minnesota in proportion to the number of
 77.24 undergraduate resident students enrolled on each campus.

77.25 (d) The Board of Regents must report to the education committees of the legislature
 77.26 biennially at the time of the submission of its budget request on the disbursement of money
 77.27 from the endowed scholarship account and to the environment and natural resources
 77.28 committees on the use of the mineral research account.

77.29 (e) Capital gains and losses and portfolio income of the permanent university fund must
 77.30 be credited to its three accounts in proportion to the market value of each account.

77.31 (f) The endowment support from the income and capital gains of the endowed mineral
 77.32 research and endowed scholarship accounts of the fund must not total more than six percent
 77.33 per year of the 36-month trailing average market value of the account from which the support
 77.34 is derived.

78.1 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 137.375, is amended to read:

78.2 **137.375 DISABLED VETERANS; UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE**
78.3 **ARBORETUM.**

78.4 (a) For purposes of this section, "disabled veteran" means a veteran as defined in section
78.5 197.447 who is certified as disabled. "Certified as disabled" means certified in writing by
78.6 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the state commissioner of veterans
78.7 affairs as having a permanent service-connected disability.

78.8 (b) The University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum is requested to provide a disabled
78.9 veteran and one guest unlimited access to the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
78.10 located in the city of Chaska free of charge. The disabled veteran must provide a veteran
78.11 photo identification card with the term "service-connected" on the identification card,
78.12 verifying that the disabled veteran has a service-connected disability.

78.13 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 151.37, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

78.14 Subd. 12. **Administration of opiate antagonists for drug overdose.** (a) A licensed
78.15 physician, a licensed advanced practice registered nurse authorized to prescribe drugs
78.16 pursuant to section 148.235, or a licensed physician assistant may authorize the following
78.17 individuals to administer opiate antagonists, as defined in section 604A.04, subdivision 1:

78.18 (1) an emergency medical responder registered pursuant to section 144E.27;

78.19 (2) a peace officer as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraphs (c) and (d);

78.20 (3) correctional employees of a state or local political subdivision;

78.21 (4) staff of community-based health disease prevention or social service programs;

78.22 (5) a volunteer firefighter;

78.23 (6) a nurse or any other personnel employed by, or under contract with, a postsecondary
78.24 institution or a charter, public, or private school; and

78.25 (7) transit rider investment program personnel authorized under section 473.4075.

78.26 (b) For the purposes of this subdivision, opiate antagonists may be administered by one
78.27 of these individuals only if:

78.28 (1) the licensed physician, licensed physician assistant, or licensed advanced practice
78.29 registered nurse has issued a standing order to, or entered into a protocol with, the individual;
78.30 and

79.1 (2) the individual has training in the recognition of signs of opiate overdose and the use
79.2 of opiate antagonists as part of the emergency response to opiate overdose.

79.3 (c) Nothing in this section prohibits the possession and administration of naloxone
79.4 pursuant to section 604A.04.

79.5 (d) Notwithstanding section 148.235, subdivisions 8 and 9, a licensed practical nurse is
79.6 authorized to possess and administer according to this subdivision an opiate antagonist in
79.7 a school setting.

79.8 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 474A.061, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

79.9 Subd. 2b. **Small issue pool allocation.** Commencing on the second Tuesday in January
79.10 and continuing on each Monday through the last Monday in June, the commissioner shall
79.11 allocate available bonding authority from the small issue pool to applications received on
79.12 or before the Monday of the preceding week for manufacturing projects and enterprise zone
79.13 facility projects. From the second Tuesday in January through the last Monday in June, the
79.14 commissioner shall reserve \$5,000,000 of the available bonding authority from the small
79.15 issue pool for applications for agricultural development bond loan projects of the Minnesota
79.16 Rural Finance Authority.

79.17 Beginning in calendar year ~~2002~~ 2026, on the second Tuesday in January through the
79.18 last Monday in June, the commissioner shall reserve ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$25,000,000 of available
79.19 bonding authority in the small issue pool for applications for student loan bonds of or on
79.20 behalf of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education. The total amount of allocations for
79.21 student loan bonds from the small issue pool may not exceed ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$25,000,000 per
79.22 year.

79.23 The commissioner shall reserve \$10,000,000 until the day after the last Monday in
79.24 February, \$10,000,000 until the day after the last Monday in April, and \$10,000,000 until
79.25 the day after the last Monday in June in the small issue pool for enterprise zone facility
79.26 projects and manufacturing projects. The amount of allocation provided to an issuer for a
79.27 specific enterprise zone facility project or manufacturing project will be based on the number
79.28 of points received for the proposed project under the scoring system under section 474A.045.

79.29 If there are two or more applications for manufacturing and enterprise zone facility
79.30 projects from the small issue pool and there is insufficient bonding authority to provide
79.31 allocations for all projects in any one week, the available bonding authority shall be awarded
79.32 based on the number of points awarded a project under section 474A.045, with those projects
79.33 receiving the greatest number of points receiving allocation first. If two or more applications

80.1 receive an equal number of points, available bonding authority shall be awarded by lot
80.2 unless otherwise agreed to by the respective issuers.

80.3 **Sec. 60. MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ENROLLMENT**
80.4 **FRAUD WORKING GROUP.**

80.5 The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must convene
80.6 a working group to develop policies and procedures to prevent fraudulent enrollment in
80.7 online courses for the purpose of gaining access to financial aid, campus information
80.8 technology systems, and student support services. The board must submit a report to the
80.9 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over
80.10 higher education and to the chair and ranking minority member of the house of representatives
80.11 fraud prevention and state agency oversight policy committee by January 15, 2026. No
80.12 additional compensation will be provided for participation in this working group. The
80.13 working group must include representatives from:

80.14 (1) the Minnesota State University Student Association;

80.15 (2) the Minnesota State College Student Association;

80.16 (3) the Minnesota State College Faculty;

80.17 (4) the Inter Faculty Organization;

80.18 (5) the Minnesota Association of Professional Employees;

80.19 (6) the Minnesota State University Association of Administrative and Service Faculty;

80.20 (7) the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; and

80.21 (8) others as deemed necessary by the working group.

80.22 **Sec. 61. LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS.**

80.23 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** To help recruit and retain law enforcement officers in
80.24 the state, the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must
80.25 establish a grant program to cover the cost of tuition and fees at institutions within the
80.26 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system for students who satisfy the eligibility
80.27 requirements under subdivision 3.

80.28 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings
80.29 given:

81.1 (1) "gift aid" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1465,
81.2 subdivision 1, clause (2);

81.3 (2) "law enforcement agency" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section
81.4 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (f);

81.5 (3) "other expenses" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1465,
81.6 subdivision 1, clause (3);

81.7 (4) "peace officer" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 626.84,
81.8 subdivision 1, paragraph (c);

81.9 (5) "state college or university" means an institution operated by the Board of Trustees
81.10 of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities;

81.11 (6) "total and permanent duty disability" means a condition qualifying for benefits under
81.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 353.656, subdivision 1a; and

81.13 (7) "tuition and fees" means the actual tuition and mandatory fees charged by the state
81.14 college or university attended by the eligible student.

81.15 Subd. 3. **Eligibility.** An individual is eligible for a grant under this section if the
81.16 individual:

81.17 (1) applies in the form and manner specified by the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota
81.18 State Colleges and Universities;

81.19 (2) is a resident student, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.101, subdivision
81.20 8;

81.21 (3) is a graduate of a secondary school or its equivalent, or is 17 years of age or older
81.22 and has met all requirements for admission as a student to a state college or university;

81.23 (4) has completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the state
81.24 aid application;

81.25 (5) is enrolled in at least one credit per fall, spring, or summer semester in an
81.26 undergraduate certificate, diploma, or degree program at a state college or university;

81.27 (6) has not (i) obtained a baccalaureate degree, or (ii) been enrolled for 12 semesters or
81.28 the equivalent, excluding courses taken that qualify as developmental education or below
81.29 college level and are subject to subdivision 5, paragraph (b);

81.30 (7) is not in default for any federal or state student educational loan;

82.1 (8) is (i) not more than 30 days in arrears in court-ordered child support that is collected
82.2 or enforced by the public authority responsible for child support enforcement or (ii) more
82.3 than 30 days in arrears in court-ordered child support that is collected or enforced by the
82.4 public authority responsible for child support enforcement, but is complying with a written
82.5 payment agreement under Minnesota Statutes, section 518A.69, or order for arrearages;

82.6 (9) has not been convicted of or pled nolo contendere or guilty to a crime involving
82.7 fraud in obtaining federal Title IV funds within the meaning of Code of Federal Regulations,
82.8 title 34, section 668.32;

82.9 (10) is meeting satisfactory academic progress as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
82.10 136A.101, subdivision 10; and

82.11 (11) is either:

82.12 (i) the dependent child of a peace officer employed by a Minnesota law enforcement
82.13 agency;

82.14 (ii) the dependent child of an individual who, while employed by a Minnesota law
82.15 enforcement agency as a peace officer, suffered a total and permanent duty disability;

82.16 (iii) enrolled in at least one credit per fall, spring, or summer semester in an undergraduate
82.17 degree program at a state college or university in the field of criminal justice, law
82.18 enforcement, or a similar field; or

82.19 (iv) enrolled in a law enforcement skills program at a state college or university.

82.20 Subd. 4. **Award amount.** (a) Scholarships must be awarded to eligible students in an
82.21 amount equal to 100 percent of tuition and fees after gift aid is deducted.

82.22 (b) If there is a projected shortfall in available resources, the Board of Trustees of the
82.23 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities may proportionately reduce awards to keep
82.24 spending within available resources.

82.25 Subd. 5. **Duration of grant.** (a) Each scholarship is for a period of one semester or the
82.26 equivalent term. A scholarship may be renewed if the eligible student continues to meet the
82.27 conditions of eligibility. A grant award is terminated upon failure to meet the eligibility
82.28 requirements under subdivision 3.

82.29 (b) A student is entitled to an additional semester or the equivalent of grant eligibility
82.30 if the student withdraws from enrollment:

82.31 (1) for active military service because the student is ordered to active military service
82.32 as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 190.05, subdivision 5b or 5c;

83.1 (2) for a serious health condition, while under the care of a medical professional, that
 83.2 substantially limits the student's ability to complete the term; or

83.3 (3) while providing care that substantially limits the student's ability to complete the
 83.4 term to the student's spouse, child, or parent who has a serious health condition.

83.5 Subd. 6. **Administration.** (a) The first round of grants shall be awarded in the 2026-2027
 83.6 academic year. The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
 83.7 must determine the time and manner of grant applications. The Board of Trustees of the
 83.8 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must require an applicant to provide
 83.9 documentation verifying that the applicant meets the eligibility criteria under subdivision
 83.10 3, clause (11).

83.11 (b) The scholarship must be paid directly to the state college or university where the
 83.12 student is enrolled.

83.13 (c) The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must prepare
 83.14 promotional and informational materials about the grant program under this section and
 83.15 disseminate the materials to law enforcement agencies throughout the state. The Board of
 83.16 Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, the commissioner of the Office
 83.17 of Higher Education, and the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training may collaborate
 83.18 on promotion and administration of the program.

83.19 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, 2027.

83.20 Sec. 62. **REVISOR INSTRUCTIONS.**

83.21 Subdivision 1. **Student parent support.** The revisor of statutes must renumber Minnesota
 83.22 Statutes, section 136A.1251, as Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.915. The revisor must
 83.23 also make cross-reference changes consistent with the renumbering.

83.24 Subd. 2. **Inclusive higher education.** The revisor of statutes must renumber Minnesota
 83.25 Statutes, section 135A.161, as Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.921. The revisor of statutes
 83.26 must renumber Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.162, as Minnesota Statutes, section
 83.27 136A.922. The revisor must also make cross-reference changes consistent with the
 83.28 renumbering.

83.29 Sec. 63. **REPEALER.**

83.30 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 135A.137; 136A.1788; 136A.1789; 136A.1791,
 83.31 subdivisions 1, 2, 3a, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10; 136A.69, subdivisions 3 and 5; 136A.824,
 83.32 subdivisions 3 and 5; and 136A.91, are repealed. Money for the programs in Minnesota

84.1 Statutes 2024, sections 136A.1789 and 136A.1791, may remain in their respective special
84.2 revenue fund accounts to facilitate a close out of the programs.

84.3 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 5.41, subdivision 2; 136A.057; 136A.1251,
84.4 subdivision 5; and 136A.861, subdivision 7, are repealed.

84.5 (c) Laws 2022, chapter 42, section 2, as amended by Laws 2024, chapter 124, article 1,
84.6 section 1, Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 34, section 1, is repealed.

84.7 (d) Minnesota Rules, part 4850.0014, subparts 1 and 2, are repealed.

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5.41 STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS.

Subd. 2. **Report.** (a) A postsecondary institution must file by November 1 of each year a report on its programs with the secretary of state. The report must contain the following information from the previous academic year, including summer terms:

(1) deaths of program participants that occurred during program participation as a result of program participation;

(2) accidents and illnesses that occurred during program participation as a result of program participation and that required hospitalization; and

(3) country, primary program host, and program type for all incidents reported in clauses (1) and (2).

(b) For purposes of paragraph (a), "primary program host" is the institution or organization responsible for or in control of the majority of decisions being made on the program including, but not limited to, student housing, local transportation, and emergency response and support.

(c) Information reported under paragraph (a), clause (1), may be supplemented by a brief explanatory statement.

(d) A postsecondary institution must request, but not mandate, hospitalization and incident disclosure from students upon completion of the program.

(e) A postsecondary institution must report to the secretary of state annually by November 1 whether its program complies with health and safety standards set by the Forum on Education Abroad or a similar study abroad program standard setting agency.

135A.137 HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS DESIGNATION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Subd. 2. **Designation approval.** The student advisory council under section 136A.031 shall create an application process for institutions applying for grant funds. The student advisory council shall review applications and make recommendations to the commissioner. The commissioner shall have final approval for the designation and the award amount.

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

(b) The commissioner shall establish a competitive grant program to distribute grants to eligible institutions to meet and maintain the requirements under subdivision 1, paragraph (a). Initial grants shall be made to institutions that have not earned the designation and demonstrate a need for funding to meet the hunger-free campus designation requirements. Sustaining grants shall be made to institutions that have earned the designation and demonstrate both a partnership with a local food bank or organization that provides regular, on-campus food distributions and a need for funds to maintain the requirements under subdivision 1, paragraph (a).

(c) The commissioner shall give preference to applications for initial grants and to applications from institutions with the highest number of federal Pell Grant eligible students enrolled. The

commissioner shall consider the head count at the institution when awarding grants. The maximum grant award for an initial institution designation is \$25,000. The maximum grant award for sustaining an institution designation is \$15,000.

(d) The commissioner, in collaboration with student associations representing eligible institutions, shall create an application process and establish selection criteria for awarding the grants.

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

Subd. 4. **Grant requirements.** (a) An eligible institution that receives a grant under subdivision 3 must:

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

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

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

136A.057 STUDENT TRANSFER REPORTING.

(a) The commissioner must report on the office's website summary data on students who, within the most recent academic year, withdrew from enrollment without completing a degree or credential program at a public postsecondary institution in Minnesota. The summary data must include whether the students who withdrew transferred to another institution and the institutions transferred to and from.

(b) Summary data must be aggregated by postsecondary institution and degree or credential program. Summary data must be disaggregated by race, ethnicity, Pell eligibility, and age.

(c) The commissioner must post the initial data on the office's website on or before February 15, 2022, and must update the data at least annually thereafter.

136A.1251 STUDENT-PARENT SUPPORT INITIATIVE.

Subd. 5. **Report and evaluation.** By August 1 of each odd-numbered year, the commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education finance regarding the grant recipients and their activities. The report shall include information about the students served, the organizations providing services, program activities, program goals, and outcomes.

136A.1788 STUDENT LOAN DEBT COUNSELING.

Subdivision 1. **Grant.** A program is established under the Office of Higher Education to provide a grant to a Minnesota-based nonprofit qualified debt counseling organization to provide individual student loan debt repayment counseling to borrowers who are Minnesota residents concerning loans obtained to attend a postsecondary institution. The number of individuals receiving counseling may be limited to those capable of being served with available appropriations for that purpose. A goal of the counseling program is to provide two counseling sessions to at least 75 percent of borrowers receiving counseling.

The purpose of the counseling is to assist borrowers to:

(1) understand their loan and repayment options;

(2) manage loan repayment; and

(3) develop a workable budget based on the borrower's full financial situation regarding income, expenses, and other debt.

Subd. 2. **Qualified debt counseling organization.** A qualified debt counseling organization is an organization that:

(1) has experience in providing individualized student loan counseling;

(2) employs certified financial counselors; and

(3) is based in Minnesota and has offices at multiple rural and metropolitan area locations in the state to provide in-person counseling.

Subd. 3. **Grant application and award.** (a) Applications for a grant shall be on a form created by the commissioner and on a schedule set by the commissioner. Among other provisions, the application must include a description of:

- (1) the characteristics of borrowers to be served;
- (2) the services to be provided and a timeline for implementation of the services;
- (3) how the services provided will help borrowers manage loan repayment;
- (4) specific program outcome goals and performance measures for each goal; and
- (5) how the services will be evaluated to determine whether the program goals were met.

(b) The commissioner shall select one grant recipient for a two-year award every two years. A grant may be renewed biennially.

Subd. 4. **Program evaluation.** (a) The grant recipient must submit a report to the commissioner by January 15 of the second year of the grant award. The report must evaluate and measure the extent to which program outcome goals have been met.

(b) The grant recipient must collect, analyze, and report on participation and outcome data that enable the office to verify the outcomes.

(c) The evaluation must include information on the number of borrowers served with on-time student loan payments, the number who brought their loans into good standing, the number of student loan defaults, the number who developed a monthly budget plan, and other information required by the commissioner. Recipients of the counseling must be surveyed on their opinions about the usefulness of the counseling and the survey results must be included in the report.

Subd. 5. **Report to legislature.** By February 1 of the second year of each grant award, the commissioner must submit a report to the committees in the legislature with jurisdiction over higher education finance regarding grant program outcomes.

136A.1789 AVIATION DEGREE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM.

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

(b) "Qualified aircraft technician" means an individual who (1) has earned an associate's or bachelor's degree preparing individuals to obtain an aviation mechanic's certificate from the Federal Aviation Administration from a postsecondary institution located in Minnesota, and (2) has obtained an aviation mechanic's certificate from the Federal Aviation Administration.

(c) "Qualified education loan" means a government, commercial, or foundation loan used by an individual for actual costs paid for tuition and reasonable educational and living expenses related to the postsecondary education of the qualified aircraft technician or qualified pilot.

(d) "Qualified pilot" means an individual who (1) has earned an associate's or bachelor's degree preparing individuals to obtain an airline transport pilot certificate from a postsecondary institution located in Minnesota, and (2) is in the process of obtaining or has obtained an airline transport pilot certificate.

Subd. 2. **Creation of account.** (a) An aviation degree loan forgiveness program account is established in the special revenue fund to provide qualified pilots and qualified aircraft technicians with financial assistance in repaying qualified education loans. The commissioner must use money from the account to establish and administer the aviation degree loan forgiveness program.

(b) Money in the aviation degree loan forgiveness program account is appropriated to the commissioner for purposes of this section, does not cancel, and is available until expended.

Subd. 3. **Eligibility.** (a) To be eligible to participate in the loan forgiveness program under this section, an individual must:

- (1) be a qualified pilot or qualified aircraft technician;
- (2) have qualified education loans;
- (3) reside in Minnesota; and

(4) submit an application to the commissioner in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner.

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(b) An applicant selected to participate must sign a contract to agree to serve a five-year full-time service obligation according to subdivision 4. To complete the service obligation, the applicant must work full time in Minnesota as a qualified pilot or qualified aircraft technician. A participant must complete one year of service under this paragraph for each year the participant receives an award under this section.

Subd. 4. **Service obligation.** (a) Before receiving loan repayment disbursements and as requested, a participant must verify to the commissioner that the participant is employed in a position that fulfills the service obligation as required under subdivision 3, paragraph (b).

(b) If a participant does not fulfill the required service obligation, the commissioner must collect from the participant the total amount paid to the participant under the loan forgiveness program plus interest at a rate established according to section 270C.40. The commissioner must deposit the money collected in the aviation degree loan forgiveness account. The commissioner must allow waivers of all or part of the money owed the commissioner as a result of a nonfulfillment penalty if emergency circumstances prevented fulfillment of the minimum service commitment.

Subd. 5. **Loan forgiveness.** (a) The commissioner may select eligible applicants each year for participation in the aviation degree loan forgiveness program, within the limits of available funding. Applicants are responsible for securing their own qualified education loans.

(b) For each year that the participant meets the eligibility requirements under subdivision 3, the commissioner must make annual disbursements directly to:

(1) a selected qualified pilot of \$5,000 or the balance of the participant's qualified education loans, whichever is less; and

(2) a selected qualified aircraft technician of \$3,000 or the balance of the participant's qualified education loans, whichever is less.

(c) An individual may receive disbursements under this section for a maximum of five years.

(d) The participant must provide the commissioner with verification that the full amount of the loan repayment disbursement received by the participant has been applied toward the designated qualified education loan. After each disbursement, verification must be received by the commissioner and approved before the next repayment disbursement is made.

(e) If the participant receives a disbursement in the participant's fifth year of eligibility, the participant must provide the commissioner with verification that the full amount of the participant's final loan repayment disbursement was applied toward the designated qualified education loan. If a participant does not provide the verification as required under this paragraph within 12 months of receipt of the final disbursement, the commissioner must collect from the participant the total amount paid to the participant under the loan forgiveness program plus interest at a rate established according to section 270C.40. The commissioner must deposit the money collected in the aviation degree loan forgiveness program account.

Subd. 6. **Rules.** The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this section.

136A.1791 TEACHER SHORTAGE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The terms used in this section have the meanings given them in this subdivision.

(b) "Qualified educational loan" means a government, commercial, or foundation loan for actual costs paid for tuition and reasonable educational and living expenses related to a teacher's preparation or further education, only if the further education will result in the teacher decreasing the gap in a new shortage area.

(c) "School district" means an independent school district, special school district, intermediate district, education district, special education cooperative, service cooperative, a cooperative center for vocational education, or a charter school located in Minnesota.

(d) "Teacher" means an individual holding a teaching license issued by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board who is employed by a school district to provide classroom instruction.

(e) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education unless indicated otherwise.

(f) "License shortage area" has the meaning given in section 136A.1275, subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

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(g) "Racial or ethnic group underrepresented in the teacher workforce" means a racial or ethnic group for which the aggregate percentage of Minnesota teachers of that racial or ethnic group is lower than the aggregate percentage of Minnesota kindergarten through grade 12 students of that racial or ethnic group.

(h) "Rural school district" means a school district with fewer than 30 resident pupil units under section 126C.05, subdivision 6, per square mile.

Subd. 2. **Program established; administration.** The commissioner shall establish and administer a teacher shortage loan repayment program.

Subd. 3a. **Eligibility.** To be eligible for a disbursement under this section, a teacher must belong to a racial or ethnic group underrepresented in the Minnesota teacher workforce. To the extent that funds are available, eligibility extends to teachers who teach in a rural school district or teach in a license shortage area.

Subd. 4. **Application for loan repayment.** Each applicant for loan repayment, according to rules adopted by the commissioner, shall:

(1) apply for teacher shortage loan repayment and promptly submit any additional information required by the commissioner; and

(2) submit to the commissioner a completed affidavit, prescribed by the commissioner, affirming the teacher is teaching in: (i) a license shortage area; or (ii) a rural school district.

Subd. 5. **Amount of loan repayment.** (a) To the extent funding is available, the annual amount of teacher shortage loan repayment for an approved applicant shall not exceed \$1,000 or the cumulative balance of the applicant's qualified educational loans, including principal and interest, whichever amount is less.

(b) Recipients must secure their own qualified educational loans. Teachers who graduate from an approved teacher preparation program or teachers who add a licensure field, consistent with the teacher shortage requirements of this section, are eligible to apply for the loan repayment program.

(c) No teacher shall receive more than five annual awards.

Subd. 6. **Disbursement.** (a) The commissioner must make annual disbursements directly to the participant of the amount for which a participant is eligible, for each year that a participant is eligible.

(b) Within 60 days of the disbursement date, the participant must provide the commissioner with verification that the full amount of loan repayment disbursement has been applied toward the designated loans. A participant that previously received funds under this section but has not provided the commissioner with such verification is not eligible to receive additional funds.

Subd. 7. **Penalties.** (a) A teacher who submits a false or misleading application or other false or misleading information to the commissioner may:

(1) have his or her teaching license suspended or revoked under section 122A.20;

(2) be disciplined by the teacher's employing school district; or

(3) be required by the commissioner to repay the total amount of the loan repayment he or she received under this program, plus interest at a rate established under section 270C.40.

(b) The commissioner must deposit any repayments received under paragraph (a) in the fund established in subdivision 8.

Subd. 8. **Account established.** A teacher shortage loan repayment account is created in the special revenue fund for depositing money appropriated to or received by the commissioner for the program. Money deposited in the account is appropriated to the commissioner, does not cancel, and is continuously available for loan repayment under this section.

Subd. 9. **Annual reporting.** By February 1 of each year, the commissioner must report to the chairs of the kindergarten through grade 12 and higher education committees of the legislature on the number of individuals who received loan repayment under this section, the race or ethnicity of the teachers participating in the program, the licensure areas and school districts in which the teachers taught, the average amount paid to a teacher participating in the program, and other summary data identified by the commissioner as outcome indicators.

Subd. 10. **Rulemaking.** The commissioner shall adopt rules under chapter 14 to administer this section.

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.

136A.824 FEES.

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.

136A.861 INTERVENTION FOR COLLEGE ATTENDANCE PROGRAM GRANTS.

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

136A.91 CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT GRANTS.

Subdivision 1. **Grants.** (a) The Office of Higher Education must establish a competitive grant program for postsecondary institutions to expand concurrent enrollment opportunities. To the extent that there are qualified applicants, the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education shall distribute grant funds to ensure:

- (1) eligible students throughout the state have access to concurrent enrollment programs; and
- (2) preference for grants that expand programs is given to programs already at capacity.

(b) The commissioner may award grants under this section to postsecondary institutions for any of the following purposes:

- (1) to develop new concurrent enrollment courses under section 124D.09, subdivision 10, that satisfy the elective standard for career and technical education; or

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(2) to expand the existing concurrent enrollment programs already offered by the postsecondary institution and support the preparation, recruitment, and success of students who are underrepresented in concurrent enrollment classrooms by:

- (i) creating new sections within the same high school; or
- (ii) offering the existing course in new high schools.

Subd. 2. **Application.** The commissioner shall develop a grant application process. A grant applicant must:

- (1) specify the purpose under subdivision 1, paragraph (b), for which the institution is applying;
- (2) specify both program and student outcome goals;
- (3) include student feedback in the development of new programs or the expansion of existing programs; and
- (4) demonstrate a commitment to equitable access to concurrent enrollment coursework for all eligible high school students.

Subd. 3. **Report.** By December 1 of each year, the office shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education regarding:

- (1) the amount of funds granted under each clause of subdivision 1, paragraph (b);
- (2) the courses developed by grant recipients and the number of students who enrolled in the courses under subdivision 1, paragraph (b), clause (1); and
- (3) the programs expanded and the number of students who enrolled in programs under subdivision 1, paragraph (b), clause (2).

Laws 2022, chapter 42, section 2, as amended by Laws 2024, chapter 124, article 1, section 1; as amended by Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 34, section 1; as amended by Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 63

Section 1. Laws 2022, chapter 42, section 2, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; ALS RESEARCH.

(a) \$396,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education to award competitive grants to applicants for research into amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). The commissioner may work with the Minnesota Department of Health to administer the grant program, including identifying clinical and translational research and innovations, developing outcomes and objectives with the goal of bettering the lives of individuals with ALS and finding a cure for the disease, and application review and grant recipient selection. Not more than \$396,000 may be used by the commissioner to administer the grant program. This is a onetime appropriation. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, unencumbered balances under this section do not cancel until June 30, 2026.

(b) \$19,604,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education to award competitive grants to applicants for research into amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). The commissioner may work with the Minnesota Department of Health to administer the grant program, including identifying clinical and translational research and innovations, developing outcomes and objectives with the goal of bettering the lives of individuals with ALS and finding a cure for the disease, and application review and grant recipient selection. Up to \$15,000,000 may be used by the commissioner for grants to the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association, Never Surrender, or other similar organizations to award and administer competitive grants to applicants for research into ALS under this section. This is a onetime appropriation. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, unencumbered balances under this section do not cancel until June 30, 2029. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner, the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association, Never Surrender, and other similar organizations may use up to a total of five percent of this appropriation for administrative costs.

(c) Grants shall be awarded to support clinical and translational research related to ALS. Research topics may include but are not limited to environmental factors, disease mechanisms, disease models, biomarkers, drug development, clinical studies, precision medicine, medical devices, assistive technology, and cognitive studies.

(d) Eligible applicants for the grants are research facilities, universities, and health systems located in Minnesota. Applicants must submit proposals to the commissioner in the time, form, and manner established by the commissioner. Applicants may coordinate research endeavors and submit a joint application. When reviewing the proposals, the commissioner shall make an effort to avoid approving a grant for an applicant whose research is duplicative of an existing grantee's research.

(e) Beginning January 15, 2023, and annually thereafter until January 15, 2030, the commissioner shall submit a report to the legislature specifying the applicants receiving grants under this section, the amount of each grant, the purposes for which the grant funds were used, and the amount of the appropriation that is unexpended. The report must also include relevant findings, results, and outcomes of the grant program, and any other information which the commissioner deems significant or useful.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

4850.0014 AMOUNT AND TERMS.

Subpart 1. **Loan amounts.** The minimum SELF Loan amount is \$500.

Subp. 2. **Multiple loans at the same grade level.** A student may borrow up to the maximum amount twice in the same grade level, as long as:

A. a total of seven months elapses from the beginning of the first loan period to the beginning of the second loan period;

B. the cumulative SELF Loan debt maximum for that grade level is not exceeded;
and

C. the amount approved is at least \$500.