A bill for an act

relating to higher education; setting a higher education attainment goal; requiring recommendations to achieve the goal; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 135A.

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

Section 1. **[135A.012] HIGHER EDUCATION ATTAINMENT GOAL.**

It is the goal of the state that by 2020 at least 75 percent of state residents at age 25 have attained a postsecondary degree or certificate. The goal is necessary so that the people of the state have the necessary training to obtain the jobs that will be available in 2020 and so that employers will have a sufficient number of qualified employees.

Sec. 2. **OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.**

The director of the Office of Higher Education, in consultation with the chair of the governor's Workforce Development Council, shall develop recommendations to achieve the goal for higher education attainment set by Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.012. The recommendations must be submitted by January 15, 2012, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over higher education and workforce development.