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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Higher Education Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to higher education; requiring Minnesota State Colleges and Universities  
1.3 to establish an associate degree in applied science transfer pathway; requiring a  
1.4 report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 135A.08, by adding a  
1.5 subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 135A.08, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 4. **Transfer pathways; associate of applied science.** The Board of Trustees of  
1.10 the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must include an associate degree in applied  
1.11 science as an approved transfer pathway associate degree for the purposes of the board's  
1.12 transfer pathways policy. This requirement is in addition to the associate degrees required  
1.13 under Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 1, section 12.

1.14 Sec. 2. **REPORT ON APPLIED SCIENCE TRANSFER PATHWAYS.**

1.15 By March 15, 2021, the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and  
1.16 Universities must submit to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education  
1.17 policy a report that details the board's progress toward including an associate degree in  
1.18 applied science as an approved transfer pathway associate degree. The report must  
1.19 additionally describe any further actions needed to fully implement the policy.