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2.1 (2) the United States Census Bureau American Community Survey;

2.2 (3) surveys of graduates; and

2.3 (4) other employment data the board deems relevant.

2.4 (d) For coursework other than general education requirements, each board must set
2.5 variable tuition rates as follows:

2.6 (1) for coursework in a field of study that is in the bottom tercile of employment
2.7 outcomes, the tuition rate must be at least 15 percent, but no more than 25 percent, greater
2.8 than the base tuition rate;

2.9 (2) for coursework in a field of study that is in the middle tercile of employment
2.10 outcomes, the tuition rate must be equal to the base tuition rate; and

2.11 (3) for coursework in a field of study that is in the top tercile of employment outcomes,
2.12 the tuition rate must be at least 15 percent, but no more than 25 percent, lower than the base
2.13 tuition rate.

2.14 (e) Each board must charge a student the base tuition rate for any coursework completed
2.15 in order to fulfill a general education requirement.

2.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.103, is amended to read:

2.17 **136A.103 INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**

2.18 (a) A postsecondary institution is eligible for state student aid under chapter 136A and
2.19 sections 197.791 and 299A.45, if the institution is located in this state and:

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

2.21 (2) is operated privately and, as determined by the office, meets the requirements of
2.22 paragraph (b).

2.23 (b) A private institution must:

2.24 (1) maintain academic standards substantially equivalent to those of comparable
2.25 institutions operated in this state;

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

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

2.29 (ii) if an institution was participating in state student aid programs as of June 30, 2010,
2.30 and the institution did not participate in the federal Pell Grant program by June 30, 2010,

3.1 the institution must require every student who enrolls to sign a disclosure form, provided
3.2 by the office, stating that the institution is not participating in the federal Pell Grant program.

3.3 (c) An institution that offers only graduate-level degrees or graduate-level nondegree
3.4 programs, or that offers only degrees or programs that do not meet the required minimum
3.5 program length to participate in the federal Pell Grant program, is an eligible institution if
3.6 the institution is licensed or registered as a postsecondary institution by the office.

3.7 (d) An eligible institution under paragraph (b), clause (3), item (ii), that changes
3.8 ownership as defined in section 136A.63, subdivision 2, must participate in the federal Pell
3.9 Grant program within four calendar years of the first ownership change to continue eligibility.

3.10 (e) An institution that loses its eligibility for the federal Pell Grant program is not an
3.11 eligible institution.

3.12 (f) A public postsecondary institution that does not establish variable tuition rates based
3.13 upon employment outcomes in accordance with section 135A.04, subdivision 2, is not an
3.14 eligible institution.