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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; requiring notation on transcripts of certain students
1.3 disciplined or investigated for sexual assault; proposing coding for new law in
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 135A.

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

1.6 Section 1. [135A.1575] ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS; SUSPENSION, PERMANENT
1.7 DISMISSAL, OR WITHDRAWAL FROM INSTITUTION.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Applicability. This section applies to the following postsecondary
1.9 institutions:

1.10 (1) institutions governed by the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and
1.11 Universities; and

1.12 (2) private postsecondary institutions that offer in-person courses on a campus located
1.13 in Minnesota and which are eligible institutions as defined in section 136A.103.

1.14 Institutions governed by the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota are requested
1.15 to comply with this section.

1.16 Subd. 2. Academic transcripts; notation for offense involving sexual assault. (a) The
1.17 registrar of a postsecondary institution, or the other employee, office, or department of the
1.18 institution that is responsible for maintaining student academic records, must include a
1.19 prominent notation on the academic transcript of each student who has been suspended for,
1.20 has been permanently dismissed or expelled for, or withdraws from the institution while
1.21 under investigation for an offense involving sexual assault under the institution's code, rules,
1.22 or set of standards governing student conduct pursuant to section 135A.15. The notation

2.1 must state that the student was suspended for or was permanently dismissed or expelled for
2.2 an offense involving sexual assault under the institution's code, rules, or set of standards.
2.3 The notation must be substantially in the following form: "[Suspended, Dismissed, Expelled,
2.4 or Withdrew while under investigation] for a violation of [insert name of institution's code,
2.5 rules, or set of standards]."

2.6 (b) An institution must:

2.7 (1) notify the student that the suspension, permanent dismissal, expulsion, or withdrawal
2.8 will be documented on the student's academic transcript; and

2.9 (2) adopt and publish a procedure for removing the notation from the academic transcript
2.10 of a student who is subsequently found not to have committed an offense involving sexual
2.11 assault under the institution's code, rules, or set of standards governing student conduct.

2.12 (c) The institution must remove from a student's academic transcript the notation placed
2.13 on a transcript pursuant to paragraph (a):

2.14 (1) if the notation was due to the student's suspension and the student completed the
2.15 term and any conditions of the suspension and has been determined by the institution to be
2.16 in good standing according to the institution's code, rules, or set of standards governing the
2.17 determination; or

2.18 (2) if ten years have passed since the transcript notation.