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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; establishing a community and technical college grant;
1.3 authorizing rulemaking; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136F.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[136F.39] COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE GRANT**
1.7 **PROGRAM.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The board must develop a grant program according to
1.9 this section. The board must develop policies and adopt rules as necessary to implement
1.10 and administer the program.

1.11 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** (a) A student is eligible for the grant under this section if:

1.12 (1) the student is a resident student under section 136A.101, subdivision 8;

1.13 (2) the student is enrolled in a community or technical college;

1.14 (3) the student discloses to the college any previous college coursework; and

1.15 (4) at the end of the previous semester, the student had not earned 60 college credits.

1.16 (b) In determining the number of college credits a person has earned, the college must
1.17 include previously earned credits that may be transferred to the college. Credits for remedial
1.18 or other development courses do not count toward this limit.

1.19 Subd. 3. **Grant amount.** An eligible student must receive a grant award equal to the
1.20 student cost multiplied by the phase-in percentage. The student cost is equal to the cost of
1.21 tuition for the semester minus any federal grants or scholarships applicable to that semester.

2.1 The phase-in percentage equals ten percent for fiscal year 2020, 20 percent for fiscal year
2.2 2021, 30 percent for fiscal year 2022, 40 percent for fiscal year 2023, 50 percent for fiscal
2.3 year 2024, 60 percent for fiscal year 2025, 70 percent for fiscal year 2026, 80 percent for
2.4 fiscal year 2027, 90 percent for fiscal year 2028, 100 percent for fiscal year 2029 and later.

2.5 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.6 \$..... in fiscal year 2020 and \$..... in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from the general
2.7 fund to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities for community
2.8 and technical college grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.39. The base for fiscal
2.9 year 2022 is \$..... and the base for fiscal year 2023 is \$.....