

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

**S.F. No. 2415**

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/13/2019	862	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Higher Education Finance and Policy
04/11/2019	3001a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to higher education; providing funding and policy changes for the Office

1.3 of Higher Education, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, and the

1.4 University of Minnesota; modifying the state grant formula; requiring a report;

1.5 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 13.322,

1.6 subdivision 3; 135A.15, subdivision 2; 136A.101, subdivision 5a; 136A.121,

1.7 subdivision 6; 136A.1215, subdivision 4; 136A.1275, subdivisions 2, 3; 136A.15,

1.8 subdivision 8; 136A.16, subdivisions 1, 2, 5, 8, 9; 136A.162; 136A.1701,

1.9 subdivision 7; 136A.1789, subdivisions 1, 3, 5; 136A.64, subdivisions 1, 5, by

1.10 adding a subdivision; 136A.645; 136A.646; 136A.672, by adding a subdivision;

1.11 136A.821, by adding subdivisions; 136A.822, subdivisions 6, 10, 12; 136A.8295,

1.12 by adding subdivisions; 136A.87; 136F.38; 136F.58, by adding a subdivision;

1.13 179A.20, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota

1.14 Statutes, chapters 136A; 136F; 137; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections

1.15 136A.15, subdivisions 2, 7; 136A.1701, subdivision 12.

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

1.17 **ARTICLE 1**

1.18 **HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS**

1.19 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.20 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies

1.21 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,

1.22 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.

1.23 The figures "2020" and "2021" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under

1.24 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, or June 30, 2021, respectively.

1.25 "The first year" is fiscal year 2020. "The second year" is fiscal year 2021. "The biennium"

1.26 is fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

1.27 **APPROPRIATIONS**

1.28 **Available for the Year**

	<u>Ending June 30</u>	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
2.1		
2.2		
2.3	<b>Sec. 2. <u>MINNESOTA OFFICE OF HIGHER</u></b>	
2.4	<b><u>EDUCATION</u></b>	
2.5	<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 268,951,000</u></b>
		<b><u>\$ 268,651,000</u></b>
2.6	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>	
2.7	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>	
2.8	<u>subdivisions.</u>	
2.9	<b><u>Subd. 2. State Grants</u></b>	<b><u>210,062,000</u></b>
		<b><u>210,062,000</u></b>
2.10	<u>If the appropriation in this subdivision for</u>	
2.11	<u>either year is insufficient, the appropriation</u>	
2.12	<u>for the other year is available for it.</u>	
2.13	<b><u>Subd. 3. Child Care Grants</u></b>	<b><u>6,694,000</u></b>
		<b><u>6,694,000</u></b>
2.14	<b><u>Subd. 4. State Work-Study</u></b>	<b><u>14,502,000</u></b>
		<b><u>14,502,000</u></b>
2.15	<b><u>Subd. 5. Interstate Tuition Reciprocity</u></b>	<b><u>11,018,000</u></b>
		<b><u>11,018,000</u></b>
2.16	<u>If the appropriation in this subdivision for</u>	
2.17	<u>either year is insufficient, the appropriation</u>	
2.18	<u>for the other year is available to meet</u>	
2.19	<u>reciprocity contract obligations.</u>	
2.20	<b><u>Subd. 6. Safety Officer's Survivors</u></b>	<b><u>100,000</u></b>
		<b><u>100,000</u></b>
2.21	<u>This appropriation is to provide educational</u>	
2.22	<u>benefits under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>	
2.23	<u>299A.45, to eligible dependent children and</u>	
2.24	<u>to the spouses of public safety officers killed</u>	
2.25	<u>in the line of duty.</u>	
2.26	<u>If the appropriation in this subdivision for</u>	
2.27	<u>either year is insufficient, the appropriation</u>	
2.28	<u>for the other year is available for it.</u>	
2.29	<b><u>Subd. 7. Indian Scholarships</u></b>	<b><u>3,500,000</u></b>
		<b><u>3,500,000</u></b>
2.30	<u>The commissioner must contract with or</u>	
2.31	<u>employ at least one person with demonstrated</u>	
2.32	<u>competence in American Indian culture and</u>	
2.33	<u>residing in or near the city of Bemidji to assist</u>	

3.1	<u>students with the scholarships under</u>		
3.2	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.126, and</u>		
3.3	<u>with other information about financial aid for</u>		
3.4	<u>which the students may be eligible. Bemidji</u>		
3.5	<u>State University must provide office space at</u>		
3.6	<u>no cost to the Office of Higher Education for</u>		
3.7	<u>purposes of administering the American Indian</u>		
3.8	<u>scholarship program under Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
3.9	<u>section 136A.126. This appropriation includes</u>		
3.10	<u>funding to administer the American Indian</u>		
3.11	<u>scholarship program.</u>		
3.12	<b><u>Subd. 8. Tribal College Grants</u></b>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
3.13	<u>For tribal college assistance grants under</u>		
3.14	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1796.</u>		
3.15	<b><u>Subd. 9. Intervention for College Attendance</u></b>		
3.16	<b><u>Program Grants</u></b>	<u>671,000</u>	<u>671,000</u>
3.17	<u>For the intervention for college attendance</u>		
3.18	<u>program under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
3.19	<u>136A.861.</u>		
3.20	<u>The commissioner may use no more than three</u>		
3.21	<u>percent of this appropriation to administer the</u>		
3.22	<u>intervention for college attendance program</u>		
3.23	<u>grants.</u>		
3.24	<b><u>Subd. 10. Student-Parent Information</u></b>	<u>122,000</u>	<u>122,000</u>
3.25	<b><u>Subd. 11. Get Ready!</u></b>	<u>180,000</u>	<u>180,000</u>
3.26	<b><u>Subd. 12. Minnesota Education Equity</u></b>		
3.27	<b><u>Partnership</u></b>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
3.28	<b><u>Subd. 13. Midwest Higher Education Compact</u></b>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>115,000</u>
3.29	<b><u>Subd. 14. United Family Medicine Residency</u></b>		
3.30	<b><u>Program</u></b>	<u>501,000</u>	<u>501,000</u>
3.31	<u>For a grant to United Family Medicine</u>		
3.32	<u>residency program. This appropriation shall</u>		
3.33	<u>be used to support up to 21 resident physicians</u>		
3.34	<u>each year in family practice at United Family</u>		

4.1 Medicine residency programs and shall  
 4.2 prepare doctors to practice family care  
 4.3 medicine in underserved rural and urban areas  
 4.4 of the state. It is intended that this program  
 4.5 will improve health care in underserved  
 4.6 communities, provide affordable access to  
 4.7 appropriate medical care, and manage the  
 4.8 treatment of patients in a cost-effective  
 4.9 manner.

4.10 Subd. 15. MnLINK Gateway and Minitex 5,905,000 5,905,000

4.11 Subd. 16. Statewide Longitudinal Education  
 4.12 Data System 882,000 882,000

4.13 Subd. 17. Hennepin Healthcare 645,000 645,000

4.14 For transfer to Hennepin Healthcare for  
 4.15 graduate family medical education programs  
 4.16 at Hennepin Healthcare.

4.17 Subd. 18. College Possible 350,000 350,000

4.18 (a) This appropriation is for immediate transfer  
 4.19 to College Possible to support programs of  
 4.20 college admission and college graduation for  
 4.21 low-income students through an intensive  
 4.22 curriculum of coaching and support at both  
 4.23 the high school and postsecondary level.

4.24 (b) This appropriation must, to the extent  
 4.25 possible, be proportionately allocated between  
 4.26 students from greater Minnesota and students  
 4.27 in the seven-county metropolitan area.

4.28 (c) This appropriation must be used by College  
 4.29 Possible only for programs supporting students  
 4.30 who are residents of Minnesota and attending  
 4.31 colleges or universities within Minnesota.

4.32 (d) By February 1 of each year, College  
 4.33 Possible must report to the chairs and ranking  
 4.34 minority members of the legislative

5.1 committees and divisions with jurisdiction  
 5.2 over higher education and E-12 education on  
 5.3 activities funded by this appropriation. The  
 5.4 report must include, but is not limited to,  
 5.5 information about the expansion of College  
 5.6 Possible in Minnesota, the number of College  
 5.7 Possible coaches hired, the expansion within  
 5.8 existing partner high schools, the expansion  
 5.9 of high school partnerships, the number of  
 5.10 high school and college students served, the  
 5.11 total hours of community service by high  
 5.12 school and college students, and a list of  
 5.13 communities and organizations benefiting  
 5.14 from student service hours.

5.15 **Subd. 19. Spinal Cord Injury and Traumatic**  
 5.16 **Brain Injury Research Grant Program**

3,000,000

3,000,000

5.17 For spinal cord injury and traumatic brain  
 5.18 injury research grants authorized under  
 5.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.901.

5.20 The commissioner may use no more than three  
 5.21 percent of this appropriation to administer the  
 5.22 grant program under this subdivision.

5.23 **Subd. 20. Summer Academic Enrichment**  
 5.24 **Program**

175,000

175,000

5.25 For summer academic enrichment grants under  
 5.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.091.

5.27 The commissioner may use no more than three  
 5.28 percent of this appropriation to administer the  
 5.29 grant program under this subdivision.

5.30 **Subd. 21. Dual Training Competency Grants;**  
 5.31 **Office of Higher Education**

2,000,000

2,000,000

5.32 For training grants under Minnesota Statutes,  
 5.33 section 136A.246.

6.1 The commissioner may use no more than three  
 6.2 percent of this appropriation to administer the  
 6.3 grant program under this subdivision.

6.4 **Subd. 22. Dual Training Competency Grants;**  
 6.5 **Department of Labor and Industry**

200,000

200,000

6.6 For transfer to the commissioner of labor and  
 6.7 industry for identification of competency  
 6.8 standards for dual training under Minnesota  
 6.9 Statutes, section 175.45.

6.10 **Subd. 23. Concurrent Enrollment Courses**

340,000

340,000

6.11 (a) \$225,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$225,000  
 6.12 in fiscal year 2021 are for grants to develop  
 6.13 new concurrent enrollment courses under  
 6.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09,  
 6.15 subdivision 10, that satisfy the elective  
 6.16 standard for career and technical education.  
 6.17 Any balance in the first year does not cancel  
 6.18 but is available in the second year.

6.19 (b) \$115,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$115,000  
 6.20 in fiscal year 2021 are for grants to  
 6.21 postsecondary institutions currently  
 6.22 sponsoring a concurrent enrollment course to  
 6.23 expand existing programs. The commissioner  
 6.24 shall determine the application process and  
 6.25 the grant amounts. The commissioner must  
 6.26 give preference to expanding programs that  
 6.27 are at capacity. Any balance in the first year  
 6.28 does not cancel but is available in the second  
 6.29 year.

6.30 (c) By December 1 of each year, the office  
 6.31 shall submit a brief report to the chairs and  
 6.32 ranking minority members of the legislative  
 6.33 committees with jurisdiction over higher  
 6.34 education regarding:

7.1 (1) the courses developed by grant recipients  
 7.2 and the number of students who enrolled in  
 7.3 the courses under paragraph (a); and

7.4 (2) the programs expanded and the number of  
 7.5 students who enrolled in programs under  
 7.6 paragraph (b).

7.7 **Subd. 24. Campus Sexual Assault Reporting** 25,000 25,000

7.8 For the sexual assault reporting required under  
 7.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.15.

7.10 **Subd. 25. Campus Sexual Violence Prevention**  
 7.11 **and Response Coordinator** 150,000 150,000

7.12 For the Office of Higher Education to staff a  
 7.13 campus sexual violence prevention and  
 7.14 response coordinator to serve as a statewide  
 7.15 resource providing professional development  
 7.16 and guidance on best practices for  
 7.17 postsecondary institutions. \$50,000 each year  
 7.18 are for administrative funding to conduct  
 7.19 trainings and provide materials to  
 7.20 postsecondary institutions.

7.21 **Subd. 26. Emergency Assistance for** 275,000 275,000  
 7.22 **Postsecondary Students**

7.23 (a) This appropriation is for the Office of  
 7.24 Higher Education to allocate grant funds on a  
 7.25 matching basis to schools with a demonstrable  
 7.26 homeless student population.

7.27 (b) This appropriation shall be used to meet  
 7.28 immediate student needs that could result in  
 7.29 a student not completing the term or their  
 7.30 program including, but not limited to,  
 7.31 emergency housing, food, and transportation.

7.32 Emergency assistance does not impact the  
 7.33 amount of state financial aid received.

8.1 (c) The commissioner shall determine the  
 8.2 application process and the grant amounts.  
 8.3 Any balance in the first year does not cancel  
 8.4 but shall be available in the second year. The  
 8.5 Office of Higher Education shall partner with  
 8.6 interested postsecondary institutions, other  
 8.7 state agencies, and student groups to establish  
 8.8 the programs.

8.9 **Subd. 27. Grants to Teacher Candidates** 500,000 500,000

8.10 For grants to teacher candidates under  
 8.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1275. This  
 8.12 appropriation is in addition to the money  
 8.13 available under Laws 2016, chapter 189,  
 8.14 article 25, section 62, subdivision 11.

8.15 The commissioner may use no more than three  
 8.16 percent of the appropriation for administration  
 8.17 of the program.

8.18 **Subd. 28. Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness** 400,000 400,000

8.19 For the loan forgiveness program under  
 8.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1791.

8.21 The commissioner may use no more than three  
 8.22 percent of this appropriation to administer the  
 8.23 program under this subdivision.

8.24 **Subd. 29. Large Animal Veterinarian Loan**  
 8.25 **Forgiveness Program** 375,000 375,000

8.26 For the large animal veterinarian loan  
 8.27 forgiveness program under Minnesota Statutes,  
 8.28 section 136A.1795.

8.29 **Subd. 30. Agricultural Educators Loan**  
 8.30 **Forgiveness** 50,000 50,000

8.31 For deposit in the agricultural education loan  
 8.32 forgiveness account.

8.33 **Subd. 31. Aviation Degree Loan Forgiveness**  
 8.34 **Program** 25,000 25,000

9.1	<u>For the aviation degree loan forgiveness</u>		
9.2	<u>program under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
9.3	<u>136A.1789.</u>		
9.4	<b><u>Subd. 32. Student Loan Debt Counseling</u></b>	<u>117,000</u>	<u>117,000</u>
9.5	<u>For student loan debt counseling under</u>		
9.6	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1788.</u>		
9.7	<b><u>Subd. 33. Grants for Students with Intellectual</u></b>		
9.8	<b><u>and Developmental Disabilities</u></b>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
9.9	<u>For grants for students with intellectual and</u>		
9.10	<u>developmental disabilities under Minnesota</u>		
9.11	<u>Statutes, section 136A.1215.</u>		
9.12	<b><u>Subd. 34. Loan Repayment Assistance Program</u></b>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
9.13	<u>For a grant to the Loan Repayment Assistance</u>		
9.14	<u>Program of Minnesota to provide education</u>		
9.15	<u>debt relief to attorneys with full-time</u>		
9.16	<u>employment providing legal advice or</u>		
9.17	<u>representation to low-income clients or support</u>		
9.18	<u>services for this work.</u>		
9.19	<b><u>Subd. 35. Minnesota Independence College and</u></b>		
9.20	<b><u>Community</u></b>	<u>1,250,000</u>	<u>1,250,000</u>
9.21	<u>For a grant to Minnesota Independence</u>		
9.22	<u>College and Community for need-based</u>		
9.23	<u>scholarships and tuition reduction for resident</u>		
9.24	<u>students as defined in Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
9.25	<u>section 136A.101, subdivision 8.</u>		
9.26	<b><u>Subd. 36. Inclusive Access Pilot Program</u></b>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
9.27	<u>For the inclusive access pilot program under</u>		
9.28	<u>article 2, section 41. This appropriation is</u>		
9.29	<u>available until June 30, 2021.</u>		
9.30	<b><u>Subd. 37. Teacher Preparation Program Design</u></b>		
9.31	<b><u>Grant</u></b>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
9.32	<u>For a grant to an institution of higher</u>		
9.33	<u>education, defined under Minnesota Statutes,</u>		

10.1 section 135A.51, subdivision 5, to explore,  
 10.2 design, and plan for a teacher preparation  
 10.3 program leading to licensure as a teacher of  
 10.4 the blind or visually impaired, consistent with  
 10.5 Minnesota Rules, part 8710.5100. The  
 10.6 commissioner may develop an application  
 10.7 process and guidelines as necessary, and may  
 10.8 use up to two percent of the appropriation for  
 10.9 administrative costs. The grant recipient shall  
 10.10 submit a report describing the plan and  
 10.11 identifying potential ongoing costs for the  
 10.12 program to the chairs and ranking minority  
 10.13 members of the legislative committees with  
 10.14 jurisdiction over higher education finance and  
 10.15 policy no later than January 15, 2021.

10.16 **Subd. 38. Secondary Technical Education**  
 10.17 **Program**

200,000

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10.18 For a grant to the secondary technical  
 10.19 education program to purchase equipment and  
 10.20 software for a fabrication lab at its facility in  
 10.21 collaboration with Independent School District  
 10.22 No. 11, Anoka-Hennepin, Anoka Technical  
 10.23 College, and private program partners.

10.24 **Subd. 39. Agency Administration**

4,077,000

4,077,000

10.25 **Subd. 40. Balances Forward**

10.26 A balance in the first year under this section  
 10.27 does not cancel, but is available for the second  
 10.28 year.

10.29 **Subd. 41. Transfers**

10.30 The commissioner of the Office of Higher  
 10.31 Education may transfer unencumbered  
 10.32 balances from the appropriations in this  
 10.33 section to the state grant appropriation, the  
 10.34 interstate tuition reciprocity appropriation, the



12.1 (2) for the 2019-2020 academic year, the  
12.2 tuition rates for undergraduates at universities  
12.3 must not exceed the 2018-2019 academic year  
12.4 rate by more than two percent, and for the  
12.5 2020-2021 academic year, the tuition rate must  
12.6 not exceed the 2019-2020 academic year rate  
12.7 by more than two percent.

12.8 The student tuition relief may not be offset by  
12.9 increases in mandatory fees, charges, or other  
12.10 assessments to the student. Colleges and  
12.11 universities are permitted to increase  
12.12 differential tuition charges in fiscal years 2020  
12.13 and 2021 where costs for course or program  
12.14 delivery have increased due to extraordinary  
12.15 circumstances beyond the control of the  
12.16 college or university. Rates and rationale must  
12.17 be approved by the Board of Trustees.

12.18 (b) \$3,600,000 in fiscal year 2020 and  
12.19 \$3,600,000 in fiscal year 2021 are to provide  
12.20 supplemental aid for operations and  
12.21 maintenance of two-year colleges in the  
12.22 system. In each year, the board shall transfer  
12.23 \$100,000 for each campus not located in a  
12.24 metropolitan county, as defined in Minnesota  
12.25 Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 4, to the  
12.26 president of the college that includes that  
12.27 campus.

12.28 (c) The Board of Trustees is requested to help  
12.29 Minnesota close the attainment gap by funding  
12.30 activities which improve retention and  
12.31 completion for students of color.

12.32 (d) \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2020 and  
12.33 \$13,500,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for  
12.34 workforce development scholarships under  
12.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.38. The base

- 13.1 for fiscal year 2022 and thereafter is  
13.2 \$8,000,000.
- 13.3 (e) \$300,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$300,000  
13.4 in fiscal year 2021 are for transfer to the Cook  
13.5 County Higher Education Board to provide  
13.6 educational programming, workforce  
13.7 development, and academic support services  
13.8 to remote regions in northeastern Minnesota.  
13.9 The Cook County Higher Education Board  
13.10 shall continue to provide information to the  
13.11 Board of Trustees on the number of students  
13.12 served, credit hours delivered, and services  
13.13 provided to students.
- 13.14 (f) \$50,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$50,000 in  
13.15 fiscal year 2021 are for developing and  
13.16 teaching online agricultural courses by farm  
13.17 business management faculty at colleges that  
13.18 offer farm business management.
- 13.19 (g) \$175,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$175,000  
13.20 in fiscal year 2021 are for the  
13.21 veterans-to-agriculture pilot program  
13.22 established by Laws 2015, chapter 69, article  
13.23 1, section 4, subdivision 3. The program shall  
13.24 continue to conform to the requirements of  
13.25 that subdivision. The appropriation shall be  
13.26 used to support, in equal amounts, up to six  
13.27 program sites statewide. No more than two  
13.28 percent of the total appropriation provided by  
13.29 this section may be used for administrative  
13.30 purposes at the system level.
- 13.31 No later than December 15, 2020, the program  
13.32 shall report to the committees of the house of  
13.33 representatives and the senate with jurisdiction  
13.34 over issues related to agriculture, veterans  
13.35 affairs, and higher education on program

- 14.1 operations, including information on  
14.2 participation rates, new job placements, and  
14.3 any unmet needs.
- 14.4 (h) This appropriation includes \$40,000 in  
14.5 fiscal year 2020 and \$40,000 in fiscal year  
14.6 2021 to implement the sexual assault policies  
14.7 required under Minnesota Statutes, section  
14.8 135A.15.
- 14.9 (i) This appropriation includes \$15,000,000  
14.10 in fiscal year 2020 and \$15,000,000 in fiscal  
14.11 year 2021 for upgrading the Integrated  
14.12 Statewide Record System.
- 14.13 (j) This appropriation includes \$250,000 in  
14.14 fiscal year 2020 and \$250,000 in fiscal year  
14.15 2021 for developing and offering courses to  
14.16 implement the Z-Degree textbook program  
14.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.305.
- 14.18 (k) This appropriation includes \$1,500,000 in  
14.19 fiscal year 2020 and \$1,500,000 in fiscal year  
14.20 2021 to support local partnership programs at  
14.21 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities  
14.22 campuses. Local partnerships must be  
14.23 comprised of campuses and local businesses  
14.24 and may also include K-12 school districts,  
14.25 trade associations, local chambers of  
14.26 commerce, and economic development  
14.27 authorities. Funds must be used to develop  
14.28 new and accelerate existing employer-led  
14.29 workforce exposure programs, technical  
14.30 education pathway programs, dual-training  
14.31 programs, internships, youth skills training  
14.32 programs, and other industry-recognized  
14.33 programs in high-growth, high-demand  
14.34 industries. Priority consideration for funding  
14.35 shall be given to local partnerships whose

15.1 program addresses an industry with a  
 15.2 demonstrated workforce shortage. Local  
 15.3 partnerships must demonstrate how business  
 15.4 and industry are providing financial and  
 15.5 in-kind contributions to the program.

15.6 (l) This appropriation includes \$500,000 in  
 15.7 fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000 in fiscal year  
 15.8 2021 for leveraged equipment acquisition. For  
 15.9 the purposes of this section, "equipment"  
 15.10 means equipment for instructional purposes  
 15.11 for programs that the board has determined  
 15.12 would produce graduates with skills for which  
 15.13 there is a high employer need within the state.

15.14 An equipment acquisition may be made using  
 15.15 this appropriation only if matched by cash or  
 15.16 in-kind contributions from nonstate sources.

15.17 (m) The total operations and maintenance base  
 15.18 for fiscal year 2022 and thereafter is  
 15.19 \$707,680,000.

15.20 Subd. 4. **Learning Network of Minnesota** 4,115,000 4,115,000

15.21 Sec. 4. **BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE**  
 15.22 **UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

15.23 Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation** \$ 662,893,000 \$ 662,893,000

15.24 The amounts that may be spent for each  
 15.25 purpose are specified in the following  
 15.26 subdivisions.

15.27 Subd. 2. **Operations and Maintenance** 592,198,000 592,198,000

15.28 (a) The Board of Regents must establish  
 15.29 tuition rates as follows: for the 2019-2020  
 15.30 academic year, the resident tuition rate must  
 15.31 not exceed the 2018-2019 academic year rate  
 15.32 by more than two percent, and for the  
 15.33 2020-2021 academic year, the tuition rate must

- 16.1 not exceed the 2019-2020 academic year rate  
16.2 by more than two percent.
- 16.3 (b) \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and  
16.4 \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 are to: (1)  
16.5 increase the medical school's research  
16.6 capacity; (2) improve the medical school's  
16.7 ranking in National Institutes of Health  
16.8 funding; (3) ensure the medical school's  
16.9 national prominence by attracting and  
16.10 retaining world-class faculty, staff, and  
16.11 students; (4) invest in physician training  
16.12 programs in rural and underserved  
16.13 communities; and (5) translate the medical  
16.14 school's research discoveries into new  
16.15 treatments and cures to improve the health of  
16.16 Minnesotans.
- 16.17 (c) \$7,800,000 in fiscal year 2020 and  
16.18 \$7,800,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for health  
16.19 training restoration. This appropriation must  
16.20 be used to support all of the following: (1)  
16.21 faculty physicians who teach at eight residency  
16.22 program sites, including medical resident and  
16.23 student training programs in the Department  
16.24 of Family Medicine; (2) the Mobile Dental  
16.25 Clinic; and (3) expansion of geriatric  
16.26 education and family programs.
- 16.27 (d) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and  
16.28 \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for the  
16.29 Minnesota Discovery, Research, and  
16.30 InnoVation Economy funding program for  
16.31 cancer care research.
- 16.32 (e) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000  
16.33 in fiscal year 2021 are for the University of  
16.34 Minnesota, Morris branch, to cover the costs

17.1 of tuition waivers under Minnesota Statutes,  
 17.2 section 137.16.

17.3 **Subd. 3. Special Appropriations**

17.4 **(a) Agriculture and Extension Service** 42,922,000 42,922,000

17.5 For the Agricultural Experiment Station and  
 17.6 the Minnesota Extension Service:

17.7 (1) the agricultural experiment stations and  
 17.8 Minnesota Extension Service must convene  
 17.9 agricultural advisory groups to focus research,  
 17.10 education, and extension activities on producer  
 17.11 needs and implement an outreach strategy that  
 17.12 more effectively and rapidly transfers research  
 17.13 results and best practices to producers  
 17.14 throughout the state;

17.15 (2) this appropriation includes funding for  
 17.16 research and outreach on the production of  
 17.17 renewable energy from Minnesota biomass  
 17.18 resources, including agronomic crops, plant  
 17.19 and animal wastes, and native plants or trees.

17.20 The following areas should be prioritized and  
 17.21 carried out in consultation with Minnesota  
 17.22 producers, renewable energy, and bioenergy  
 17.23 organizations:

17.24 (i) biofuel and other energy production from  
 17.25 perennial crops, small grains, row crops, and  
 17.26 forestry products in conjunction with the  
 17.27 Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI);

17.28 (ii) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping  
 17.29 systems; and

17.30 (iii) biofuel coproducts used for livestock feed;

17.31 (3) this appropriation includes funding for the  
 17.32 College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural  
 17.33 Resources Sciences to establish and provide

- 18.1 leadership for organic agronomic,  
18.2 horticultural, livestock, and food systems  
18.3 research, education, and outreach and for the  
18.4 purchase of state-of-the-art laboratory,  
18.5 planting, tilling, harvesting, and processing  
18.6 equipment necessary for this project;
- 18.7 (4) this appropriation includes funding for  
18.8 research efforts that demonstrate a renewed  
18.9 emphasis on the needs of the state's agriculture  
18.10 community. The following areas should be  
18.11 prioritized and carried out in consultation with  
18.12 Minnesota farm organizations:
- 18.13 (i) vegetable crop research with priority for  
18.14 extending the Minnesota vegetable growing  
18.15 season;
- 18.16 (ii) fertilizer and soil fertility research and  
18.17 development;
- 18.18 (iii) soil, groundwater, and surface water  
18.19 conservation practices and contaminant  
18.20 reduction research;
- 18.21 (iv) discovering and developing plant varieties  
18.22 that use nutrients more efficiently;
- 18.23 (v) breeding and development of turf seed and  
18.24 other biomass resources in all three Minnesota  
18.25 biomes;
- 18.26 (vi) development of new disease-resistant and  
18.27 pest-resistant varieties of turf and agronomic  
18.28 crops;
- 18.29 (vii) utilizing plant and livestock cells to treat  
18.30 and cure human diseases;
- 18.31 (viii) the development of dairy coproducts;

19.1 (ix) a rapid agricultural response fund for  
 19.2 current or emerging animal, plant, and insect  
 19.3 problems affecting production or food safety;  
 19.4 (x) crop pest and animal disease research;  
 19.5 (xi) developing animal agriculture that is  
 19.6 capable of sustainably feeding the world;  
 19.7 (xii) consumer food safety education and  
 19.8 outreach;  
 19.9 (xiii) programs to meet the research and  
 19.10 outreach needs of organic livestock and crop  
 19.11 farmers; and  
 19.12 (xiv) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping  
 19.13 systems; and growing, harvesting, and  
 19.14 transporting biomass plant material; and  
 19.15 (5) by February 1, 2021, the Board of Regents  
 19.16 must submit a report to the legislative  
 19.17 committees and divisions with jurisdiction  
 19.18 over agriculture and higher education finance  
 19.19 on the status and outcomes of research and  
 19.20 initiatives funded in this paragraph.

19.21 **(b) Health Sciences**

19.22 (1) \$2,157,000 each year is for primary care  
 19.23 education initiatives.

19.24 (2) \$346,000 each year is to support up to 12  
 19.25 resident physicians in the St. Cloud Hospital  
 19.26 family practice residency program. The  
 19.27 program must prepare doctors to practice  
 19.28 primary care medicine in rural areas of the  
 19.29 state. The legislature intends this program to  
 19.30 improve health care in rural communities,  
 19.31 provide affordable access to appropriate  
 19.32 medical care, and manage the treatment of  
 19.33 patients in a more cost-effective manner.

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20.1 (3) \$100,000 each year is for the advisory  
 20.2 council on rare diseases under Minnesota  
 20.3 Statutes, section 137.68.

20.4 (4) The remainder of this appropriation is for  
 20.5 the rural physicians associates program; the  
 20.6 Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory; health  
 20.7 sciences research; dental care; the Biomedical  
 20.8 Engineering Center; and the collaborative  
 20.9 partnership between the University of  
 20.10 Minnesota and Mayo Clinic for regenerative  
 20.11 medicine, research, clinical translation, and  
 20.12 commercialization.

20.13	<b><u>(c) Institute of Technology</u></b>	<u>1,140,000</u>	<u>1,140,000</u>
20.14	<u>For the geological survey and the talented</u>		
20.15	<u>youth mathematics program.</u>		

20.16	<b><u>(d) System Special</u></b>	<u>7,181,000</u>	<u>7,181,000</u>
20.17	<u>For general research, the Labor Education</u>		
20.18	<u>Service, Natural Resources Research Institute,</u>		
20.19	<u>Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, Bell</u>		
20.20	<u>Museum of Natural History, and the</u>		
20.21	<u>Humphrey exhibit.</u>		

20.22 \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$2,000,000  
 20.23 in fiscal year 2021 are for the Natural  
 20.24 Resources Research Institute to invest in  
 20.25 applied research for economic development.

20.26	<b><u>(e) University of Minnesota and Mayo</u></b>		
20.27	<b><u>Foundation Partnership</u></b>	<u>7,991,000</u>	<u>7,991,000</u>

20.28 This appropriation is for the following  
 20.29 activities:

20.30 (1) \$7,491,000 in fiscal year 2020 and  
 20.31 \$7,491,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for the  
 20.32 direct and indirect expenses of the  
 20.33 collaborative research partnership between the  
 20.34 University of Minnesota and the Mayo



22.1 The state must pay stipend support for up to  
 22.2 27 residents each year.

22.3 **ARTICLE 2**

22.4 **HIGHER EDUCATION**

22.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 13.322, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

22.6 Subd. 3. **Minnesota Office of Higher Education.** (a) **General.** Data sharing involving  
 22.7 the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and other institutions is governed by section  
 22.8 136A.05.

22.9 (b) **Student financial aid.** Data collected and used by the Minnesota Office of Higher  
 22.10 Education on applicants for financial assistance are classified under section 136A.162.

22.11 (c) **Minnesota college savings plan data.** Account owner data, account data, and data  
 22.12 on beneficiaries of accounts under the Minnesota college savings plan are classified under  
 22.13 section 136G.05, subdivision 10.

22.14 (d) **School financial records.** Financial records submitted by schools registering with  
 22.15 the Minnesota Office of Higher Education are classified under section 136A.64.

22.16 (e) **Enrollment and financial aid data.** Data collected from eligible institutions on  
 22.17 student enrollment and federal and state financial aid are governed by sections 136A.121,  
 22.18 subdivision 18, and 136A.1701, subdivision 11.

22.19 (f) **Student complaint data.** Data collected from student complaints are governed by  
 22.20 sections 136A.672, subdivision 6, and 136A.8295, subdivision 7.

22.21 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 135A.15, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

22.22 Subd. 2. **Victims' rights.** The policy required under subdivision 1 shall, at a minimum,  
 22.23 require that students and employees be informed of the policy, and shall include provisions  
 22.24 for:

22.25 (1) filing criminal charges with local law enforcement officials in sexual assault cases;

22.26 (2) the prompt assistance of campus authorities, at the request of the victim, in notifying  
 22.27 the appropriate law enforcement officials and disciplinary authorities of a sexual assault  
 22.28 incident;

22.29 (3) allowing sexual assault victims to decide whether to report a case to law enforcement;

22.30 (4) requiring campus authorities to treat sexual assault victims with dignity;

23.1 (5) requiring campus authorities to offer sexual assault victims fair and respectful health  
23.2 care, counseling services, or referrals to such services;

23.3 (6) preventing campus authorities from suggesting to a victim of sexual assault that the  
23.4 victim is at fault for the crimes or violations that occurred;

23.5 (7) preventing campus authorities from suggesting to a victim of sexual assault that the  
23.6 victim should have acted in a different manner to avoid such a crime;

23.7 (8) subject to subdivision 10, protecting the privacy of sexual assault victims by only  
23.8 disclosing data collected under this section to the victim, persons whose work assignments  
23.9 reasonably require access, and, at a sexual assault victim's request, police conducting a  
23.10 criminal investigation;

23.11 (9) an investigation and resolution of a sexual assault complaint by campus disciplinary  
23.12 authorities;

23.13 (10) a sexual assault victim's participation in and the presence of the victim's attorney  
23.14 or other support person who is not a fact witness to the sexual assault at any meeting with  
23.15 campus officials concerning the victim's sexual assault complaint or campus disciplinary  
23.16 proceeding concerning a sexual assault complaint;

23.17 (11) ensuring that a sexual assault victim may decide when to repeat a description of  
23.18 the incident of sexual assault;

23.19 (12) notice to a sexual assault victim of the availability of a campus or local program  
23.20 providing sexual assault advocacy services and information on legal resources;

23.21 (13) notice to a sexual assault victim of the outcome of any campus disciplinary  
23.22 proceeding concerning a sexual assault complaint, consistent with laws relating to data  
23.23 practices;

23.24 (14) the complete and prompt assistance of campus authorities, at the direction of law  
23.25 enforcement authorities, in obtaining, securing, and maintaining evidence in connection  
23.26 with a sexual assault incident;

23.27 (15) the assistance of campus authorities in preserving for a sexual assault complainant  
23.28 or victim materials relevant to a campus disciplinary proceeding;

23.29 (16) during and after the process of investigating a complaint and conducting a campus  
23.30 disciplinary procedure, the assistance of campus personnel, in cooperation with the  
23.31 appropriate law enforcement authorities, at a sexual assault victim's request, in shielding  
23.32 the victim from unwanted contact with the alleged assailant, including transfer of the victim

24.1 to alternative classes or to alternative college-owned housing, if alternative classes or housing  
24.2 are available and feasible;

24.3 (17) forbidding retaliation, and establishing a process for investigating complaints of  
24.4 retaliation, against sexual assault victims by campus authorities, the accused, organizations  
24.5 affiliated with the accused, other students, and other employees;

24.6 (18) at the request of the victim, providing students who reported sexual assaults to the  
24.7 institution and subsequently choose to transfer to another postsecondary institution with  
24.8 information about resources for victims of sexual assault at the institution to which the  
24.9 victim is transferring; and

24.10 (19) consistent with laws governing access to student records, providing a student who  
24.11 reported an incident of sexual assault with access to the student's description of the incident  
24.12 as it was reported to the institution, including if that student transfers to another postsecondary  
24.13 institution.

24.14 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.101, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

24.15 Subd. 5a. **Assigned family responsibility.** "Assigned family responsibility" means the  
24.16 amount of a family's contribution to a student's cost of attendance, as determined by a federal  
24.17 need analysis. For dependent students, the assigned family responsibility is ~~84~~ 78 percent  
24.18 of the parental contribution. For independent students with dependents other than a spouse,  
24.19 the assigned family responsibility is ~~76~~ 70 percent of the student contribution. For  
24.20 independent students without dependents other than a spouse, the assigned family  
24.21 responsibility is ~~40~~ 34 percent of the student contribution.

24.22 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.121, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

24.23 Subd. 6. **Cost of attendance.** (a) The recognized cost of attendance consists of: (1) an  
24.24 allowance specified in law for living and miscellaneous expenses, and (2) an allowance for  
24.25 tuition and fees equal to the lesser of the average tuition and fees charged by the institution,  
24.26 or a tuition and fee maximum if one is established in law. If no living and miscellaneous  
24.27 expense allowance is established in law, the allowance is equal to ~~40~~ 105 percent of the  
24.28 federal poverty guidelines for a one person household in Minnesota for nine months. If no  
24.29 tuition and fee maximum is established in law, the allowance for tuition and fees is equal  
24.30 to the lesser of: (1) the average tuition and fees charged by the institution, and (2) for  
24.31 two-year programs, an amount equal to the highest tuition and fees charged at a public  
24.32 two-year institution, or for four-year programs, an amount equal to the highest tuition and  
24.33 fees charged at a public university.

25.1 (b) For a student registering for less than full time, the office shall prorate the cost of  
 25.2 attendance to the actual number of credits for which the student is enrolled.

25.3 (c) The recognized cost of attendance for a student who is confined to a Minnesota  
 25.4 correctional institution shall consist of the tuition and fee component in paragraph (a), with  
 25.5 no allowance for living and miscellaneous expenses.

25.6 (d) For the purpose of this subdivision, "fees" include only those fees that are mandatory  
 25.7 and charged to full-time resident students attending the institution. Fees do not include  
 25.8 charges for tools, equipment, computers, or other similar materials where the student retains  
 25.9 ownership. Fees include charges for these materials if the institution retains ownership. Fees  
 25.10 do not include optional or punitive fees.

25.11 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.1215, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

25.12 Subd. 4. **Maximum grant amounts.** (a) The amount of a grant under this section equals  
 25.13 the tuition and fees at the student's postsecondary institution, minus:

25.14 (1) any Pell or state grants the student receives; and

25.15 (2) any institutional aid the student receives.

25.16 (b) If appropriations are insufficient to provide the full amount calculated under paragraph  
 25.17 (a) to all eligible applicants, the commissioner must reduce the ~~grants of all~~ maximum grant  
 25.18 amount available to recipients proportionally.

25.19 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.1275, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

25.20 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** To be eligible for a grant under this section, a teacher candidate  
 25.21 must:

25.22 (1) be enrolled in a Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board-approved  
 25.23 teacher preparation program that requires at least 12 weeks of student teaching in order to  
 25.24 be recommended for a full professional teaching license;

25.25 (2) demonstrate financial need based on criteria established by the commissioner under  
 25.26 subdivision 3;

25.27 ~~(3) intend to teach in a shortage area or belong to an underrepresented racial or ethnic~~  
 25.28 ~~group; and~~

25.29 ~~(4)~~ (3) be meeting satisfactory academic progress as defined under section 136A.101,  
 25.30 subdivision 10.; and

26.1 (4) intend to teach in a shortage area or belong to a racial or ethnic group underrepresented  
 26.2 in the Minnesota teacher workforce. Intent can be documented based on the teacher license  
 26.3 field the student is pursuing or a statement of intent to teach in an economic development  
 26.4 region defined as a shortage area in the year the student receives a grant.

26.5 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.1275, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

26.6 Subd. 3. **Administration; repayment.** (a) The commissioner must establish an  
 26.7 application process and other guidelines for implementing this program, ~~including repayment~~  
 26.8 ~~responsibilities for stipend recipients who do not complete student teaching or who leave~~  
 26.9 ~~Minnesota to teach in another state during the first year after student teaching.~~

26.10 (b) The commissioner must determine each academic year the stipend amount up to  
 26.11 \$7,500 based on the amount of available funding, the number of eligible applicants, and the  
 26.12 financial need of the applicants.

26.13 (c) The percentage of the total award funds available at the beginning of the fiscal year  
 26.14 reserved for teacher candidates who identify as belonging to ~~an underrepresented~~ a racial  
 26.15 or ethnic group underrepresented in the Minnesota teacher workforce must be equal to or  
 26.16 greater than the total percentage of students of ~~underrepresented~~ racial or ethnic groups  
 26.17 underrepresented in the Minnesota teacher workforce as measured under section 120B.35,  
 26.18 subdivision 3. If this percentage cannot be met because of a lack of qualifying candidates,  
 26.19 the remaining amount may be awarded to teacher candidates who intend to teach in a shortage  
 26.20 area.

26.21 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.15, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

26.22 Subd. 8. **Eligible student.** "Eligible student" means a student who is officially registered  
 26.23 or accepted for enrollment at an eligible institution in Minnesota or a Minnesota resident  
 26.24 who is officially registered as a student or accepted for enrollment at an eligible institution  
 26.25 in another state or province. Non-Minnesota residents are eligible students if they are enrolled  
 26.26 or accepted for enrollment in a minimum of one course of at least 30 days in length during  
 26.27 the academic year that requires physical attendance at an eligible institution located in  
 26.28 Minnesota. Non-Minnesota resident students enrolled exclusively during the academic year  
 26.29 in correspondence courses or courses offered over the Internet are not eligible students.  
 26.30 Non-Minnesota resident students not physically attending classes in Minnesota due to  
 26.31 enrollment in a study abroad program for 12 months or less are eligible students.  
 26.32 Non-Minnesota residents enrolled in study abroad programs exceeding 12 months are not  
 26.33 eligible students. An eligible student, for section 136A.1701, means a student who gives

27.1 informed consent authorizing the disclosure of data specified in section 136A.162, paragraph  
27.2 (c), to a consumer credit reporting agency.

27.3 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.16, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

27.4 Subdivision 1. **Designation.** Notwithstanding chapter 16C, the office is designated as  
27.5 the administrative agency for carrying out the purposes and terms of sections 136A.15 to  
27.6 ~~136A.1702~~ 136A.1704. The office may establish one or more loan programs.

27.7 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.16, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

27.8 Subd. 2. **Rules, policies, and conditions.** The office shall adopt policies and may  
27.9 prescribe appropriate rules and conditions to carry out the purposes of sections 136A.15 to  
27.10 136A.1702. ~~The policies and rules except as they relate to loans under section 136A.1701~~  
27.11 ~~must be compatible with the provisions of the National Vocational Student Loan Insurance~~  
27.12 ~~Act of 1965 and the provisions of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and any~~  
27.13 ~~amendments thereof.~~

27.14 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.16, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

27.15 Subd. 5. **Agencies.** The office may contract with loan servicers, collection agencies,  
27.16 credit bureaus, or any other person, to carry out the purposes of sections 136A.15 to  
27.17 ~~136A.1702~~ 136A.1704.

27.18 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.16, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

27.19 Subd. 8. **Investment.** Money made available to the office that is not immediately needed  
27.20 for the purposes of sections 136A.15 to ~~136A.1702~~ 136A.1704 may be invested by the  
27.21 office. The money must be invested in bonds, certificates of indebtedness, and other fixed  
27.22 income securities, except preferred stocks, which are legal investments for the permanent  
27.23 school fund. The money may also be invested in prime quality commercial paper that is  
27.24 eligible for investment in the state employees retirement fund. All interest and profits from  
27.25 such investments inure to the benefit of the office or may be pledged for security of bonds  
27.26 issued by the office or its predecessors.

27.27 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.16, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

27.28 Subd. 9. **Staff.** The office may employ the professional and clerical staff the commissioner  
27.29 deems necessary for the proper administration of the loan programs established and defined  
27.30 by sections 136A.15 to ~~136A.1702~~ 136A.1704.

28.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.162, is amended to read:

28.2 **136A.162 CLASSIFICATION OF DATA.**

28.3 (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), data on applicants for financial assistance  
28.4 collected and used by the office for student financial aid programs administered by that  
28.5 office are private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12.

28.6 (b) Data on applicants may be disclosed to the commissioner of human services to the  
28.7 extent necessary to determine eligibility under section 136A.121, subdivision 2, clause (5).

28.8 (c) The following data collected in the Minnesota supplemental loan program under  
28.9 ~~section~~ sections 136A.1701 and 136A.1704 may be disclosed to a consumer credit reporting  
28.10 agency only if the borrower and the cosigner give informed consent, according to section  
28.11 13.05, subdivision 4, at the time of application for a loan:

28.12 (1) the lender-assigned borrower identification number;

28.13 (2) the name and address of borrower;

28.14 (3) the name and address of cosigner;

28.15 (4) the date the account is opened;

28.16 (5) the outstanding account balance;

28.17 (6) the dollar amount past due;

28.18 (7) the number of payments past due;

28.19 (8) the number of late payments in previous 12 months;

28.20 (9) the type of account;

28.21 (10) the responsibility for the account; and

28.22 (11) the status or remarks code.

28.23 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.1701, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

28.24 Subd. 7. **Repayment of loans.** ~~(a) The office shall establish repayment procedures for~~  
28.25 ~~loans made under this section, but in no event shall the period of permitted repayment for~~  
28.26 ~~SELF II or SELF III loans exceed ten years from the eligible student's termination of the~~  
28.27 ~~student's postsecondary academic or vocational program, or 15 years from the date of the~~  
28.28 ~~student's first loan under this section, whichever is less. in accordance with the policies,~~  
28.29 rules, and conditions authorized under section 136A.16, subdivision 2. The office will take

29.1 into consideration the loan limits and current financial market conditions when establishing  
 29.2 repayment terms.

29.3 ~~(b) For SELF IV loans, eligible students with aggregate principal loan balances from~~  
 29.4 ~~all SELF phases that are less than \$18,750 shall have a repayment period not exceeding ten~~  
 29.5 ~~years from the eligible student's graduation or termination date. For SELF IV loans, eligible~~  
 29.6 ~~students with aggregate principal loan balances from all SELF phases of \$18,750 or greater~~  
 29.7 ~~shall have a repayment period not exceeding 15 years from the eligible student's graduation~~  
 29.8 ~~or termination date. For SELF IV loans, the loans shall enter repayment no later than seven~~  
 29.9 ~~years after the first disbursement date on the loan.~~

29.10 ~~(e) For SELF loans from phases after SELF IV, eligible students with aggregate principal~~  
 29.11 ~~loan balances from all SELF phases that are:~~

29.12 ~~(1) less than \$20,000, must have a repayment period not exceeding ten years from the~~  
 29.13 ~~eligible student's graduation or termination date;~~

29.14 ~~(2) \$20,000 up to \$40,000, must have a repayment period not exceeding 15 years from~~  
 29.15 ~~the eligible student's graduation or termination date; and~~

29.16 ~~(3) \$40,000 or greater, must have a repayment period not exceeding 20 years from the~~  
 29.17 ~~eligible student's graduation or termination date. For SELF loans from phases after SELF~~  
 29.18 ~~IV, the loans must enter repayment no later than nine years after the first disbursement date~~  
 29.19 ~~of the loan.~~

29.20 **Sec. 16. [136A.1788] STUDENT LOAN DEBT COUNSELING.**

29.21 Subdivision 1. **Grant.** A program is established under the Office of Higher Education  
 29.22 to provide a grant to a Minnesota-based nonprofit qualified debt counseling organization  
 29.23 to provide individual student loan debt repayment counseling to borrowers who are Minnesota  
 29.24 residents concerning loans obtained to attend a postsecondary institution. The number of  
 29.25 individuals receiving counseling may be limited to those capable of being served with  
 29.26 available appropriations for that purpose. A goal of the counseling program is to provide  
 29.27 two counseling sessions to at least 75 percent of borrowers receiving counseling.

29.28 The purpose of the counseling is to assist borrowers to:

29.29 (1) understand their loan and repayment options;

29.30 (2) manage loan repayment; and

29.31 (3) develop a workable budget based on the borrower's full financial situation regarding  
 29.32 income, expenses, and other debt.

30.1 Subd. 2. **Qualified debt counseling organization.** A qualified debt counseling  
30.2 organization is an organization that:

30.3 (1) has experience in providing individualized student loan counseling;

30.4 (2) employs certified financial counselors; and

30.5 (3) is based in Minnesota and has offices at multiple rural and metropolitan area locations  
30.6 in the state to provide in-person counseling.

30.7 Subd. 3. **Grant application and award.** (a) Applications for a grant shall be on a form  
30.8 created by the commissioner and on a schedule set by the commissioner. Among other  
30.9 provisions, the application must include a description of:

30.10 (1) the characteristics of borrowers to be served;

30.11 (2) the services to be provided and a timeline for implementation of the services;

30.12 (3) how the services provided will help borrowers manage loan repayment;

30.13 (4) specific program outcome goals and performance measures for each goal; and

30.14 (5) how the services will be evaluated to determine whether the program goals were  
30.15 met.

30.16 (b) The commissioner shall select one grant recipient for a two-year award every two  
30.17 years. A grant may be renewed biennially.

30.18 Subd. 4. **Program evaluation.** (a) The grant recipient must submit a report to the  
30.19 commissioner by January 15 of the second year of the grant award. The report must evaluate  
30.20 and measure the extent to which program outcome goals have been met.

30.21 (b) The grant recipient must collect, analyze, and report on participation and outcome  
30.22 data that enable the office to verify the outcomes.

30.23 (c) The evaluation must include information on the number of borrowers served with  
30.24 on-time student loan payments, the number who brought their loans into good standing, the  
30.25 number of student loan defaults, the number who developed a monthly budget plan, and  
30.26 other information required by the commissioner. Recipients of the counseling must be  
30.27 surveyed on their opinions about the usefulness of the counseling and the survey results  
30.28 must be included in the report.

30.29 Subd. 5. **Report to legislature.** By February 1 of the second year of each grant award,  
30.30 the commissioner must submit a report to the committees in the legislature with jurisdiction  
30.31 over higher education finance regarding grant program outcomes.

31.1 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.1789, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

31.2 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms in this subdivision  
31.3 have the meanings given them.

31.4 (b) "Qualified aircraft technician" means an individual who (1) has earned an associate's  
31.5 or bachelor's degree preparing individuals to obtain an aviation mechanic's certificate from  
31.6 the Federal Aviation Administration from a postsecondary institution located in Minnesota,  
31.7 and (2) has obtained an aviation mechanic's certificate from the Federal Aviation  
31.8 Administration.

31.9 (c) "Qualified education loan" means a government, commercial, or foundation loan  
31.10 used by an individual for actual costs paid for tuition ~~to a postsecondary institution located~~  
31.11 ~~in Minnesota for a professional flight training degree~~ and reasonable educational and living  
31.12 expenses related to the postsecondary education of the qualified aircraft technician or  
31.13 qualified pilot.

31.14 (d) "Qualified pilot" means an individual who (1) has earned an associate's or bachelor's  
31.15 degree ~~in professional flight training~~ preparing individuals to obtain an airline transport  
31.16 pilot certificate from a postsecondary institution located in Minnesota, and (2) is in the  
31.17 process of obtaining or has obtained an airline transport pilot certificate.

31.18 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.1789, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

31.19 Subd. 3. **Eligibility.** (a) To be eligible to participate in the loan forgiveness program  
31.20 under this section, an individual must:

31.21 (1) be a qualified pilot or qualified aircraft technician;

31.22 (2) have qualified education loans;

31.23 (3) reside in Minnesota; and

31.24 (4) submit an application to the commissioner in the form and manner prescribed by the  
31.25 commissioner.

31.26 (b) An applicant selected to participate must sign a contract to agree to serve a ~~minimum~~  
31.27 ~~one-year~~ five-year full-time service obligation according to subdivision 4. To complete the  
31.28 service obligation, the applicant must work full time in Minnesota as a qualified pilot or  
31.29 qualified aircraft technician. A participant must complete one year of service under this  
31.30 paragraph for each year the participant receives an award under this section.

32.1 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.1789, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

32.2 Subd. 5. **Loan forgiveness.** (a) The commissioner may select eligible applicants each  
32.3 year for participation in the aviation degree loan forgiveness program, within the limits of  
32.4 available funding. Applicants are responsible for securing their own qualified education  
32.5 loans.

32.6 (b) For each year that the participant meets the eligibility requirements under subdivision  
32.7 3, the commissioner must make annual disbursements directly to:

32.8 (1) a selected qualified pilot of \$5,000 or the balance of the participant's qualified  
32.9 education loans, whichever is less; and

32.10 (2) a selected qualified aircraft technician of \$3,000 or the balance of the participant's  
32.11 qualified education loans, whichever is less.

32.12 (c) An individual may receive disbursements under this section for a maximum of five  
32.13 years.

32.14 (d) The participant must provide the commissioner with verification that the full amount  
32.15 of the loan repayment disbursement received by the participant has been applied toward the  
32.16 designated qualified education loan. After each disbursement, verification must be received  
32.17 by the commissioner and approved before the next repayment disbursement is made.

32.18 (e) If the participant receives a disbursement in the participant's fifth year of eligibility,  
32.19 the participant must provide the commissioner with verification that the full amount of the  
32.20 participant's final loan repayment disbursement was applied toward the designated qualified  
32.21 education loan. If a participant does not provide the verification as required under this  
32.22 paragraph within ~~six~~ 12 months of receipt of the final disbursement, the commissioner must  
32.23 collect from the participant the total amount of the final disbursement paid to the participant  
32.24 under the loan forgiveness program plus interest at a rate established according to section  
32.25 270C.40. The commissioner must deposit the money collected in the aviation degree loan  
32.26 forgiveness program account.

32.27 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.64, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

32.28 Subdivision 1. **Schools to provide information.** As a basis for registration, schools  
32.29 shall provide the office with such information as the office needs to determine the nature  
32.30 and activities of the school, including but not limited to the following which shall be  
32.31 accompanied by an affidavit attesting to its accuracy and truthfulness:

32.32 (1) articles of incorporation, constitution, bylaws, or other operating documents;

- 33.1 (2) a duly adopted statement of the school's mission and goals;
- 33.2 (3) evidence of current school or program licenses granted by departments or agencies
- 33.3 of any state;
- 33.4 (4) a fiscal balance sheet on an accrual basis, or a certified audit of the immediate past
- 33.5 fiscal year including any management letters provided by the independent auditor or, if the
- 33.6 school is a public institution outside Minnesota, an income statement for the immediate past
- 33.7 fiscal year;
- 33.8 (5) all current promotional and recruitment materials and advertisements; and
- 33.9 (6) the current school catalog and, if not contained in the catalog:
- 33.10 (i) the members of the board of trustees or directors, if any;
- 33.11 (ii) the current institutional officers;
- 33.12 (iii) current full-time and part-time faculty with degrees held or applicable experience;
- 33.13 (iv) a description of all school facilities;
- 33.14 (v) a description of all current course offerings;
- 33.15 (vi) all requirements for satisfactory completion of courses, programs, and degrees;
- 33.16 (vii) the school's policy about freedom or limitation of expression and inquiry;
- 33.17 (viii) a current schedule of fees, charges for tuition, required supplies, student activities,
- 33.18 housing, and all other standard charges;
- 33.19 (ix) the school's policy about refunds and adjustments;
- 33.20 (x) the school's policy about granting credit for prior education, training, and experience;
- 33.21 ~~and~~
- 33.22 (xi) the school's policies about student admission, evaluation, suspension, and dismissal;
- 33.23 and
- 33.24 (xii) the school's disclosure to students on the student complaint process under section
- 33.25 136A.672.

33.26 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.64, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

33.27 Subd. 5. **Public information.** All information submitted to the office is public information

33.28 except financial records, student complaint data, and accreditation records and ~~information~~

33.29 reports. Except for accreditation reports, the office may disclose ~~financial~~ any records or

33.30 information submitted to the office:

34.1 (1) to law enforcement officials; or

34.2 (2) in connection with a legal or administrative proceeding to:

34.3 (i) to defend its decision to approve or disapprove granting of degrees or the use of a  
 34.4 name of;

34.5 (ii) defend its decisions decision to revoke the institution's approval at a hearing under  
 34.6 chapter 14 or other legal proceedings; or

34.7 (iii) enforce a requirement of law.

34.8 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.64, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 34.9 to read:

34.10 Subd. 8. **Disclosure.** Schools must disclose on their website, student handbook, and  
 34.11 student catalog the student complaint process under section 136A.672 to students.

34.12 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.645, is amended to read:

34.13 **136A.645 SCHOOL CLOSURE.**

34.14 (a) When a school ~~decides~~ intends to cease postsecondary education operations, ~~it must~~  
 34.15 ~~cooperate with the office in assisting students to find alternative means to complete their~~  
 34.16 ~~studies with a minimum of disruption, and inform the office of the following~~ announces its  
 34.17 closure, or is informed by the office that the office anticipates the school's closure due to  
 34.18 its registration status or ability to meet criteria for approval under section 136A.65, the  
 34.19 school must provide the office:

34.20 ~~(1) the planned date for termination of postsecondary education operations;~~

34.21 ~~(2) the planned date for the transfer of the student records;~~

34.22 ~~(3) confirmation of the name and address of the organization to receive and hold the~~  
 34.23 ~~student records; and~~

34.24 ~~(4) the official at the organization receiving the student records who is designated to~~  
 34.25 ~~provide official copies of records or transcripts upon request.~~

34.26 (1) a notice of closure, including the name of the school, the name of the school owner,  
 34.27 an active mailing address and telephone number that the school owner may be reached at  
 34.28 after the school physically closes, the name of the school director, and the planned date for  
 34.29 termination of postsecondary operations;

35.1 (2) a report of all students currently enrolled and all students enrolled within the prior  
35.2 120 days, including the following information for each student: name, address, school e-mail  
35.3 address, alternate e-mail address, program of study, number of credits completed, number  
35.4 of credits remaining, and enrollment status at closure;

35.5 (3) a report of refunds due to any student and the amount due;

35.6 (4) a written statement from the school's owner or designee affirming that all recruitment  
35.7 efforts, school marketing, advertisement, solicitation, and enrollment of new students has  
35.8 ceased;

35.9 (5) a copy of any communication between the school's accreditors about the school  
35.10 closure;

35.11 (6) confirmation that the requirements for student records under section 136A.68 have  
35.12 been satisfied, including:

35.13 (i) the planned date for the transfer of the student records;

35.14 (ii) confirmation of the name and address of the organization to receive and hold the  
35.15 student records; and

35.16 (iii) the official at the organization receiving the student records who is designated to  
35.17 provide official copies of records or transcripts upon request;

35.18 (7) academic information, including the school's most recent catalog, all course syllabi,  
35.19 and faculty credential information; and

35.20 (8) copies of any teach-out, transfer, or train-out agreement between the school and a  
35.21 new school for students to be able to complete their studies. A teach-out fulfills the original  
35.22 contract or agreement between the closing school and the student. If a teach-out is arranged  
35.23 for another approved school to do the remaining occupational training, that other school  
35.24 must (i) provide comparable education and training and (ii) agree that students transferring  
35.25 from the closing school pay only what the cost of tuition and fees remain unpaid according  
35.26 to the terms and conditions in the enrollment agreement entered into between the student  
35.27 and the closing school.

35.28 ~~(b) Upon notice from a school of its intention to cease operations, the office shall notify~~  
35.29 ~~the school of the date on which it must cease the enrollment of students and all postsecondary~~  
35.30 ~~educational operations.~~

35.31 (b) Without limitation as to other circumstance, a school shall be deemed to have ceased  
35.32 operations when the school:

36.1 (1) has an unscheduled nonemergency closure or cancellation of classes for more than  
36.2 24 hours without prior notice to the office;

36.3 (2) announces it is closed or closing; or

36.4 (3) files for bankruptcy.

36.5 (c) When a school is deemed to have ceased operations, the office shall provide the  
36.6 school a reasonable time to correct student records and grant credentials. After that time,  
36.7 the office must revoke the school's registration. This revocation is not appealable under  
36.8 section 136A.65, subdivision 8.

36.9 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.646, is amended to read:

36.10 **136A.646 ADDITIONAL SECURITY.**

36.11 (a) New schools that have been granted conditional approval for degrees or names to  
36.12 allow them the opportunity to apply for and receive accreditation under section 136A.65,  
36.13 subdivision 7, ~~or~~ shall provide a surety bond in a sum equal to ten percent of the net revenue  
36.14 from tuition and fees in the registered institution's prior fiscal year, but in no case shall the  
36.15 bond be less than \$10,000.

36.16 (b) Any registered institution that is notified by the United States Department of Education  
36.17 that it has fallen below minimum financial standards and that its continued participation in  
36.18 Title IV will be conditioned upon its satisfying either the Zone Alternative, Code of Federal  
36.19 Regulations, title 34, section 668.175, paragraph (f), or a Letter of Credit Alternative, Code  
36.20 of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 668.175, paragraph (c), shall provide a surety bond  
36.21 in a sum equal to the "letter of credit" required by the United States Department of Education  
36.22 in the Letter of Credit Alternative, but in no event shall such bond be less than \$10,000 nor  
36.23 more than \$250,000. If the letter of credit required by the United States Department of  
36.24 Education is higher than ten percent of the Title IV, Higher Education Act program funds  
36.25 received by the institution during its most recently completed fiscal year, the office shall  
36.26 reduce the office's surety requirement to represent ten percent of the Title IV, Higher  
36.27 Education Act program funds received by the institution during its most recently completed  
36.28 fiscal year, subject to the minimum and maximum in this paragraph.

36.29 ~~(b)~~ (c) In lieu of a bond, the applicant may deposit with the commissioner of management  
36.30 and budget:

36.31 (1) a sum equal to the amount of the required surety bond in cash;

37.1 (2) securities, as may be legally purchased by savings banks or for trust funds, in an  
37.2 aggregate market value equal to the amount of the required surety bond; or

37.3 (3) an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a financial institution to the amount of the  
37.4 required surety bond.

37.5 ~~(e)~~ (d) The surety of any bond may cancel it upon giving 60 days' notice in writing to  
37.6 the office and shall be relieved of liability for any breach of condition occurring after the  
37.7 effective date of cancellation.

37.8 ~~(d)~~ (e) In the event of a school closure, the additional security must first be used to  
37.9 destroy any private educational data under section 13.32 left at a physical campus in  
37.10 Minnesota after all other governmental agencies have recovered or retrieved records under  
37.11 their record retention policies. Any remaining funds must then be used to reimburse tuition  
37.12 and fee costs to students that were enrolled at the time of the closure or had withdrawn in  
37.13 the previous 120 calendar days but did not graduate. Priority for refunds will be given to  
37.14 students in the following order:

37.15 (1) cash payments made by the student or on behalf of a student;

37.16 (2) private student loans; and

37.17 (3) Veteran Administration education benefits that are not restored by the Veteran  
37.18 Administration. If there are additional security funds remaining, the additional security  
37.19 funds may be used to cover any administrative costs incurred by the office related to the  
37.20 closure of the school.

37.21 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.672, is amended by adding a subdivision  
37.22 to read:

37.23 Subd. 6. **Private information.** Student complaint data are private data. The office may  
37.24 disclose student complaint data as provided in section 136A.64, subdivision 5.

37.25 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision  
37.26 to read:

37.27 Subd. 18. **Clock hour.** "Clock hour" means a period of time consisting of a 50- to  
37.28 60-minute class, lecture, or recitation in a 60-minute period; a 50- to 60-minute  
37.29 faculty-supervised laboratory, shop training, or internship in a 60-minute period; or 60  
37.30 minutes of preparation in a correspondence course. If a school seeks to determine the number  
37.31 of clock hours in an educational program by aggregating the number of minutes in that  
37.32 program, it must divide those minutes by 60.

38.1 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision  
38.2 to read:

38.3 Subd. 19. **Student record.** "Student record" means a transcript or record of student  
38.4 attendance in a program that includes, at a minimum, the student's name; the student's  
38.5 address; the school's name; the school's address; the title of the course or program; the total  
38.6 number of hours or courses completed; the dates of enrollment and attendance; the grade  
38.7 record of each course; any credential awarded; and cumulative grade for the program.

38.8 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.822, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

38.9 Subd. 6. **Bond.** (a) No license shall be issued to any private career school which  
38.10 maintains, conducts, solicits for, or advertises within the state of Minnesota any program,  
38.11 unless the applicant files with the office a continuous corporate surety bond written by a  
38.12 company authorized to do business in Minnesota conditioned upon the faithful performance  
38.13 of all contracts and agreements with students made by the applicant.

38.14 (b)(1) The amount of the surety bond shall be ten percent of the preceding year's net  
38.15 ~~income~~ revenue from student tuition, fees, and other required institutional charges collected,  
38.16 but in no event less than \$10,000, except that a private career school may deposit a greater  
38.17 amount at its own discretion. A private career school in each annual application for licensure  
38.18 must compute the amount of the surety bond and verify that the amount of the surety bond  
38.19 complies with this subdivision. A private career school that operates at two or more locations  
38.20 may combine net ~~income~~ revenue from student tuition, fees, and other required institutional  
38.21 charges collected for all locations for the purpose of determining the annual surety bond  
38.22 requirement. The net revenue from tuition and fees used to determine the amount of the  
38.23 surety bond required for a private career school having a license for the sole purpose of  
38.24 recruiting students in Minnesota shall be only that paid to the private career school by the  
38.25 students recruited from Minnesota.

38.26 (2) A person required to obtain a private career school license due to the use of  
38.27 "academy," "institute," "college," or "university" in its name and which is also licensed by  
38.28 another state agency or board, except not including those schools licensed exclusively in  
38.29 order to participate in state grants or SELF loan financial aid programs, shall be required  
38.30 to provide a school bond of \$10,000.

38.31 (c) The bond shall run to the state of Minnesota and to any person who may have a cause  
38.32 of action against the applicant arising at any time after the bond is filed and before it is  
38.33 canceled for breach of any contract or agreement made by the applicant with any student.  
38.34 The aggregate liability of the surety for all breaches of the conditions of the bond shall not

39.1 exceed the principal sum deposited by the private career school under paragraph (b). The  
39.2 surety of any bond may cancel it upon giving 60 days' notice in writing to the office and  
39.3 shall be relieved of liability for any breach of condition occurring after the effective date  
39.4 of cancellation.

39.5 (d) In lieu of bond, the applicant may deposit with the commissioner of management  
39.6 and budget a sum equal to the amount of the required surety bond in cash, an irrevocable  
39.7 letter of credit issued by a financial institution equal to the amount of the required surety  
39.8 bond, or securities as may be legally purchased by savings banks or for trust funds in an  
39.9 aggregate market value equal to the amount of the required surety bond.

39.10 (e) Failure of a private career school to post and maintain the required surety bond or  
39.11 deposit under paragraph (d) may result in denial, suspension, or revocation of the school's  
39.12 license.

39.13 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.822, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

39.14 Subd. 10. **Catalog, brochure, or electronic display.** Before a license is issued to a  
39.15 private career school, the private career school shall furnish to the office a catalog, brochure,  
39.16 or electronic display including:

39.17 (1) identifying data, such as volume number and date of publication;

39.18 (2) name and address of the private career school and its governing body and officials;

39.19 (3) a calendar of the private career school showing legal holidays, beginning and ending  
39.20 dates of each course quarter, term, or semester, and other important dates;

39.21 (4) the private career school policy and regulations on enrollment including dates and  
39.22 specific entrance requirements for each program;

39.23 (5) the private career school policy and regulations about leave, absences, class cuts,  
39.24 make-up work, tardiness, and interruptions for unsatisfactory attendance;

39.25 (6) the private career school policy and regulations about standards of progress for the  
39.26 student including the grading system of the private career school, the minimum grades  
39.27 considered satisfactory, conditions for interruption for unsatisfactory grades or progress, a  
39.28 description of any probationary period allowed by the private career school, and conditions  
39.29 of reentrance for those dismissed for unsatisfactory progress;

39.30 (7) the private career school policy and regulations about student conduct and conditions  
39.31 for dismissal for unsatisfactory conduct;

40.1 (8) a detailed schedule of fees, charges for tuition, books, supplies, tools, student  
40.2 activities, laboratory fees, service charges, rentals, deposits, and all other charges;

40.3 (9) the private career school policy and regulations, including an explanation of section  
40.4 136A.827, about refunding tuition, fees, and other charges if the student does not enter the  
40.5 program, withdraws from the program, or the program is discontinued;

40.6 (10) a description of the available facilities and equipment;

40.7 (11) a course outline syllabus for each course offered showing course objectives, subjects  
40.8 or units in the course, type of work or skill to be learned, and approximate time, hours, or  
40.9 credits to be spent on each subject or unit;

40.10 (12) the private career school policy and regulations about granting credit for previous  
40.11 education and preparation;

40.12 (13) a notice to students relating to the transferability of any credits earned at the private  
40.13 career school to other institutions;

40.14 (14) a procedure for investigating and resolving student complaints; ~~and~~

40.15 (15) the name and address of the office; and

40.16 (16) the student complaint process and rights under section 136A.8295.

40.17 A private career school that is exclusively a distance education school is exempt from  
40.18 clauses (3) and (5).

40.19 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.822, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

40.20 Subd. 12. **Permanent student records.** A private career school licensed under sections  
40.21 136A.82 to 136A.834 and located in Minnesota shall maintain a permanent student record  
40.22 for each student for 50 years from the last date of the student's attendance. A private career  
40.23 school licensed under this chapter and offering distance instruction to a student located in  
40.24 Minnesota shall maintain a permanent record for each Minnesota student for 50 years from  
40.25 the last date of the student's attendance. Records include school transcripts, documents, and  
40.26 files containing student data about academic credits earned, courses completed, grades  
40.27 awarded, degrees awarded, and periods of attendance. To preserve permanent student records,  
40.28 a private career school shall submit a plan that meets the following requirements:

40.29 (1) at least one copy of the records must be held in a secure, fireproof depository;

40.30 (2) an appropriate official must be designated to provide a student with copies of records  
40.31 or a transcript upon request;

41.1 (3) an alternative method, approved by the office, of complying with clauses (1) and (2)  
 41.2 must be established if the private career school ceases to exist; and

41.3 (4) a continuous surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit issued by a financial institution  
 41.4 must be filed with the office in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 if the private career school  
 41.5 has no binding agreement approved by the office, for preserving student records. The bond  
 41.6 or irrevocable letter of credit shall run to the state of Minnesota. In the event of a school  
 41.7 closure, the surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit must be used by the office to retrieve,  
 41.8 recover, maintain, digitize, and destroy academic records.

41.9 Sec. 31. **[136A.8225] SCHOOL CLOSURE.**

41.10 (a) When a school intends to cease postsecondary education operations, announces its  
 41.11 closure, or is informed by the office that the office anticipates the school's closure due to  
 41.12 its licensure status or ability to meet criteria for approval under section 136A.822, subdivision  
 41.13 8, the school must provide the office:

41.14 (1) a notice of closure, including the name of the school, the name of the school owner,  
 41.15 an active mailing address and telephone number that the school owner may be reached at  
 41.16 after the school physically closes, the name of the school director, and the planned date for  
 41.17 termination of postsecondary operations;

41.18 (2) a report of all students currently enrolled and all students enrolled within the prior  
 41.19 120 days, including the following information for each student: name, address, school e-mail  
 41.20 address, alternate e-mail address, program of study, number of credits completed, number  
 41.21 of credits remaining, and enrollment status at closure;

41.22 (3) a report of refunds due to any student and the amount due;

41.23 (4) a written statement from the school's owner or designee affirming that all recruitment  
 41.24 efforts, school marketing, advertisement, solicitation, and enrollment of new students has  
 41.25 ceased;

41.26 (5) a copy of any communication between the school's accreditors about the school  
 41.27 closure;

41.28 (6) confirmation that the requirements for student records under section 136A.822,  
 41.29 subdivision 12, have been satisfied, including:

41.30 (i) the planned date for the transfer of the student records;

41.31 (ii) confirmation of the name and address of the organization to receive and hold the  
 41.32 student records; and

42.1 (iii) the official at the organization receiving the student records who is designated to  
42.2 provide official copies of records or transcripts upon request;

42.3 (7) academic information, including the school's most recent catalog, all course syllabi,  
42.4 and faculty credential information; and

42.5 (8) copies of any teach-out, transfer, or train-out agreement between the school and a  
42.6 new school for students to be able to complete their studies. A teach-out fulfills the original  
42.7 contract or agreement between the closing school and the student. If a teach-out is arranged  
42.8 for another approved school to do the remaining occupational training, that other school  
42.9 must (i) provide comparable education and training and (ii) agree that students transferring  
42.10 from the closing school pay only what the cost of tuition and fees remain unpaid according  
42.11 to the terms and conditions in the enrollment agreement entered into between the student  
42.12 and the closing school.

42.13 (b) Without limitation as to other circumstance, a school shall be deemed to have ceased  
42.14 operations when the school:

42.15 (1) has an unscheduled nonemergency closure or cancellation of classes for more than  
42.16 24 hours without prior notice to the office;

42.17 (2) announces it is closed or closing; or

42.18 (3) files for bankruptcy.

42.19 (c) When a school is deemed to have ceased operations, the office shall provide the  
42.20 school a reasonable time to correct student records and grant credentials. After that time,  
42.21 the office must revoke the school's license. This revocation is not appealable under section  
42.22 136A.829, subdivision 2.

42.23 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.8295, is amended by adding a subdivision  
42.24 to read:

42.25 Subd. 6. **Disclosure.** Schools must disclose on their website, student handbook, and  
42.26 student catalog the student complaint process under this section to students.

42.27 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.8295, is amended by adding a subdivision  
42.28 to read:

42.29 Subd. 7. **Private information.** Student complaint data are private data. The office may  
42.30 disclose student complaint data to law enforcement officials or in connection with a legal  
42.31 or administrative proceeding commenced to enforce a requirement of law.

43.1 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.87, is amended to read:

43.2 **136A.87 PLANNING INFORMATION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.**

43.3 (a) The office shall make available to all residents beginning in 7th grade through  
43.4 adulthood information about planning and preparing for postsecondary opportunities.  
43.5 Information must be provided to all 7th grade students and their parents annually by  
43.6 September 30 about planning for their postsecondary education. The office may also provide  
43.7 information to high school students and their parents, to adults, and to out-of-school youth.

43.8 (b) The office shall gather and share information with students and parents about the  
43.9 dual credit acceptance policies of each Minnesota public and private college and university.  
43.10 The office shall gather and share information related to the acceptance policies for concurrent  
43.11 enrollment courses, postsecondary enrollment options courses, advanced placement courses,  
43.12 and international baccalaureate courses. This information must be shared on the office's  
43.13 website and included in the information under paragraph (a).

43.14 (c) The information provided under paragraph (a) may include the following:

43.15 (1) the need to start planning early;

43.16 (2) the availability of assistance in educational planning from educational institutions  
43.17 and other organizations;

43.18 (3) suggestions for studying effectively during high school;

43.19 (4) high school courses necessary to be adequately prepared for postsecondary education;

43.20 (5) encouragement to involve parents actively in planning for all phases of education;

43.21 (6) information about postsecondary education and training opportunities existing in the  
43.22 state, their respective missions and expectations for students, their preparation requirements,  
43.23 admission requirements, and student placement;

43.24 (7) ways to evaluate and select postsecondary institutions;

43.25 (8) the process of transferring credits among Minnesota postsecondary institutions and  
43.26 systems;

43.27 (9) the costs of postsecondary education and the availability of financial assistance in  
43.28 meeting these costs, including specific information about the Minnesota Promise;

43.29 (10) the interrelationship of assistance from student financial aid, public assistance, and  
43.30 job training programs; ~~and~~

43.31 (11) financial planning for postsecondary education; and

44.1 (12) postsecondary education options for students with intellectual and developmental  
 44.2 disabilities.

44.3 Sec. 35. **[136F.305] Z-DEGREES.**

44.4 A "Z-Degree" is a zero-textbook-cost associate's degree. Each college must offer the  
 44.5 opportunity to earn a Z-Degree. A college's course offerings for its Z-Degree program must  
 44.6 include at least two distinct courses in each transfer curriculum goal area and at least enough  
 44.7 credits in each transfer curriculum goal area to complete the transfer curriculum package.

44.8 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136F.38, is amended to read:

44.9 **136F.38 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS.**

44.10 Subdivision 1. **Program established.** The board shall develop a scholarship program  
 44.11 to incentivize new students and students returning from the workforce to enter high-demand  
 44.12 occupations upon graduation.

44.13 Subd. 2. **Scholarship awards.** The program shall award scholarships at the beginning  
 44.14 of an academic term, in the amount of \$2,500, to be distributed evenly between two terms.

44.15 Subd. 3. **Program eligibility.** (a) Scholarships shall be awarded only to a student eligible  
 44.16 for resident tuition, as defined in section 135A.043, who is enrolled in any of the following  
 44.17 programs of study or certification: (1) advanced manufacturing; (2) agriculture; (3) health  
 44.18 care services; ~~or~~ (4) information technology; (5) early childhood; or (6) transportation.

44.19 (b) The student must be enrolled for at least nine credits ~~at a two-year college~~ in the  
 44.20 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.

44.21 Subd. 4. **Renewal; cap.** A student who has received a scholarship may apply again but  
 44.22 total lifetime awards are not to exceed ~~\$5,000~~ \$7,500 per student. Students may only be  
 44.23 awarded a second scholarship upon completion of two academic terms. Students may be  
 44.24 awarded a third scholarship if the student transfers to a corresponding program at a Minnesota  
 44.25 state university.

44.26 Subd. 5. **Administration.** (a) The board shall establish an application process and other  
 44.27 guidelines for implementing this program.

44.28 (b) The board shall give preference to students in financial need.

44.29 Subd. 5a. **Local business partnerships.** Beginning in 2020, and each year thereafter,  
 44.30 the board shall withhold ten percent of the appropriation. The withheld funds must be  
 44.31 distributed in the following year to institutions that successfully leverage private matching

45.1 funds from local businesses, resulting in additional scholarships by partnering with the local  
 45.2 business community.

45.3 Subd. 6. **Report required.** The board must submit an annual report by February 1 of  
 45.4 each year about the scholarship awards to the chairs and ranking minority members of the  
 45.5 senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over higher education  
 45.6 finance and policy. The first report is due no later than February 1, 2019. The annual report  
 45.7 shall describe the following:

45.8 (1) the number of students receiving a scholarship at each two-year college and each  
 45.9 university during the previous fiscal year;

45.10 (2) the number of scholarships awarded for each program of study or certification  
 45.11 described in subdivision 3, paragraph (a);

45.12 (3) the number of scholarship recipients who completed a program of study or certification  
 45.13 described in subdivision 3, paragraph (a);

45.14 (4) the number of scholarship recipients who secured employment by their graduation  
 45.15 date and those who secured employment within three months of their graduation date;

45.16 (5) a list of the institutions that received funding under subdivision 5a, the amount of  
 45.17 funding each institution received, and whether all withheld funds were distributed;

45.18 (6) a list of occupations scholarship recipients are entering; and

45.19 ~~(6)~~ (7) the number of students who were denied a scholarship.

45.20 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136F.58, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 45.21 to read:

45.22 Subd. 5. **Open educational resources.** (a) Each instructor must review and approve  
 45.23 open educational resources for use in a course. "Open educational resources" are high-quality  
 45.24 teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been  
 45.25 released under an intellectual property license that permits their free use and repurposing  
 45.26 by others, and may include other resources that are legally available and free of cost to  
 45.27 students. Open educational resources include course materials, modules, textbooks, articles,  
 45.28 faculty-created content, streaming videos, tests, software, and any other tools, materials, or  
 45.29 techniques used to support access to knowledge.

45.30 (b) Instructors who are not teaching a full course load are required to actively identify  
 45.31 additional open educational resources for their courses.

46.1 Sec. 38. [136F.707] ONLINE TUITION RATE.

46.2 The tuition for an online course must not exceed the tuition for a comparable on-campus  
46.3 classroom course.

46.4 Sec. 39. [137.68] ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RARE DISEASES.

46.5 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The University of Minnesota is requested to establish  
46.6 an advisory council on rare diseases to provide advice on research, diagnosis, treatment,  
46.7 and education related to rare diseases. For purposes of this section, "rare disease" has the  
46.8 meaning given in United States Code, title 21, section 360bb. The council shall be called  
46.9 the Chloe Barnes Advisory Council on Rare Diseases.

46.10 Subd. 2. Membership. (a) The advisory council may consist of public members appointed  
46.11 by the Board of Regents or a designee according to paragraph (b) and four members of the  
46.12 legislature appointed according to paragraph (c).

46.13 (b) The Board of Regents or a designee is requested to appoint the following public  
46.14 members:

46.15 (1) three physicians licensed and practicing in the state with experience researching,  
46.16 diagnosing, or treating rare diseases, including one specializing in pediatrics;

46.17 (2) one registered nurse or advanced practice registered nurse licensed and practicing  
46.18 in the state with experience treating rare diseases;

46.19 (3) at least two hospital administrators, or their designees, from hospitals in the state  
46.20 that provide care to persons diagnosed with a rare disease. One administrator or designee  
46.21 appointed under this clause must represent a hospital in which the scope of service focuses  
46.22 on rare diseases of pediatric patients;

46.23 (4) three persons age 18 or older who either have a rare disease or are a caregiver of a  
46.24 person with a rare disease;

46.25 (5) a representative of a rare disease patient organization that operates in the state;

46.26 (6) a social worker with experience providing services to persons diagnosed with a rare  
46.27 disease;

46.28 (7) a pharmacist with experience with drugs used to treat rare diseases;

46.29 (8) a dentist licensed and practicing in the state with experience treating rare diseases;

46.30 (9) a representative of the biotechnology industry;

46.31 (10) a representative of health plan companies;

47.1 (11) a medical researcher with experience conducting research on rare diseases; and

47.2 (12) a genetic counselor with experience providing services to persons diagnosed with  
47.3 a rare disease or caregivers of those persons.

47.4 (c) The advisory council shall include two members of the senate, one appointed by the  
47.5 majority leader and one appointed by the minority leader; and two members of the house  
47.6 of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the house and one appointed by the  
47.7 minority leader.

47.8 (d) The commissioner of health or a designee, a representative of Mayo Medical School,  
47.9 and a representative of the University of Minnesota Medical School shall serve as ex officio  
47.10 nonvoting members of the advisory council.

47.11 (e) Initial appointments to the advisory council shall be made no later than September  
47.12 1, 2019. Members appointed according to paragraph (b) shall serve for a term of three years,  
47.13 except that the initial members appointed according to paragraph (b) shall have an initial  
47.14 term of two, three, or four years determined by lot by the chairperson. Members appointed  
47.15 according to paragraph (b) shall serve until their successors have been appointed.

47.16 Subd. 3. **Meetings.** The Board of Regents or a designee is requested to convene the first  
47.17 meeting of the advisory council no later than October 1, 2019. The advisory council shall  
47.18 meet at the call of the chairperson or at the request of a majority of advisory council members.

47.19 Subd. 4. **Duties.** (a) The advisory council's duties may include, but are not limited to:

47.20 (1) in conjunction with the state's medical schools, the state's schools of public health,  
47.21 and hospitals in the state that provide care to persons diagnosed with a rare disease,  
47.22 developing resources or recommendations relating to quality of and access to treatment and  
47.23 services in the state for persons with a rare disease, including but not limited to:

47.24 (i) a list of existing, publicly accessible resources on research, diagnosis, treatment, and  
47.25 education relating to rare diseases;

47.26 (ii) identifying best practices for rare disease care implemented in other states, at the  
47.27 national level, and at the international level that will improve rare disease care in the state  
47.28 and seeking opportunities to partner with similar organizations in other states and countries;

47.29 (iii) identifying problems faced by patients with a rare disease when changing health  
47.30 plans, including recommendations on how to remove obstacles faced by these patients to  
47.31 finding a new health plan and how to improve the ease and speed of finding a new health  
47.32 plan that meets the needs of patients with a rare disease; and

48.1 (iv) identifying best practices to ensure health care providers are adequately informed  
48.2 of the most effective strategies for recognizing and treating rare diseases; and

48.3 (2) advising, consulting, and cooperating with the Department of Health, the Advisory  
48.4 Committee on Heritable and Congenital Disorders, and other agencies of state government  
48.5 in developing information and programs for the public and the health care community  
48.6 relating to diagnosis, treatment, and awareness of rare diseases.

48.7 (b) The advisory council shall collect additional topic areas for study and evaluation  
48.8 from the general public. In order for the advisory council to study and evaluate a topic, the  
48.9 topic must be approved for study and evaluation by the advisory council.

48.10 Subd. 5. **Conflict of interest.** Advisory council members are subject to the Board of  
48.11 Regents policy on conflicts of interest.

48.12 Subd. 6. **Annual report.** By January 1 of each year, beginning January 1, 2020, the  
48.13 advisory council shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
48.14 committees with jurisdiction over higher education and health care policy on the advisory  
48.15 council's activities under subdivision 4 and other issues on which the advisory council may  
48.16 choose to report.

48.17 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 179A.20, is amended by adding a subdivision  
48.18 to read:

48.19 Subd. 2b. **Limited by appropriation.** The Board of Trustees for Minnesota State Colleges  
48.20 and Universities must not contract to pay more to employees in compensation and benefits  
48.21 in a biennium than is permitted under an agreement between the board and the Department  
48.22 of Management and Budget specifying how appropriated amounts will be spent.

48.23 Sec. 41. **CURRICULUM FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS.**

48.24 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities shall collaborate with Northwestern Health  
48.25 Sciences University to develop a modified community health worker curriculum for  
48.26 Northwestern Health Sciences University to train and certify as community health workers  
48.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0625, subdivision 49, chiropractors licensed under  
48.28 Minnesota Statutes, sections 148.01 to 148.10, podiatrists licensed under Minnesota Statutes,  
48.29 chapter 153, and acupuncturists licensed under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 147B.

49.1 Sec. 42. **INCLUSIVE ACCESS PILOT PROGRAM.**

49.2 The inclusive access pilot program is established to address textbook affordability in  
49.3 postsecondary institutions and determine the cost savings for both students and the  
49.4 participating institutions. Inclusive access provides a digital distribution of course material  
49.5 instead of traditional textbooks. The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education shall  
49.6 make a grant to a school in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system that  
49.7 currently uses inclusive access for at least 20 percent of the courses that use publisher  
49.8 materials, for purposes of expanding inclusive access to at least 60 percent of the courses  
49.9 offered at the institution. The pilot program expires July 1, 2021. The grant recipient shall  
49.10 report by December 1, 2021, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
49.11 committees with jurisdiction over higher education issues on the results of the pilot program,  
49.12 including:

49.13 (1) cost savings;

49.14 (2) feasibility;

49.15 (3) user experience;

49.16 (4) faculty impact;

49.17 (5) accessibility; and

49.18 (6) academic results.

49.19 Sec. 43. **UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA AND MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES**  
49.20 **AND UNIVERSITIES REPORT ON TEN PERCENT REDUCTION IN**  
49.21 **ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.**

49.22 The University of Minnesota and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities shall  
49.23 each provide a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
49.24 committees with jurisdiction over higher education by July 1, 2020, detailing how the  
49.25 University of Minnesota and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities would achieve  
49.26 a ten percent reduction in administrative costs. The term "administrative costs" must be  
49.27 defined in the report. Each report must identify with specificity current administrative costs  
49.28 and the proposed reductions to those costs that are necessary to achieve an overall ten percent  
49.29 reduction for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021.

50.1 Sec. 44. **COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN MATCHING GRANTS.**

50.2 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 136G.05, subdivision 5, 136G.09,  
50.3 subdivisions 10 and 12, 136G.11, and 136G.13, subdivisions 2, 3, and 4, through June 30,  
50.4 2021, the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education may resolve matching grant  
50.5 issues that occurred after January 1, 2013. The commissioner shall limit the authority under  
50.6 this section to assisting account owners or successors who were negatively impacted by  
50.7 issues related to the matching grant.

50.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
50.9 expires June 30, 2021.

50.10 Sec. 45. **REPEALER.**

50.11 Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 136A.15, subdivisions 2 and 7; and 136A.1701,  
50.12 subdivision 12, are repealed.

**136A.15 DEFINITIONS.**

Subd. 2. **Academic year or its equivalent.** "Academic year or its equivalent" shall be as defined in the federal regulations which govern the administration of the National Vocational Student Loan Insurance Act of 1965 and title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Subd. 7. **Eligible lender.** "Eligible lender" means an eligible institution, an agency or instrumentality of a state, or a financial or credit institution (including an insurance company) which is subject to examination and supervision by an agency of the state of Minnesota or of the United States.

**136A.1701 SUPPLEMENTAL AND ADDITIONAL LOANS.**

Subd. 12. **Eligible student.** "Eligible student" means a student who is a Minnesota resident who is enrolled or accepted for enrollment at an eligible institution in Minnesota or in another state or province. Non-Minnesota residents are eligible students if they are enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a minimum of one course of at least 30 days in length during the academic year that requires physical attendance at an eligible institution located in Minnesota. Non-Minnesota resident students enrolled exclusively during the academic year in correspondence courses or courses offered over the Internet are not eligible students. Non-Minnesota resident students not physically attending classes in Minnesota due to enrollment in a study abroad program for 12 months or less are eligible students. Non-Minnesota residents enrolled in study abroad programs exceeding 12 months are not eligible students. For purposes of this section, an "eligible student" must also meet the eligibility requirements of section 136A.15, subdivision 8.