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- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to higher education; creating a college promise grant program; creating
- 1.3 an accelerated study in associate program; appropriating money; proposing coding
- 1.4 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136A.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. **[136A.1202] COLLEGE PROMISE GRANT.**
- 1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms in this subdivision
- 1.8 have the meanings given.
- 1.9 (b) "College" means a public postsecondary institution in the University of Minnesota
- 1.10 or Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.
- 1.11 (c) "Eligible individual" means an individual who:
- 1.12 (1) is a current or incoming resident student as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision
- 1.13 8, clauses (1) to (4) or is a prior resident student as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision
- 1.14 8, clauses (1) to (4) who has between six and 59 college credits; and
- 1.15 (2) is a dependent student reporting a potential federal adjusted gross income on a Free
- 1.16 Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or equivalent form of \$125,000 or less, or is
- 1.17 an independent student reporting a family adjusted gross income on a FAFSA of \$75,000
- 1.18 or less.
- 1.19 (d) "Grant" means a scholarship for undergraduate instruction granted under this section.
- 1.20 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The commissioner shall implement a college promise grant
- 1.21 program to provide grants to eligible individuals to attend a college.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Application.** Application for a grant shall be made by a FAFSA and on any
2.2 additional form required by the commissioner and on a schedule set by the commissioner.

2.3 Subd. 4. **Grant amount.** (a) The commissioner shall award grants in the amount of the
2.4 actual cost of tuition, fees, and course materials at the student's college of attendance, minus
2.5 any federal Pell grant received, any state grant for which the student is eligible, and any
2.6 other scholarships awarded to the student. For purposes of this subdivision, "fees" has the
2.7 meaning given in section 136A.121, subdivision 6. The commissioner shall not award grants
2.8 for tuition and fees for graduate-level or professional-level instruction.

2.9 (b) Students eligible for Pell grants shall receive the grant amount plus an additional
2.10 \$2,000 grant to cover other expenses.

2.11 Subd. 5. **Satisfactory academic progress.** An individual is eligible for a grant if the
2.12 individual is making satisfactory academic progress as defined under section 136A.101,
2.13 subdivision 10, and has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale at
2.14 the end of the first academic year and at the end of each academic term after the first
2.15 academic year.

2.16 Subd. 6. **Grant renewal.** A grant may be renewed annually for up to two academic
2.17 years. A student who transfers to an eligible college to complete a bachelor's degree is
2.18 authorized to renew the grant for a third academic year. Application for renewal must be
2.19 on a form provided by the commissioner and on a schedule set by the commissioner.

2.20 Subd. 7. **Appropriation.** The amount necessary to implement the college promise grant
2.21 program in this section is annually appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner.

2.22 Sec. 2. **[136A.1212] MINNESOTA ACCELERATED STUDY IN ASSOCIATES**
2.23 **PROGRAMS.**

2.24 The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must develop and implement accelerated
2.25 study in associate programs at each community and technical college by July 1, 2022. At a
2.26 minimum, the program must:

2.27 (1) require students to meet with a program adviser twice each month during the first
2.28 semester and as directed by the program adviser in subsequent semesters. At a minimum,
2.29 the program adviser shall:

2.30 (i) provide comprehensive academic and personal advising;

2.31 (ii) create and implement an academic plan for the student to graduate on time; and

3.1 (iii) assist interested students in following transfer pathways to a four-year higher
3.2 education institution.

3.3 (2) require students to meet with an on-campus career adviser or participate in a career
3.4 services event once each semester; and

3.5 (3) require students enrolled in developmental education courses to complete three hours
3.6 of tutoring per month. Tutoring may be on campus, online, with an instructor, or peer
3.7 tutoring.

3.8 **Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION.**

3.9 \$..... in fiscal year 2020 and \$..... in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from the general
3.10 fund to the Office of Higher Education to provide grants for campuses to establish accelerated
3.11 study in associate programs under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1212.