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H. F. No. 340

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Higher Education Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; providing tuition assistance for state high school
1.3 graduates to attend MnSCU colleges; appropriating money; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2014, section 136F.19, subdivisions 1, 2; proposing coding for new law
1.5 in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136F; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, section
1.6 136A.1201.

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

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 136F.19, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.9 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The board shall establish and operate through
1.10 each campus a power of you program at Metropolitan State University, ~~Minneapolis~~
1.11 ~~Community and Technical College, and St. Paul College. The program shall, to the extent~~
1.12 ~~of available funding, make grants to eligible students. Each~~ The campus shall develop
1.13 partnerships with high schools and school districts as part of the program. The board may
1.14 accept and expend private funding for the program.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 136F.19, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.16 Subd. 2. **Grants.** ~~A~~ The campus shall establish procedures to select recipients of
1.17 grants. A grant award shall be equal to the amount remaining after deducting the student's
1.18 Pell grant award and state grant award from the institution's tuition and mandatory fee
1.19 charges.

1.20 Sec. 3. **[136F.19] COLLEGE TUITION RELIEF.**

1.21 A person who graduates from a Minnesota high school shall not be required to pay
1.22 that portion of tuition and mandatory fees at a community or technical college that is in
1.23 excess of the federal Pell grant and state grant that the student receives to attend that

2.1 college. A student must apply for a federal Pell grant and a state grant to be eligible for the
2.2 tuition relief under this section. This section applies only:

2.3 (1) to a person who enrolls in a college no later than the fall after graduation from a
2.4 Minnesota high school;

2.5 (2) for the first two academic years or their equivalent immediately following the
2.6 date of initial college enrollment; and

2.7 (3) only while the person is making satisfactory academic progress as determined
2.8 by the college.

2.9 Sec. 4. **MNSCU; APPROPRIATION.**

2.10 \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2016 and \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year
2.11 2017 from the general fund to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and
2.12 Universities for the purpose of the tuition relief provided in Minnesota Statutes, section
2.13 136F.191.

2.14 Sec. 5. **REPEALER.**

2.15 Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 136A.1201, is repealed.

APPENDIX
Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 15-1230

136A.1201 MINNESOTA PROMISE.

Subdivision 1. **Financial aid policy.** It is the policy of the legislature to provide sufficient financial aid funding so that tuition and required fees to attend a public two-year college for a student from a low-income family are covered by state financial aid when combined with federal and other sources of aid.

Subd. 2. **Informational materials.** The office must prepare and distribute materials under section 136A.87 to promote the Minnesota Promise, the availability of financial aid, and the benefits of higher education.