A bill for an act
relating to higher education; providing funding and related policy changes for the
Office of Higher Education, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, the
University of Minnesota, and the Mayo Clinic; creating and modifying certain
student aid programs; creating a direct admissions pilot program; requiring reports;
appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 136A.101,
subdivision 5a; 136A.121, subclauses 2, 9; 136A.125, subclauses 2, 4;
136A.126, subclauses 1, 4; 136A.1275; 136A.1791; 136A.246, subclauses 1,
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, by adding a subdivision; 136A.63, subdivision 2; 136A.645;
136A.653, subdivision 5; 136A.68; 136A.822, subdivision 12; 136A.8225;
136A.823, by adding a subdivision; 136A.827, subclauses 4, 8; 136F.20, by
adding a subdivision; 136F.245, subclauses 1, 2, by adding a subdivision;
136F.305, subclauses 2, 3, 4; 136F.38, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new
law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 135A; 136A; 136F; 137; repealing Minnesota
Statutes 2020, sections 136A.1703; 136A.823, subdivision 2; 136F.245, subdivision
3; Minnesota Rules, parts 4830.9050; 4830.9060; 4830.9070; 4830.9080;
4830.9090.

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

ARTICLE 1

APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,
or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.
The figures "2022" and "2023" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under
them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, or June 30, 2023, respectively.
"The first year" is fiscal year 2022. "The second year" is fiscal year 2023. "The biennium"
is fiscal years 2022 and 2023.
## APPROPRIATIONS

**Available for the Year**

**Ending June 30**

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### Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation

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

### Subd. 2. State Grants

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If the appropriation in this subdivision for either year is insufficient, the appropriation for the other year is available for it. The base amount for this appropriation in fiscal year 2024 and each year thereafter is $211,957,000.

### Subd. 3. Child Care Grants

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<th>Year</th>
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### Subd. 4. State Work-Study

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### Subd. 5. Interstate Tuition Reciprocity

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If the appropriation in this subdivision for either year is insufficient, the appropriation for the other year is available to meet reciprocity contract obligations.

### Subd. 6. Safety Officer's Survivors

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This appropriation is to provide educational benefits under Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.45, to eligible dependent children and to the spouses of public safety officers killed in the line of duty.

### Subd. 7. American Indian Scholarships

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3.1 The commissioner must contract with or employ at least one person with demonstrated competence in American Indian culture and residing in or near the city of Bemidji to assist students with the scholarships under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.126, and with other information about financial aid for which the students may be eligible. Bemidji State University must provide office space at no cost to the Office of Higher Education for purposes of administering the American Indian scholarship program under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.126. This appropriation includes funding to administer the American Indian scholarship program.

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<td>Student-Parent Information</td>
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<td>Get Ready!</td>
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<td>Minnesota Education Equity Partnership</td>
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<td>Midwest Higher Education Compact</td>
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<td>United Family Medicine Residency Program</td>
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For a grant to United Family Medicine residency program. This appropriation shall be used to support up to 21 resident physicians each year in family practice at United Family Medicine residency programs and shall prepare doctors to practice family care medicine in underserved rural and urban areas of the state. It is intended that this program will improve health care in underserved communities, provide affordable access to appropriate medical care, and manage the treatment of patients in a cost-effective manner.

Subd. 15. MnLINK Gateway and Minitex

Subd. 16. Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System

Subd. 17. Hennepin Healthcare

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

Subd. 18. College Possible

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

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

(c) This appropriation must be used by College Possible only for programs supporting students who are residents of Minnesota and attending

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colleges or universities within Minnesota. The base for fiscal year 2024 and all years thereafter is $500,000.

(d) By February 1 of each year, College Possible must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over higher education and E-12 education on activities funded by this appropriation. The report must include, but is not limited to, information about the work of College Possible Minnesota throughout the state; the number of College Possible coaches hired; the number of existing partner high schools; the geographic distribution of participants; the number of high school and college students specifically supported by the appropriations funds; the percentages of students who applied to college, were admitted into college, and enrolled in college from the previous program year; the number of college graduates supported by the appropriation funding in the previous program year; and a list of all communities and partner institutions benefiting from coaching and support through College Possible programming.

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

For transfer to the spinal cord and traumatic brain injury grant account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.901, subdivision 1.

The commissioner may use no more than three percent of the amount transferred under this subdivision to administer the grant program.
6.1 The base for fiscal year 2024 and thereafter is $3,000,000.

6.2 Subd. 20. **Summer Academic Enrichment Program**
250,000 250,000

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

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

6.5 Subd. 21. **Dual Training Competency Grants:**
**Office of Higher Education**
2,000,000 2,000,000

6.6 For transfer to the Dual Training Competency Grants account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.246, subdivision 10.

6.7 Subd. 22. **Dual Training Competency Grants:**
**Department of Labor and Industry**
200,000 200,000

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

6.9 Subd. 23. **Concurrent Enrollment Courses**
340,000 340,000

6.10 (a) $225,000 in fiscal year 2022 and $225,000 in fiscal year 2023 are for grants to develop new concurrent enrollment courses under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, subdivision 10, that satisfy the elective standard for career and technical education.

6.11 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

6.12 (b) $115,000 in fiscal year 2022 and $115,000 in fiscal year 2023 are for grants to postsecondary institutions currently sponsoring a concurrent enrollment course to

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expand existing programs. The commissioner shall determine the application process and the grant amounts. The commissioner must give preference to expanding programs that are at capacity. Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

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

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

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

Subd. 24. **Campus Sexual Assault Reporting**

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

Subd. 25. **Campus Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Coordinator**

For the Office of Higher Education to staff a campus sexual violence prevention and response coordinator to serve as a statewide resource providing professional development and guidance on best practices for postsecondary institutions. $50,000 each year is for administrative funding to conduct trainings and provide materials to postsecondary institutions.

Subd. 26. **Emergency Assistance for Postsecondary Students**

$175,000
(a) This appropriation is for the Office of Higher Education to allocate grant funds on a matching basis to eligible institutions as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.103, located in Minnesota with a demonstrable homeless student population.

(b) This appropriation shall be used to meet immediate student needs that could result in a student not completing the term or their program including, but not limited to, emergency housing, food, and transportation. Institutions shall minimize any negative impact on student financial aid resulting from the receipt of emergency funds.

(c) The commissioner shall determine the application process and the grant amounts.

The Office of Higher Education shall partner with interested postsecondary institutions, other state agencies, and student groups to establish the programs.

Subd. 27. **Student Teacher Grants**

2,250,000  1,250,000

For grants to teacher candidates under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1275. Of this amount, $750,000 each year is directed to support candidates belonging to an underrepresented racial or ethnic group and meeting other eligibility requirements. If this dedicated amount is not fully spent because of a lack of qualifying candidates, any remaining amount may be awarded to qualifying teacher candidates in a shortage area.
The commissioner may use no more than three percent of the appropriation for administration of the program.

The base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2024 and all years thereafter is $1,250,000.

Subd. 28. Teacher Shortage Loan Repayment 200,000 200,000

For transfer to the teacher shortage loan forgiveness repayment account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1791, subdivision 8.

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

For transfer to the large animal veterinarian loan forgiveness program account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1795, subdivision 2.

Subd. 30. Agricultural Educators Loan Forgiveness 50,000 50,000

For transfer to the agricultural education loan forgiveness account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1794, subdivision 2.

Subd. 31. Aviation Degree Loan Forgiveness Program 25,000 25,000

For transfer to the aviation degree loan forgiveness program account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1789, subdivision 2.

Subd. 32. Grants for Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities 200,000 200,000
For grants for students with intellectual and
developmental disabilities under Minnesota
Statutes, section 136A.1215.

Subd. 33. **Loan Repayment Assistance Program**  
25,000  25,000

For a grant to the Loan Repayment Assistance
Program of Minnesota to provide education
debt relief to attorneys with full-time
employment providing legal advice or
representation to low-income clients or support
services for this work.

Subd. 34. **Minnesota Independence College and**  
Community  2,000,000  2,000,000

For a grant to Minnesota Independence
College and Community for need-based
scholarships, tuition reduction, and expenses
related to the expansion of programming.

Minnesota Independence College and
Community shall explore plans for expansion
to provide programming at an additional
location outside of the seven-county
metropolitan area. Beginning with students
first enrolled in the fall of 2019, eligibility for
tuition reduction and scholarships is limited
to students who meet Minnesota residency
requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section
136A.101, subdivision 8. The base for this
appropriation in fiscal year 2024 and all years
thereafter is $1,000,000.

Subd. 35. **Student Loan Debt Counseling**  
200,000  200,000

For student loan debt counseling under
Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1788.

The Office of Higher Education may use no
more than three percent of the appropriation
to administer the student loan debt counseling program.

Subd. 36. **Hunger-Free Campus Grants**

(a) This appropriation is for the Office of Higher Education to provide initial and sustaining grants, $5,000 and $2,000 respectively, for campuses to meet and maintain the criteria in Minnesota Statutes, sections 136F.245 and 137.375, to address food insecurity on campus.

(b) The student associations representing the community and technical colleges and the universities shall review all grant applications and provide final approval of all grant disbursements from the Office of Higher Education to colleges and universities, respectively.

(c) The base for fiscal year 2024 and thereafter is $42,000.

Subd. 37. **Fostering Independence Higher Education Grants**

For grants to eligible students under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1241. The base for fiscal year 2024 and thereafter is $3,761,000.

Subd. 38. **Direct Admissions**

For the direct admissions pilot program in article 2, section 42. This is a onetime appropriation.

Subd. 39. **Agency Administration**

Up to $500,000 in fiscal year 2022 and $250,000 in fiscal year 2023 are available for communications and outreach to students, adults, and families to provide information on
the expected costs of college and the various
grant options made available to them through
the state.

Subd. 40. Balances Forward

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

Subd. 41. Transfers

The commissioner of the Office of Higher
Education may transfer unencumbered
balances from the appropriations in this
section to the state grant appropriation, the
interstate tuition reciprocity appropriation, the
child care grant appropriation, the Indian
scholarship appropriation, the state work-study
appropriation, the get ready appropriation, the
intervention for college attendance
appropriation, the student-parent information
appropriation, the summer academic
enrichment program appropriation, the public
safety officers' survivors appropriation, and
the fostering independence higher education
grant program. The commissioner may transfer
unencumbered balances from the hunger-free
campus appropriations to the emergency
assistance for postsecondary students grant.

Transfers from the child care state work-study
appropriations or the hunger-free campus
appropriations may only be made to the extent
there is a projected surplus in the
appropriation. A transfer may be made only
with prior written notice to the chairs and
ranking minority members of the senate and
house of representatives committees with
jurisdiction over higher education finance.
13.1 Subd. 42. Maintenance of Effort

13.2 The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education shall request the waivers from maintenance of effort requirements permitted under section 317(b) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, as provided by Public Law 116-260, and section 2004(a)(2) of the American Rescue Plan Act, as provided by Public Law 117-2.

13.10 Sec. 3. BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

13.13 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation

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<td>The base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2024 and all years thereafter is $34,401,000.</td>
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13.23 Subd. 3. Operations and Maintenance

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<td>(a) The Board of Trustees must establish tuition rates as follows:</td>
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| (1) for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 academic years, tuition rates for undergraduate students at colleges and universities must be five percent lower than the tuition rates for the 2020-2021 academic year. The board is encouraged to allocate federal funds received under Section 314 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, as provided by Public Law 116-260, and Section 2003 of the...
American Rescue Plan Act, as provided by Public Law 117-2, to implement the tuition reduction required in this clause; and (2) the student tuition relief may not be offset by increases in mandatory fees, charges, or other assessments to the student. Colleges and universities are permitted to increase differential tuition charges in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 where costs for course or program delivery have increased due to extraordinary circumstances beyond the control of the college or university. Rates and rationale must be approved by the Board of Trustees. (b) The Board of Trustees shall provide a tuition credit for enrolled students and a refund to students who are no longer enrolled. The credit or refund must equal the amount of the online differential tuition rate charged to students for online courses during the 2020-2021 academic year that were not offered as online courses during the previous academic year. The institution shall inform students who are no longer enrolled in the institution of their eligibility for a refund. In order to receive a refund, the student must apply for the refund. (c) $5,700,000 in fiscal year 2022 and $5,700,000 in fiscal year 2023 are to provide supplemental aid for operations and maintenance to the president of each two-year institution in the system with at least one campus that is not located in a metropolitan county, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 4. The board shall transfer $150,000 for each campus not
located in a metropolitan county in each year
to the president of each institution that
includes such a campus.
(d) The Board of Trustees is requested to help
Minnesota close the attainment gap by funding
activities which improve retention and
completion for students of color.
(e) $6,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 and
$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 are for
workforce development scholarships under
Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.38. The base
for fiscal year 2024 and thereafter is
$6,000,000.
(f) $300,000 in fiscal year 2022 and $300,000
in fiscal year 2023 are for transfer to the Cook
County Higher Education Board to provide
educational programming, workforce
development, and academic support services
to remote regions in northeastern Minnesota.
The Cook County Higher Education Board
shall continue to provide information to the
Board of Trustees on the number of students
served, credit hours delivered, and services
provided to students.
(g) $40,000 in fiscal year 2022 and $40,000
in fiscal year 2023 are to implement the sexual
assault policies required under Minnesota
Statutes, section 135A.15.
(h) $8,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 and
$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 are for
upgrading the Integrated Statewide Record
System.
(i) $1,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 and
$141,000 in fiscal year 2023 are for
developing and offering courses to implement
the Z-Degree textbook program under
Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.305. This is
a onetime appropriation.

(j) $1,500,000 in fiscal year 2022 is for the
mental health awareness program for students
required under Minnesota Statutes, section
136F.20, subdivision 4. Of this amount:
$500,000 must be used for training
opportunities under Minnesota Statutes,
section 136F.20, subdivision 4, paragraph (a),
clause (2); and $200,000 must be used for
grants to colleges and universities to establish
peer support pilot programs in Minnesota
Statutes, section 136F.20, subdivision 4,
paragraph (c). The Board of Trustees shall
convene a committee that includes students to
review and approve grant applications. A
balance in the first year for this appropriation
does not cancel but is available in the second
year. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
section 16A.28, unencumbered balances under
this paragraph do not cancel until July 1, 2025.

(k) $1,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 is for
colleges and universities to comply with the
student basic needs requirements under
Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.202. The
Board of Trustees must use at least 25 percent
of this appropriation for grants to colleges and
universities to comply with Minnesota
Statutes, section 136F.202, subdivision 1,
paragraph (a). The board must use a
consultation and committee process that
includes students to review and approve grant
applications. A balance in the first year for
this appropriation does not cancel but is
available in the second year. Notwithstanding
Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28,
unencumbered balances under this paragraph
do not cancel until July 1, 2025.

(l) The Board of Trustees shall award onetime
faculty COVID-19 risk stipends to instructors,
including adjunct and part-time instructors
who taught in-person during the spring 2021
semester in which students were present. The
board is encouraged to allocate federal funds
received under Section 314 of the
Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, as
provided by Public Law 116-260, and Section
2003 of the American Rescue Plan Act, as
provided by Public Law 117-2 to award the
stipends in this paragraph. The stipends shall
be $500 for each eligible instructor.

(m) The total operations and maintenance base
for fiscal year 2024 and thereafter is
$773,561,000.

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

Sec. 4. BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation
$678,213,000 $675,213,000

Appropriations by Fund
2022 2023
General 676,056,000 673,056,000
Health Care Access 2,157,000 2,157,000

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

Subd. 2. Operations and Maintenance
611,968,000 608,968,000
(a) The Board of Regents is requested to establish the resident undergraduate tuition rate for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 academic years at three percent lower than tuition rates for the 2020-2021 academic year. The board is encouraged to allocate federal funds received under Section 314 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, as provided by Public Law 116-260, and Section 2003 of the American Rescue Plan Act, as provided by Public Law 117-2, to implement the tuition reduction requested in this paragraph.

(b) $15,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 and $15,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 are to: (1) increase the medical school's research capacity; (2) improve the medical school's ranking in National Institutes of Health funding; (3) ensure the medical school's national prominence by attracting and retaining world-class faculty, staff, and students; (4) invest in physician training programs in rural and underserved communities; and (5) translate the medical school's research discoveries into new treatments and cures to improve the health of Minnesotans.

(c) $7,800,000 in fiscal year 2022 and $7,800,000 in fiscal year 2023 are for health training restoration. This appropriation must be used to support all of the following: (1) faculty physicians who teach at eight residency program sites, including medical resident and student training programs in the Department of Family Medicine; (2) the Mobile Dental
Clinic; and (3) expansion of geriatric health care programs.

(d) $4,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 and $4,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 are for the Minnesota Discovery, Research, and InnoVation Economy funding program for cancer care research.

(e) $500,000 in fiscal year 2022 and $500,000 in fiscal year 2023 are for the University of Minnesota, Morris branch, to cover the costs of tuition waivers under Minnesota Statutes, section 137.16.

(f) $150,000 in fiscal year 2022 and $150,000 in fiscal year 2023 are for the Chloe Barnes Advisory Council on Rare Diseases under Minnesota Statutes, section 137.68. This is a onetime appropriation.

(g) The Board of Regents is requested to award onetime faculty COVID-19 risk stipends to instructors, including adjunct and part-time instructors who taught in-person during the spring 2021 semester in which students were present. The board is encouraged to allocate federal funds received under Section 314 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, as provided by Public Law 116-260, and Section 2003 of the American Rescue Plan Act, as provided by Public Law 117-2, to award the stipends in this paragraph. The stipends shall be $500 for each eligible instructor.

(h) The base for operations and maintenance in fiscal year 2024 and all years thereafter is $607,818,000.
Subd. 3. Primary Care Education Initiatives

This appropriation is from the health care access fund.

Subd. 4. Special Appropriations

(a) Agriculture and Extension Service

For the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Minnesota Extension Service:

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

(2) this appropriation includes funding for research and outreach on the production of renewable energy from Minnesota biomass resources, including agronomic crops, plant and animal wastes, and native plants or trees. The following areas should be prioritized and carried out in consultation with Minnesota producers, renewable energy, and bioenergy organizations:

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

(ii) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping systems; and

(iii) biofuel coproducts used for livestock feed;

(3) this appropriation includes funding for the College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural
Resources Sciences to establish and provide leadership for organic agronomic, horticultural, livestock, and food systems research, education, and outreach and for the purchase of state-of-the-art laboratory, planting, tilling, harvesting, and processing equipment necessary for this project;

(4) this appropriation includes funding for research efforts that demonstrate a renewed emphasis on the needs of the state's agriculture community. The following areas should be prioritized and carried out in consultation with Minnesota farm organizations:

(i) vegetable crop research with priority for extending the Minnesota vegetable growing season;

(ii) fertilizer and soil fertility research and development;

(iii) soil, groundwater, and surface water conservation practices and contaminant reduction research;

(iv) discovering and developing plant varieties that use nutrients more efficiently;

(v) breeding and development of turf seed and other biomass resources in all three Minnesota biomes;

(vi) development of new disease-resistant and pest-resistant varieties of turf and agronomic crops;

(vii) utilizing plant and livestock cells to treat and cure human diseases;

(viii) the development of dairy coproducts;
(ix) a rapid agricultural response fund for current or emerging animal, plant, and insect problems affecting production or food safety;
(x) crop pest and animal disease research;
(xi) developing animal agriculture that is capable of sustainably feeding the world;
(xii) consumer food safety education and outreach;
(xiii) programs to meet the research and outreach needs of organic livestock and crop farmers; and
(xiv) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping systems; and growing, harvesting, and transporting biomass plant material; and
(5) by February 1, 2023, the Board of Regents must submit a report to the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture and higher education finance on the status and outcomes of research and initiatives funded in this paragraph.

(b) Health Sciences $4,854,000 each year is to support up to 12 resident physicians in the St. Cloud Hospital family practice residency program. The program must prepare doctors to practice primary care medicine in rural areas of the state. The legislature intends this program to improve health care in rural communities, provide affordable access to appropriate medical care, and manage the treatment of patients in a more cost-effective manner. The remainder of this appropriation is for the rural physicians associates program; the Veterinary

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Diagnostic Laboratory; health sciences research; dental care; the Biomedical Engineering Center; and the collaborative partnership between the University of Minnesota and Mayo Clinic for regenerative medicine, research, clinical translation, and commercialization.

(c) **College of Science and Engineering**

For the geological survey and the talented youth mathematics program.

(d) **System Special**

For general research, the Labor Education Service, Natural Resources Research Institute, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, Bell Museum of Natural History, and the Humphrey exhibit.

$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 and $2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 are for the Natural Resources Research Institute to invest in applied research for economic development.

(e) **University of Minnesota and Mayo Foundation Partnership**

This appropriation is for the following activities:

(1) $7,491,000 in fiscal year 2022 and $7,491,000 in fiscal year 2023 are for the direct and indirect expenses of the collaborative research partnership between the University of Minnesota and the Mayo Foundation for research in biotechnology and medical genomics. An annual report on the expenditure of these funds must be submitted to the governor and the chairs of the legislative...
committees responsible for higher education
finance by June 30 of each fiscal year.

(2) $500,000 in fiscal year 2022 and $500,000
in fiscal year 2023 are to award competitive
grants to conduct research into the prevention,
treatment, causes, and cures of Alzheimer's
disease and other dementias.

Subd. 5. Academic Health Center

The appropriation for Academic Health Center
funding under Minnesota Statutes, section
297F.10, is estimated to be $22,250,000 each
year.

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Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation $ 1,351,000 $ 1,351,000

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

Subd. 2. Medical School 665,000 665,000

The state must pay a capitation rate each year
for each student who is a resident of
Minnesota. The appropriation may be
transferred between each year of the biennium
to accommodate enrollment fluctuations. It is
intended that during the biennium, the Mayo
Clinic use the capitation money to increase
the number of doctors practicing in rural areas
in need of doctors.

Subd. 3. Family Practice and Graduate
Residency Program 686,000 686,000

The state must pay stipend support for up to
27 residents each year.
Sec. 6. CANCELLATIONS.

(a) The day following final enactment, $340,000 of the fiscal year 2021 appropriation to the Office of Higher Education in Laws 2019, chapter 64, article 1, section 2, is canceled to the general fund. The appropriation canceled must come from the provisions in Laws 2019, chapter 64, article 1, section 2, subdivisions 11, 25, and 26.

(b) The day following final enactment, $5,000,000 of the fiscal year 2021 appropriation to the Office of Higher Education for state grants in Laws 2019, chapter 64, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, is canceled to the general fund.

ARTICLE 2

HIGHER EDUCATION PROVISIONS

Section 1. [135A.137] HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS DESIGNATION.

Subdivision 1. Establishment. A Hunger-Free Campus designation is established for nonprofit degree-granting institutions physically located in Minnesota and registered with the Office of Higher Education under section 136A.63. In order to be awarded the designation, a campus must meet the following minimum criteria:

1. have an established on-campus food pantry or partnership with a local food bank to provide regular, on-campus food distributions;
2. provide information to students on SNAP, MFIP, and other programs that reduce food insecurity. The campus shall notify students in work-study employment of their potential eligibility for SNAP benefits, and provide information to those students that includes eligibility criteria and how to apply for benefits;
3. hold or participate in one hunger awareness event per academic year;
4. have an established emergency assistance grant that is available to students; and
5. establish a hunger task force that meets a minimum of three times per academic year. The task force must include at least two students currently enrolled at the institution.

Subd. 2. Designation approval. (a) The Minnesota Association of Private College Students shall create an application process and a nonmonetary award, and provide final approval for the designation at each nonprofit degree-granting institution.

(b) Each campus must reapply at least every three years to maintain the designation.
Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.101, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

Subd. 5a. **Assigned family responsibility.** "Assigned family responsibility" means the amount of a family's contribution to a student's cost of attendance, as determined by a federal need analysis. For dependent students, the assigned family responsibility is 82.72 percent of the parental contribution. For independent students with dependents other than a spouse, the assigned family responsibility is 74.72 percent of the student contribution. For independent students without dependents other than a spouse, the assigned family responsibility is 38 percent of the student contribution.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.121, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Eligibility for grants.** (a) An applicant is eligible to be considered for a grant, regardless of the applicant's sex, creed, race, color, national origin, or ancestry, under sections 136A.095 to 136A.131 if the office finds that the applicant:

(1) is a resident of the state of Minnesota;

(2) is a graduate of a secondary school or its equivalent, or is 17 years of age or over, and has met all requirements for admission as a student to an eligible college or technical college of choice as defined in sections 136A.095 to 136A.131;

(3) has met the financial need criteria established in Minnesota Rules;

(4) is not in default, as defined by the office, of any federal or state student educational loan; and

(5) is not more than 30 days in arrears in court-ordered child support that is collected or enforced by the public authority responsible for child support enforcement or, if the applicant is more than 30 days in arrears in court-ordered child support that is collected or enforced by the public authority responsible for child support enforcement, but is complying with a written payment agreement under section 518A.69 or order for arrearages.

(b) A student who is entitled to an additional semester or the equivalent of grant eligibility if the student withdraws from enrollment:

(1) for active military service after December 31, 2002, because the student was ordered to active military service as defined in section 190.05, subdivision 5b or 5c, or who withdraws from enrollment;

(2) for a major illness serious health condition, while under the care of a medical professional, that substantially limits the student's ability to complete the term is entitled to an additional semester or the equivalent of grant eligibility; or
(3) while providing care that substantially limits the student's ability to complete the term to the student's spouse, child, or parent who has a serious health condition.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.121, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

Subd. 9. Awards. An undergraduate student who meets the office's requirements is eligible to apply for and receive a grant in any year of undergraduate study unless the student has obtained a baccalaureate degree or previously has been enrolled full time or the equivalent for eight semesters or the equivalent, excluding (1) courses taken from a Minnesota school or postsecondary institution which is not participating in the state grant program and from which a student transferred no credit, and (2) courses taken that qualify as developmental education or below college-level. A student enrolled in a two-year program at a four-year institution is only eligible for the tuition and fee maximums established by law for two-year institutions.

Sec. 5. [136A.1241] FOSTERING INDEPENDENCE HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS.

Subdivision 1. Establishment. The office must establish a grant program for individuals who satisfy the eligibility requirements under subdivision 3. Using available FAFSA or other state aid data, the office shall identify and inform eligible individuals, and the institutions for which the individuals have been accepted or are attending, of their eligibility for the foster grant. This program is established to provide an individual who is currently or was formerly in foster care with foster grants for up to five years for higher education costs.

Subd. 2. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the terms in this subdivision have the meanings given.

(b) "Adoption" means adoption of an individual who has been in the care and custody of a responsible social services agency or tribal social services agency and in foster care.

(c) "Eligible institution" means an eligible public institution or an eligible private institution.

(d) "Eligible public institution" or "public institution" means an institution operated by the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota.

(e) "Eligible private institution" or "private institution" means an institution eligible for state student aid under section 136A.103, paragraph (a), clause (2).
(f) "Foster care" has the meaning given in section 260C.007, subdivision 18.

(g) "Foster grant" means a grant under this section.

(h) "Office" means the Office of Higher Education.

(i) "Recognized cost of attendance" means the amount calculated under subdivision 4.

(j) "Responsible social services agency" has the meaning given in section 260C.007, subdivision 27a.

(k) "Tribal social services agency" has the meaning given in section 260.755, subdivision 21.

Subd. 3. Eligibility. (a) An individual who is eligible for the Education and Training Voucher Program is eligible for a foster grant.

(b) If the individual is not eligible for the Education and Training Voucher program, in order to receive a foster grant, an individual must:

(1) meet the definition of a resident student under section 136A.101, subdivision 8;

(2) be at least 13 years of age but fewer than 27 years of age;

(3) after the individual's thirteenth birthday, be in or have been in foster care in Minnesota before, on, or after the effective date of this section, including any of the following:

(i) placement in foster care at any time while 13 years of age or older;

(ii) adoption from foster care at any time after reaching 13 years of age; and

(iii) placement from foster care with a permanent legal custodian at any time after reaching 13 years of age;

(4) have graduated from high school or completed the equivalent as approved by the Department of Education;

(5) have been accepted for admission to, or be currently attending, an eligible institution;

(6) have submitted a FAFSA; and

(7) be meeting satisfactory academic progress as defined under section 136A.101, subdivision 10.

Subd. 4. Cost of attendance. (a) The recognized cost of attendance for a public institution has the meaning in Code of Federal Regulations, title 20, chapter 28, subchapter IV, Part F, section 1087ll.

(b) The recognized cost of attendance for a private institution equals the lesser of:
(1) the cost of attendance for the institution as calculated under Code of Federal Regulations, title 20, chapter 28, subchapter IV, Part F, section 1087ll; or

(2) for two-year programs, an amount equal to the highest recognized cost of attendance charged at a public two-year institution, or for four-year programs, an amount equal to the highest recognized cost of attendance at a public university.

Subd. 5. Foster grant amount; payment; opt-out. (a) Each student shall be awarded a foster grant based on the federal need analysis. Applicants are encouraged to apply for all other sources of financial aid. The amount of the foster grant must be equal to the applicant's recognized cost of attendance after deducting:

(1) the student aid index as calculated by the federal need analysis;

(2) the amount of a federal Pell Grant award for which the applicant is eligible;

(3) the amount of the state grant;

(4) the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant;

(5) the sum of all tribal scholarships;

(6) the amount of any other state and federal gift aid;

(7) the Education and Training Voucher Program;

(8) extended foster care benefits under section 260C.451;

(9) the amount of any private grants or scholarships, excluding grants and scholarships provided by the private institution of higher education in which the eligible student is enrolled; and

(10) for public institutions, the sum of all institutional grants, scholarships, tuition waivers, and tuition remission amounts.

(b) The foster grant shall be paid directly to the eligible institution where the student is enrolled.

(c) An eligible private institution may opt out of participating in the foster grant program established under this section. To opt out, the institution shall provide notice to the office by September 1 for the next academic year.

(d) An eligible private institution that does not opt out under paragraph (c) and accepts the student's application to attend the institution must provide institutional grants, scholarships, tuition waivers, or tuition remission in an amount equal to the difference between:
(1) the institution's cost of attendance as calculated under subdivision 4, paragraph (b), clause (1); and

(2) the sum of the foster grant under this subdivision and the sum of the amounts in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (9).

(e) An undergraduate student who is eligible may apply for and receive a foster grant in any year of undergraduate study unless the student has obtained a baccalaureate degree or previously has been enrolled full time as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision 7a, or the equivalent for eight semesters or the equivalent, or received a foster grant for five years, whichever occurs first. A foster grant must not be awarded to a student for more than three years for a two-year degree, certificate, or diploma, or five years for a four-year undergraduate degree.

Subd. 6. Dissemination of information. (a) The office shall, by September 1, 2022, and September 1 each year thereafter, prepare and provide the information to be disseminated by responsible social services agencies, tribal social services agencies, the office, the Department of Human Services, and eligible state and private institutions that:

(1) describes the availability of the program established under this section;

(2) explains how to participate in the program; and

(3) includes information on all available federal and state grants identified under subdivision 5.

(b) The office shall maintain and annually update the list of eligible private institutions that opt out under subdivision 5, paragraph (c), and post the list of the institutions on the office's website.

Subd. 7. Assistance from the Office of Higher Education. The office shall assist foster grant applicants eligible under subdivision 3 by providing assistance in:

(1) completing the foster grant application; and

(2) accessing and applying for available federal and state financial aid resources under subdivision 5.

Subd. 8. Report. (a) The office shall prepare an anonymized report to be submitted annually to the chairperson and minority chairperson of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education that contains:

(1) the number of students receiving foster grants and the institutions attended; and

(2) annual retention and graduation data on students receiving foster grants.
(b) The report required under this subdivision may be combined with other legislatively required reporting. If submitted as a separate report, the report must be submitted by January 15.

**EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and applies to foster grants awarded beginning the 2022-2023 academic year. The first report under subdivision 8 must be submitted by January 15, 2024, unless included in other legislatively required reporting.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.125, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Eligible students. (a) An applicant is eligible for a child care grant if the applicant:

1. is a resident of the state of Minnesota or the applicant's spouse is a resident of the state of Minnesota;
2. has a child 12 years of age or younger, or 14 years of age or younger who is disabled as defined in section 125A.02, and who is receiving or will receive care on a regular basis from a licensed or legal, nonlicensed caregiver;
3. is income eligible as determined by the office's policies and rules, but is not a recipient of assistance from the Minnesota family investment program;
4. either has not earned a baccalaureate degree and has been enrolled full time less than received child care grant funds for a period of ten semesters or the equivalent, or has earned a baccalaureate degree and has been enrolled full time less than ten semesters or the equivalent in a graduate or professional degree program;
5. is pursuing a nonsectarian program or course of study that applies to an undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree, diploma, or certificate;
6. is enrolled in at least six credits in an undergraduate program or one credit in a graduate or professional program in an eligible institution; and
7. is in good academic standing and making satisfactory academic progress.

(b) A student who is entitled to an additional semester or the equivalent of grant eligibility and will be considered to be in continuing enrollment status upon return if the student withdraws from enrollment:

1. for active military service after December 31, 2002, because the student was ordered to active military service as defined in section 190.05, subdivision 5b or 5c, or
(2) for a major illness serious health condition, while under the care of a medical professional, that substantially limits the student's ability to complete the term is entitled to an additional semester or the equivalent of grant eligibility and will be considered to be in continuing enrollment status upon return; or

(3) while providing care that substantially limits the student's ability to complete the term to the student's spouse, child, or parent who has a serious health condition.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.125, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. Amount and length of grants. (a) The amount of a child care grant must be based on:

(1) the income of the applicant and the applicant's spouse;

(2) the number in the applicant's family, as defined by the office; and

(3) the number of eligible children in the applicant's family.

(b) The maximum award to the applicant shall be $3,000 for each eligible child per academic year, except that the campus financial aid officer may apply to the office for approval to increase grants by up to ten percent to compensate for higher market charges for infant care in a community. The office shall develop policies to determine community market costs and review institutional requests for compensatory grant increases to ensure need and equal treatment. The office shall prepare a chart to show the amount of a grant that will be awarded per child based on the factors in this subdivision. The chart shall include a range of income and family size.

(c) Applicants with family incomes expected family contributions at or below a percentage of the federal poverty level the qualifying expected family contribution for the federal Pell Grant, as determined by the commissioner, will qualify for the maximum award. The commissioner shall attempt to set the percentage at a level estimated to fully expend the available appropriation for child care grants. Applicants with family incomes expected family contributions exceeding that threshold but less than 200 percent of the qualifying expected family contribution receive the maximum award minus ten percent of their income exceeding that threshold an amount proportional to their expected family contribution as determined by the commissioner. If the result is less than zero, the grant is zero.

(d) The academic year award amount must be disbursed by academic term using the following formula:

(1) the academic year amount described in paragraph (b);
(2) divided by the number of terms in the academic year; and

(3) divided by 15 for undergraduate students and six for graduate and professional students; and

(4) (3) multiplied by the number of credits for which the student is enrolled that academic term, up to 15 credits for undergraduate students and six for graduate and professional students, applicable enrollment factor:

(i) 1.00 for undergraduate students enrolled in 12 or more semester credits or the equivalent or for graduate students enrolled in six or more semester credits or the equivalent;

(ii) 0.75 for undergraduate students enrolled in nine, ten, or 11 semester credits or the equivalent or for graduate students enrolled in five semester credits or the equivalent;

(iii) 0.50 for undergraduate students enrolled in six, seven, or eight semester credits or the equivalent or for graduate students enrolled in three or four semester credits or the equivalent; and

(iv) 0.25 for undergraduate students enrolled in at least one but less than six semester credits or the equivalent or for graduate students enrolled in one or two semester credits or the equivalent.

(d) Payments shall be made each academic term to the student or to the child care provider, as determined by the institution. Institutions may make payments more than once within the academic term.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.126, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. Student eligibility. The commissioner shall establish procedures for the distribution of scholarships to a Minnesota resident student as defined under section 136A.101, subdivision 8, who:

(1) is of one-fourth or more Indian ancestry or is an enrolled member or citizen of a federally recognized American Indian or Canadian First Nations tribe;

(2) has applied for other existing state and federal scholarship and grant programs;

(3) is meeting satisfactory academic progress as defined under section 136A.101, subdivision 10;

(4) is not in default, as defined by the office, of a federal or state student educational loan;
if enrolled in an undergraduate program, is eligible or would be eligible to receive a federal Pell Grant or a state grant based on the federal needs analysis and is enrolled for nine semester credits per term or more, or the equivalent; and

if enrolled in a graduate program, demonstrates a remaining financial need in the award amount calculation and is enrolled, per term, on a half-time basis or more as defined by the postsecondary institution.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.126, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. Award amount. (a) Each student shall be awarded a scholarship based on the federal need analysis. Applicants are encouraged to apply for all other sources of financial aid. The amount of the award must not exceed the applicant's cost of attendance, as defined in subdivision 3, after deducting:

(1) the expected family contribution as calculated by the federal need analysis;

(2) the amount of a federal Pell Grant award for which the applicant is eligible;

(3) the amount of the state grant;

(4) the federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant;

(5) the sum of all institutional grants, scholarships, tuition waivers, and tuition remission amounts;

(6) the sum of all tribal scholarships;

(7) the amount of any other state and federal gift aid; and

(8) the amount of any private grants or scholarships.

(b) The award shall be paid directly to the postsecondary institution where the student receives federal financial aid.

(c) Awards are limited as follows:

(1) the maximum award for an undergraduate is $4,000 per academic year;

(2) the maximum award for a graduate student is $6,000 per academic year; and

(3) the minimum award for all students is $100 per academic year.

(d) Scholarships may not be given to any Indian student for more than three years of study for a two-year degree, certificate, or diploma program or five years of study for a four-year degree program at the undergraduate level and for more than five years at the graduate level. Students may acquire only one degree per level and one terminal graduate degree.
degree. Scholarships may not be given to any student for more than ten years including five years of undergraduate study and five years of graduate study.

(c) Scholarships may be given to an eligible student for four quarters, three semesters, or the equivalent during the course of a single fiscal year. In calculating the award amount, the office must use the same calculation it would for any other term.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.1275, is amended to read:

136A.1275 STUDENT TEACHER CANDIDATE GRANTS.

Subdivision 1. Establishment. (a) The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education must establish a grant program for student teaching stipends for low-income students enrolled in a Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board-approved teacher preparation program who intend to teach in a shortage area after graduating and receiving their teaching license or belong to an underrepresented racial or ethnic group underrepresented in the teacher workforce, intend to teach in a rural school district, or intend to work in a license shortage area.

(b) "License shortage area" means a license field or economic development region within Minnesota defined as a shortage area by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board in coordination with the commissioner using data collected for the teacher supply and demand report under section 122A.091, subdivision 5 teaching in one of the following license fields: (1) special education, (2) English as a second language, (3) physics, (4) chemistry, (5) mathematics, and (6) middle level science.

(c) "Racial or ethnic group underrepresented in the teacher workforce" means a racial or ethnic group for which the aggregate percentage of Minnesota teachers of that racial or ethnic group is lower than the aggregate percentage of Minnesota kindergarten through grade 12 students of that racial or ethnic group.

(d) "Rural school district" means a school district with fewer than 30 resident pupil units under section 126C.05, subdivision 6, per square mile.

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

(1) be enrolled in a Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board-approved teacher preparation program that requires at least 12 weeks of student teaching in order to be recommended for any Tier 3 teaching license;
(2) demonstrate financial need based on criteria established by the commissioner under subdivision 3;

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

(4) intend to teach in a shortage area or belong to a racial or ethnic group underrepresented in the Minnesota teacher workforce, intend to teach in a rural school district, or intend to teach in a license shortage area. Intent can to teach in a license shortage area must be documented verified based on the teacher license field the student is pursuing or a statement of. To verify intent to teach in an economic development region defined as a shortage area in the year the student receives a grant a rural school district, the student must submit to the commissioner a completed affidavit, prescribed by the commissioner, affirming the student's intent to teach in a rural district following graduation. Upon obtaining employment after graduating, the teacher shall report to the office the name of the school district in which the teacher is teaching.

Subd. 3. Administration; repayment. (a) The commissioner must establish an application process and other guidelines for implementing this program. The commissioner must notify grant recipients of their award amounts by the following dates:

(1) for fall student teaching placements, recipients must be notified by August 1;

(2) for spring student teaching placements, recipients must be notified by December 1; and

(3) for summer student teaching placements, recipients must be notified by May 1.

These notification deadlines do not apply in cases where grants are awarded to student teachers who applied after application deadlines and funds remained after the initial round of grants were awarded.

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

(c) If there are insufficient funds to provide an award to all eligible participants, the commissioner shall prioritize the awards to eligible participants based on:

(1) the financial need of an applicant;

(2) whether the applicant intends to teach in both a rural school district and a license shortage area; and
The percentage of the total award funds available at the beginning of the fiscal year reserved for teacher candidates student teachers who identify as belonging to a racial or ethnic group underrepresented in the Minnesota teacher workforce must be equal to or greater than the total percentage of students of racial or ethnic groups underrepresented in the Minnesota teacher workforce as measured under section 120B.35, subdivision 3. If this percentage cannot be met because of a lack of qualifying candidates student teachers, the remaining amount may be awarded to teacher candidates student teachers who intend to teach in a shortage area or rural school district.

Subd. 4. **Annual reporting.** By February 1 of each year, the commissioner must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over E-12 and higher education finance and policy on:

1. The total number of awards, the total dollar amount of all awards, and the average award amount;
2. The number of eligible applicants and the number of student teachers receiving an award, each broken down by postsecondary institution;
3. The race or ethnicity of the student teachers participating in the program;
4. The licensure areas and school districts in which the student teachers taught; and
5. Other summary data identified by the commissioner as outcome indicators, including how many student teachers awarded a rural teacher grant were employed in a rural district after graduation.

**Sec. 11. [136A.1467] COMPETITIVE GRANT FOR HUNGER-FREE CAMPUSES.**

**Subdivision 1. Competitive grant.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a competitive grant program to distribute grants to schools to meet and maintain the requirements under sections 136F.245 and 137.375. Initial grants shall be made to schools that have not earned the designation and demonstrate a need for funding to meet the hunger-free campus designation requirements. Sustaining grants shall be made to schools that have earned the designation and demonstrate both a partnership with a local food bank or organization that provides regular, on-campus food distributions and a need for funds to maintain the requirements under sections 136F.245 and 137.375.

(b) The commissioner shall prioritize applications for initial grants and applications from schools with the highest number of federal Pell Grant eligible students enrolled.
(c) Grant recipients must use the grant funds to meet or maintain the requirements under sections 136F.245 and 137.375.

Subd. 2. Maximum grant. The maximum grant award for an initial campus designation is $5,000. The maximum grant award for sustaining a campus designation is $2,000.

Subd. 3. Mandatory match. Each campus must match at least 25 percent of the grant awarded with funds or in-kind resources.

Subd. 4. Review. The student associations representing the community and technical colleges and the universities shall review all grant applications and provide final approval of all grant disbursements from the Office of Higher Education.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.1791, is amended to read:

136A.1791 TEACHER SHORTAGE LOAN FORGIVENESS REPAYMENT PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) The terms used in this section have the meanings given them in this subdivision.

(b) "Qualified educational loan" means a government, commercial, or foundation loan for actual costs paid for tuition and reasonable educational and living expenses related to a teacher's preparation or further education, only if the further education will result in the teacher decreasing the gap in a new shortage area.

c) "School district" means an independent school district, special school district, intermediate district, education district, special education cooperative, service cooperative, a cooperative center for vocational education, or a charter school, or a nonpublic school, excluding a home school, located in Minnesota.

(d) "Teacher" means an individual holding a teaching license issued by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board who is employed by a school district to provide classroom instruction.

(e) "Teacher shortage area" means:

(1) the licensure fields and economic development regions reported by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board in coordination with the commissioner as experiencing a teacher shortage; and

(2) economic development regions where there is a shortage of licensed teachers who reflect the racial or ethnic diversity of students in the region as reported by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board in coordination with the commissioner.
(f) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education unless indicated otherwise.

(g) "License shortage area" means teaching in one of the following license fields: (1) special education, (2) English as a second language, (3) physics, (4) chemistry, (5) mathematics, and (6) middle level science.

(h) "Racial or ethnic group underrepresented in the teacher workforce" means a racial or ethnic group for which the aggregate percentage of Minnesota teachers of that racial or ethnic group is lower than the aggregate percentage of Minnesota kindergarten through grade 12 students of that racial or ethnic group.

(j) "Rural school district" means a school district with fewer than 30 resident pupil units under section 126C.05, subdivision 6, per square mile.

Subd. 2. Program established; administration. The commissioner shall establish and administer a teacher shortage loan forgiveness repayment program. A teacher is eligible for the program if the teacher is teaching in an identified teacher shortage area under subdivision 3 and complies with the requirements of this section.

Subd. 3. Report on teacher shortage areas. Using data collected for the teacher supply and demand report to the legislature under section 122A.091, subdivision 5, the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board shall identify the licensure fields and economic development regions in Minnesota experiencing a teacher shortage.

Subd. 3a. Eligibility. To be eligible for a disbursement under this section, a teacher must belong to a racial or ethnic group underrepresented in the Minnesota teacher workforce, teach in a rural school district, or teach in a license shortage area.

Subd. 4. Application for loan forgiveness repayment. Each applicant for loan forgiveness repayment, according to rules adopted by the commissioner, shall:

(1) apply for teacher shortage loan forgiveness repayment and promptly submit any additional information required by the commissioner; and

(2) submit to the commissioner a completed affidavit, prescribed by the commissioner, affirming the teacher is teaching in: (i) a licensure field identified by the commissioner as experiencing a teacher license shortage area; or (ii) an economic development region identified by the commissioner as experiencing a teacher shortage in a rural school district.

Subd. 5. Amount of loan forgiveness repayment. (a) To the extent funding is available, the annual amount of teacher shortage loan forgiveness repayment for an approved applicant...
shall not exceed $1,000 or the cumulative balance of the applicant's qualified educational
loans, including principal and interest, whichever amount is less.

(b) Recipients must secure their own qualified educational loans. Teachers who graduate
from an approved teacher preparation program or teachers who add a licensure field,
consistent with the teacher shortage requirements of this section, are eligible to apply for
the loan forgiveness repayment program.

(c) No teacher shall receive more than five annual awards.

Subd. 6. Disbursement. (a) The commissioner must make annual disbursements directly
to the participant of the amount for which a participant is eligible, for each year that a
participant is eligible.

(b) Within 60 days of the disbursement date, the participant must provide the
commissioner with verification that the full amount of loan repayment disbursement has
been applied toward the designated loans. A participant that previously received funds under
this section but has not provided the commissioner with such verification is not eligible to
receive additional funds.

Subd. 7. Penalties. (a) A teacher who submits a false or misleading application or other
false or misleading information to the commissioner may:

(1) have his or her teaching license suspended or revoked under section 122A.20;

(2) be disciplined by the teacher's employing school district; or

(3) be required by the commissioner to repay the total amount of the loan forgiveness
repayment he or she received under this program, plus interest at a rate established under
section 270C.40.

(b) The commissioner must deposit any repayments received under paragraph (a) in the
fund established in subdivision 8.

Subd. 8. Account established. A teacher shortage loan forgiveness repayment account
is created in the special revenue fund for depositing money appropriated to or received by
the commissioner for the program. Money deposited in the account is appropriated to the
commissioner, does not cancel, and is continuously available for loan forgiveness repayment
under this section.

Subd. 9. Annual reporting. By February 1 of each year, the commissioner must report
to the chairs of the kindergarten through grade 12 and higher education committees of the
legislature on the number of individuals who received loan forgiveness repayment under
this section, the race or ethnicity of the teachers participating in the program, the licensure
areas and economic development regions school districts in which the teachers taught, the
average amount paid to a teacher participating in the program, and other summary data
identified by the commissioner as outcome indicators.

Subd. 10. Rulemaking. The commissioner shall adopt rules under chapter 14 to
administer this section.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.246, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. Program created. The commissioner shall make grants for the training
of employees to achieve the competency standard for an occupation identified by the
commissioner of labor and industry under section 175.45 and Laws 2014, chapter 312,
article 3, section 21. "Competency standard" has the meaning given in section 175.45,
subdivision 2. An individual must, no later than the commencement of the training, be an
employee of the employer seeking a grant to train that individual.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.246, is amended by adding a subdivision
to read:

Subd. 1a. Definitions. (a) The terms defined in this subdivision apply to this section.

(b) "Competency standard" has the meaning given in section 175.45, subdivision 2.

(c) "Eligible training" means training provided by an eligible training provider that:

(1) includes training to meet one or more identified competency standards;

(2) is instructor-led for a majority of the training; and

(3) results in the employee receiving an industry-recognized degree, certificate, or
credential.

(d) "Eligible training provider" means an institution:

(1) operated by the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota;

(2) licensed or registered as a postsecondary institution by the office; or

(3) exempt from the provisions of sections 136A.822 to 136A.834 or 136A.61 to 136A.71
as approved by the office.

(e) "Industry-recognized degrees, certificates, or credentials" means:

(1) certificates, diplomas, or degrees issued by a postsecondary institution;
(2) registered apprenticeship certifications or certificates;
(3) occupational licenses or registrations;
(4) certifications issued by, or recognized by, industry or professional associations; and
(5) other certifications as approved by the commissioner.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.246, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Eligible grantees. An employer or an organization representing the employer is eligible to apply for a grant to train employees if the employer has an employee who is in or is to be trained to be in an occupation for which a competency standard has been identified and the employee has not attained the competency standard prior to the commencement of the planned training. Training need not address all aspects of a competency standard but may address only the competencies of a standard that an employee is lacking. An employee must receive an industry-recognized degree, certificate, or credential upon successful completion of the training. A grantee must have an agreement with an eligible training provider to provide eligible training prior to payment of grant.

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.246, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. Eligible training institution or program provider. The employer must have an agreement with a training institution or program to provide the employee competency standard training prior to the grant award. The training may be provided by any institution or program having trainers qualified to instruct on the competency standard. The Office of Higher Education and the Department of Labor and Industry must cooperate in maintaining an inventory of degree, certificate, and credential programs that provide training to meet competency standards. The inventory must be posted on each agency's website with contact information for each program by September 1, 2016. The postings must be updated periodically.

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.246, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. Application. Applications must be made to the commissioner on a form provided by the commissioner. The commissioner must, to the extent possible, make the application form as short and simple to complete as is reasonably possible. The commissioner shall establish a schedule for applications and grants. The application must include, without limitation:

(1) the projected number of employee trainees;
the number of projected employee trainees who graduated from high school or passed
the commissioner of education selected high school equivalency test in the current or
immediately preceding calendar year;

(2) the competency standard for which training will be provided;

(3) the credential the employee will receive upon completion of training;

(4) the name and address of the eligible training institution or program and a signed
statement by the institution or program that it is able and agrees to provide the training
provider;

(5) the period of the training; and

(6) the cost of the training charged by the eligible training institution or program and
certified by the institution or program provider. The cost of training includes tuition, fees,
and required books and materials.

An application may be made for training of employees of multiple employers either by
the employers or by an organization on their behalf.

Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.246, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. Grant criteria. (a) Except as provided in this subdivision, the commissioner
shall award grants to employers solely for training employees who graduated from high
school or passed commissioner of education selected high school equivalency tests in the
current or immediately preceding calendar year.

(b) If there are not sufficient eligible applications satisfying paragraph (a), the
commissioner may award grants to applicants to train employees who do not meet the
requirements of paragraph (a).

(c) The commissioner shall, to the extent possible after complying with paragraph
(a), make at least an approximately equal dollar amount of grants for training for employees
whose work site is projected to be outside the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121,
subdivision 2, as for employees whose work site is projected to be within the metropolitan
area.

(d) In determining the award of grants, the commissioner must consider, among other
factors:

(1) the aggregate state and regional need for employees with the competency to be
trained;
(2) the competency standards developed by the commissioner of labor and industry as part of the Minnesota PIPELINE Project;

(3) the per employee cost of training;

(4) the additional employment opportunities for employees because of the training;

(5) the on-the-job training the employee receives;

(6) the employer's demonstrated ability to recruit, train, and retain employees who are recent high school graduates or who recently passed high school equivalency tests;

(6) (7) projected increases in compensation for employees receiving the training; and

(7) (8) the amount of employer training cost match, if required, on both a per employee and aggregate basis.

Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.246, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. Employer match. A large employer must pay for at least 25 percent of the eligible training institution's or program's provider's charge for the eligible training to the training institution or program provider. For the purpose of this subdivision, a "large employer" means a business with more than $25,000,000 in annual gross revenue in the previous calendar year.

Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.246, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. Payment of grant. (a) The commissioner shall pay the grant to the employer after the employer presents satisfactory evidence to the commissioner that the employer has paid the eligible training institution or program provider.

(b) If an employer demonstrates that it is not able to pay for the training in advance, the commissioner shall make grant payments directly to the eligible training institution or program provider.

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.246, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. Grant amounts. (a) The maximum grant for an application is $150,000. A grant may not exceed $6,000 per year for a maximum of four years per employee.

(b) An employee who is attending an eligible institution attending an eligible training provider that is an institution under section 136A.103 must apply for Pell and state grants as a condition of payment for training that employee under this section.
Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.63, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Sale of an institution. Within 30 days of a change of its ownership a school must submit a registration renewal application, all usual and ordinary information and materials for an initial registration, and applicable registration fees for a new institution. For purposes of this subdivision, "change of ownership" means a merger or consolidation with a corporation; a sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of a school; the transfer of a controlling interest of at least 51 percent of the school's stock; the school enters receivership; or a change in the nonprofit or for-profit status of a school.

Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.645, is amended to read:

136A.645 SCHOOL CLOSURE.

(a) When a school intends to cease postsecondary education operations, announces its closure, or is informed by the office that the office anticipates the school's closure due to its registration status or ability to meet criteria for approval under section 136A.65, the school must provide the office:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) the planned date for the transfer of the student records;
(ii) confirmation of the name and address of the organization to receive and hold the
student records; and

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

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

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

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

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

(2) announces it is closed or closing;

(3) files for bankruptcy; or

(4) fails to complete a renewal application when required under section 136A.63,
subdivision 2.

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

Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.653, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. Regionally Higher Learning Commission accredited institutions in
Minnesota. (a) A regionally accredited postsecondary institution accredited by the Higher
Learning Commission or its successor with its primary physical location in Minnesota is
exempt from the provisions of sections 136A.61 to 136A.71, including related fees, when
it creates new or modifies existing:
(1) majors, minors, concentrations, specializations, and areas of emphasis within approved
degrees;

(2) nondegree programs within approved degrees;

(3) underlying curriculum or courses;

(4) modes of delivery; and

(5) locations.

(b) The institution must annually notify the commissioner of the exempt actions listed
in paragraph (a) and, upon the commissioner's request, must provide additional information
about the action.

(c) The institution must notify the commissioner within 60 days of a program closing.

(d) Nothing in this subdivision exempts an institution from the annual registration and
degree approval requirements of sections 136A.61 to 136A.71.

Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.68, is amended to read:

136A.68 RECORDS.

(a) A registered school shall maintain a permanent record for each student for 50 years
from the last date of the student's attendance. A registered school offering distance instruction
to a student located in Minnesota shall maintain a permanent record for each Minnesota
student for 50 years from the last date of the student's attendance. Records include a student's
academic transcript, documents, and files containing student data about academic credits
earned, courses completed, grades awarded, degrees awarded, and periods of attendance.

(b) A registered school shall maintain records required for professional licensure in
Minnesota that are not included in paragraph (a) for ten years from the last date of the
student's attendance or the number of years required by an institutional or programmatic
accreditor, whichever is greater.

(c) To preserve permanent records, a school shall submit a plan that meets the following
requirements:

(1) at least one copy of the records must be held in a secure, fireproof depository or
duplicate records must be maintained off site in a secure location and in a manner approved
by the office;

(2) an appropriate official must be designated to provide a student with copies of records
or a transcript upon request;
an alternative method approved by the office of complying with clauses (1) and (2)

must be established if the school ceases to exist; and

if the school has no binding agreement approved by the office for preserving student

records, a continuous surety bond or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a financial

institution must be filed with the office in an amount not to exceed $20,000. The bond or

irrevocable letter of credit shall run to the state of Minnesota. In the event of a school closure,

the surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit must be used by the office to retrieve, recover,

maintain, digitize, and destroy academic records.

Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.822, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

Subd. 12. Permanent student records. (a) A private career school licensed under

sections 136A.82 to 136A.834 and located in Minnesota shall maintain a permanent student

record for each student for 50 years from the last date of the student's attendance. A private

career school licensed under this chapter and offering distance instruction to a student located

in Minnesota shall maintain a permanent record for each Minnesota student for 50 years

from the last date of the student's attendance. Records include school transcripts, documents,

and files containing student data about academic credits earned, courses completed, grades

awarded, degrees awarded, and periods of attendance.

(b) A private career school licensed under sections 136A.82 to 136A.834 and located

in Minnesota shall maintain a permanent student record required for professional licensure

in Minnesota for each student for ten years from the last date of the student's attendance or

the number of years required by an institutional or programmatic accreditor, whichever is

greater. A private career school licensed under this chapter and offering distance instruction

to a student located in Minnesota shall maintain records required for professional licensure

in Minnesota that are not included in paragraph (a) for each Minnesota student for ten years

from the last date of the student's attendance or the number of years required by an

institutional or programmatic accreditor, whichever is greater.

(c) To preserve permanent student records, a private career school shall submit a plan

that meets the following requirements:

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

(2) an appropriate official must be designated to provide a student with copies of records

or a transcript upon request;

(3) an alternative method, approved by the office, of complying with clauses (1) and (2)

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

Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.8225, is amended to read:

136A.8225 SCHOOL CLOSURE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) confirmation of the name and address of the organization to receive and hold the student records; and
(iii) the official at the organization receiving the student records who is designated to provide official copies of records or transcripts upon request;

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

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

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

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

(2) announces it is closed or closing; or

(3) files for bankruptcy; or

(4) fails to complete a renewal application when required under section 136A.823, subdivision 3.

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

Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.823, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3. Change of ownership. Within 30 days of a change of ownership, a school must submit a registration renewal application, the information and materials for an initial registration under section 136A.822, subdivision 4, and the applicable registration fees for a new institution under section 136A.824, subdivision 1. For purposes of this subdivision, "change of ownership" means: a merger or consolidation with a corporation; a sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of a school; the transfer
of a controlling interest of at least 51 percent of the school's stock; entering into receivership; or a change in the nonprofit or for-profit status of a school.

Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.827, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. Proration. (a) When a student has been accepted by a private career school and gives notice of cancellation after the program of instruction has begun, but before completion of 75 percent of the program, the amount charged for tuition, fees and all other charges shall be prorated based on the number of days in the term as a portion of the total charges for tuition, fees and all other charges. An additional 25 percent of the total cost of the program may be added but shall not exceed $100. After completion of 75 percent of the program, no refunds are required; the student is entitled to a refund if, at the last documented date of attendance, the student has not completed at least 75 percent of the entire program of instruction. For purposes of this subdivision, program of instruction is calculated under paragraph (c) or (d). Program of instruction does not mean one term, a payment period, a module, or any other portion of the entire instructional program.

(b) A notice of cancellation from a student under this subdivision must be confirmed in writing by the private career school and mailed to the student's last known address. The confirmation from the school must state that the school has withdrawn the student from enrollment, and if this action was not the student's intent, the student must contact the school.

(c) The length of a program of instruction for a program that has a defined calendar start and end date that does not change after the program has begun equals the number of days from the first scheduled date of the program through the last scheduled date of the program.

To calculate the completion percentage, divide the number of calendar days from the first date of the program through the student's last documented date of attendance by the length of the program of instruction, and truncate the result after the second digit following the decimal point. If the completion percentage is less than 75 percent, the private career school may retain:

(1) tuition, fees, and charges equal to the total of tuition, fees, and charges multiplied by the completion percentage; plus

(2) the initial program application fees, not to exceed $50; plus

(3) the lesser of (i) 25 percent of the total tuition or (ii) $100.

(d) The length of a program of instruction for a program that is measured in clock hours equals the number of clock hours the student was scheduled to attend. To calculate the completion percentage, divide the number of clock hours that the student actually attended
by the length of the program of instruction, and truncate the result after the second digit
following the decimal point. If the completion percentage is less than 75 percent, the private
career school may retain:

(1) tuition, fees, and charges equal to the total of tuition, fees, and charges multiplied
by the completion percentage; plus

(2) the initial program application fees, not to exceed $50; plus

(3) the lesser of (i) 25 percent of the total tuition or (ii) $100.

Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.827, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. Cancellation occurrence. Written notice of cancellation shall take place on
the date the letter of cancellation is postmarked or, in the cases where the notice is hand
carried, it shall occur on the date the notice is delivered to the private career school. Notice
of cancellation shall be the date a student notifies a private career school of the student's
intention to withdraw or otherwise leave the program of study. The student is not required
to provide a written notice. The private career school may require a student to provide the
student's notification only to specific offices or personnel at the school as long as this
requirement is documented as part of the "Student's Right to Cancel" in all places that the
information appears, including on the private career school's website. The date of the notice
of cancellation may or may not be the same date as the student's last documented date of
attendance. If a student has not attended class for a period of 21 14 consecutive days without
contacting the private career school to indicate an intent to continue in the private career
school, provide notice of cancellation or otherwise making arrangements concerning
the absence, the student is considered to have withdrawn from the private career school for
all purposes as of the student's last documented date of attendance.

Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136F.20, is amended by adding a subdivision
to read:

Subd. 4. Mental health awareness program. (a) The board shall implement a mental
health awareness program at each Minnesota state college and university by the start of the
2022-2023 academic year. A mental health awareness program shall include:

(1) a web page at each institution that includes links to existing self-assessment resources,
resources connecting students to campus and community-based resources, and emergency
contact information and resources;
(2) mandatory mental health first aid training, evidence-based suicide prevention training, or other similar mental health training for faculty, staff, and students, giving priority to those who serve in roles that include increased direct contact with students who are experiencing mental health concerns, such as student housing and campus safety employees. Each college and university shall identify the appropriate faculty, staff, and students to receive training based on college or university structure and available funding;

(3) a session at each student orientation program that includes information about maintaining good mental health, the symptoms of mental health conditions common among college students, and mental health resources and services available to students;

(4) a messaging strategy to send students information on available mental health resources and services at least once per term, and during periods of high academic stress; and

(5) distributing the suicide prevention helpline and text line contact information in a way that increases accessibility and awareness of that information to students.

(b) The board shall create and maintain a mental health community of practice including faculty and staff with subject matter expertise in mental health to identify resources and best practices to inform campus-based strategies to raise awareness of local and state resources and implement appropriate training experiences.

(c) The board shall make grants to Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to establish a peer support pilot program designed to assist students with a mental health condition. The program shall utilize student peers to support students living with mental health conditions on campus. The peer support program may be housed within the counseling center, wellness center, or resident assistance programs on campus. The peer support program leaders must be trained to facilitate discussions on mental health, identify students who may be in crisis, and refer students to programs for mental health support.

Sec. 32. [136F.202] STUDENT SUCCESS BASIC NEEDS BARRIER REDUCTION.

Subdivision 1. Basic needs resources. (a) Each college and university shall create and maintain a web page that clearly identifies basic needs resources available at the college or university. This web page shall clearly identify at least one staff, faculty member, or department as a point of contact for whom students may direct questions. Each college and university shall also make the information under this paragraph available on the college or university mobile application, if possible.

(b) The board shall pursue the creation of a centralized basic needs online resource web page that will raise awareness of campus-based resources available at colleges and
universities and local, state, and national resources that can assist in addressing basic needs insecurity.

Subd. 2. Basic needs support trigger. (a) The board shall develop and implement, at each college and university, initiatives or campaigns to raise awareness among all students of potential Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility including targeted communications to students who are likely eligible.

(b) The board shall develop a financial aid resource trigger that utilizes data from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), applications for state financial aid, or other applicable data to identify students who are likely eligible for assistance or programs that reduce basic needs insecurity such as SNAP. The board shall utilize this resource trigger to provide information and support to students on how to access assistance or programs that reduce basic needs insecurity.

Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136F.245, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. Establishment. A Hunger-Free Campus designation for Minnesota State community and technical colleges and universities is established. In order to be awarded the designation, a campus must meet the following minimum criteria:

(1) have an established on-campus food pantry or partnership with a local food bank to provide regular, on-campus food distributions;

(2) provide information to students on SNAP, MFIP, and other programs that reduce food insecurity. The campus shall notify students in work-study employment of their potential eligibility for SNAP benefits, and provide information to those students that includes eligibility criteria and how to apply for benefits;

(3) hold or participate in one hunger awareness event per academic year;

(4) have an established emergency assistance grant that is available to students; and

(5) establish a hunger task force that meets a minimum of three times per academic year. The task force must include at least two students currently enrolled at the college or university.

Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136F.245, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Designation approval. (a) The statewide student association associations representing the community and technical colleges and the universities shall create an
application process and for the designation and a nonmonetary award, and provide final approval for the designation at each college and university, respectively.

(b) Each campus must reapply at least every three years to maintain the designation.

Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136F.245, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2a. Grant funds. (a) Grant recipients must use the grant funds to meet or maintain the requirements under this section. Grants are administered by the Office of Higher Education under section 136A.1467.

(b) In order to receive a sustaining grant, the campus must demonstrate a partnership with a local food bank or organization that provides regular, on-campus food distributions.

Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136F.305, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Requirement. (a) Three additional colleges must offer the opportunity to earn a Z-Degree by academic year 2020-2021.

(b) At least eight additional colleges must offer the opportunity to earn a Z-Degree in the 2022-2023 academic year.

(c) A college's course offerings for its Z-Degree program must include at least two distinct courses in each transfer curriculum goal area and at least enough credits in each transfer curriculum goal area to complete the transfer curriculum package.

Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136F.305, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. Open educational resource development. (a) The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must develop a program to offer a Z-Degree at three additional colleges by expanding the use of open educational resources, including custom and open textbooks. The system office must provide opportunities for faculty to identify, review, adapt, author, and adopt open educational resources. The system office must develop incentives to academic departments to identify, review, adapt, author, or adopt open educational resources within their academic programs.

(b) The programs and incentives developed under this subdivision must be implemented pursuant to faculty collective bargaining agreements.
Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136F.305, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. Report. The board must submit reports by January 13, 2021, and January 12, 2022, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education. Each report must include (1) the number of courses transitioned to using an open textbook resulting from the programs in this section, and (2) the total amount of student textbook savings resulting from the transitions, and (3) information on the types of incentives developed and offered to faculty, and the corresponding funding for those incentives.

Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136F.38, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. Program eligibility. (a) Scholarships shall be awarded only to a student eligible for resident tuition, as defined in section 135A.043, who is enrolled in any of the following programs of study or certification: (1) advanced manufacturing; (2) agriculture; (3) health care services; (4) information technology; (5) early childhood; or (6) transportation; (7) construction; or (8) a program of study under paragraph (b).

(b) Each institution may add one additional area of study or certification, based on a workforce shortage for full-time employment requiring postsecondary education that is unique to the institution's specific region, as reported in the most recent Department of Employment and Economic Development job vacancy survey data for the economic development region in which the institution is located. A workforce shortage area is one in which the job vacancy rate for full-time employment in a specific occupation in a region is higher than the state average vacancy rate for that same occupation. The institution may change the area of study or certification based on new data once every two years.

(c) The student must be enrolled for at least nine credits in a two-year college in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system to be eligible for first- and second-year scholarships.

(d) The student is eligible for a one-year transfer scholarship if the student transfers from a two-year college after two or more terms, and the student is enrolled for at least 12 credits in a four-year university in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.

Sec. 40. [137.375] HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS DESIGNATION.

Subdivision 1. Establishment. A Hunger-Free Campus designation is established for the University of Minnesota. In order to be awarded the designation, a campus must meet the following minimum criteria:
57.1 (1) have an established on-campus food pantry or partnership with a local food bank to
provide regular, on-campus food distributions;
57.2 (2) provide information to students on SNAP, MFIP, and other programs that reduce
food insecurity. The campus shall notify students in work-study employment of their potential
eligibility for SNAP benefits, and provide information to those students that includes
eligibility criteria and how to apply for benefits;
57.3 (3) hold or participate in one hunger awareness event per academic year;
57.4 (4) have an established emergency assistance grant that is available to students; and
57.5 (5) establish a hunger task force that meets a minimum of three times per academic year.
57.6 The task force must include at least two students currently enrolled at the university.
57.7 Subd. 2. Designation approval. (a) The University of Minnesota campus student
associations shall create an application process for the designation and award, and provide
final approval for the designation at each university, in consultation with relevant university
staff.
57.8 (b) Each campus must reapply at least every three years to maintain the designation.
57.9 Subd. 3. Grant funds. (a) Grant recipients must use the grant funds to meet or maintain
the requirements under this section. Grants are administered by the Office of Higher
Education under section 136A.1467.
57.10 (b) In order to receive a sustaining grant, the campus must demonstrate a partnership
with a local food bank or organization that provides regular, on-campus food distributions.
57.11 Sec. 41. CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING.
57.12 (a) Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must expand credit for prior learning to
include as many forms of work-based experiences as possible, working with faculty to
properly credit experiences for students, as appropriate. Minnesota State Colleges and
Universities shall proactively make students aware of the credit for prior learning program
and take steps to ensure gaining credit is easily accessible to students.
57.13 (b) By February 1, 2022, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must report to the
chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with
jurisdiction over higher education on the success of credit for prior learning in granting
credits and its continued development as required under this subdivision.
Sec. 42. DIRECT ADMISSIONS PILOT PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. Authorization. The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education shall develop a pilot program in consultation with stakeholders including Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, the University of Minnesota, the Student Advisory Council under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.031, Minnesota Department of Education, the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals, and the Minnesota School Board Association to automatically offer conditional admission into Minnesota public colleges and universities to Minnesota public high school seniors based on a student's high school grade point average, high school and college transcript information, standardized tests, statewide assessments, and other measures as determined by stakeholders.

Subd. 2. Pilot design and goals. The pilot program shall establish and, to the extent feasible, implement a process for leveraging existing kindergarten through grade 12 and higher education student information systems to automate the admissions process for students. The pilot program will specifically evaluate the impact this process has on outcomes for students with lower levels of college knowledge, low-income students, and students from populations underserved in higher education. Initial pilot program participants must include high schools with a significant number of students of color, low-income students, or both, and must achieve statewide representation.

Subd. 3. Evaluation and report. By February 1, 2022, the Office of Higher Education shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education finance and policy and higher education on activities occurring under this section. The report must include but is not limited to information about the pilot program design, implementation challenges and recommendations, outcomes, and the feasibility of scaling the program to all public high schools.

Sec. 43. REPEALER.

(a) Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 136A.1703; 136A.823, subdivision 2; and 136F.245, subdivision 3, are repealed.

(b) Minnesota Rules, parts 4830.9050; 4830.9060; 4830.9070; 4830.9080; and 4830.9090, are repealed.
136A.1703 INCOME-CONTINGENT LOANS.

The office shall administer an income-contingent loan repayment program to assist graduates of Minnesota schools in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, chiropractic medicine, public health, and veterinary medicine, and Minnesota residents graduating from optometry and osteopathic medicine programs. Applicant data collected by the office for this program may be disclosed to a consumer credit reporting agency under the same conditions as those that apply to the supplemental loan program under section 136A.162. No new applicants may be accepted after June 30, 1995.

136A.823 LICENSE RENEWAL.

Subd. 2. Conditions. The office shall adopt rules establishing the conditions for renewal of a license. The conditions shall permit two levels of renewal based on the record of the private career school. A private career school that has demonstrated the quality of its program and operation through longevity and performance in the state may renew its license based on a relaxed standard of scrutiny. A private career school that has been in operation in Minnesota for a limited period of time or that has not performed adequately on performance indicators shall renew its license based on a strict standard of scrutiny. The office shall specify minimum longevity standards and performance indicators that must be met before a private career school may be permitted to operate under the relaxed standard of scrutiny. The performance indicators used in this determination shall include, but not be limited to: regional or national accreditation, loan default rates, placement rate of graduates, student withdrawal rates, audit results, student complaints, and school status with the United States Department of Education. Private career schools that meet the requirements established in rule shall be required to submit a full relicensure report once every four years, and in the interim years will be exempt from the requirements of section 136A.822, subdivision 4, clauses (4), (5), and (8), and Minnesota Rules, parts 4880.1700, subpart 6; and 4880.2100, subpart 4.

136F.245 HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS DESIGNATION.

Subd. 3. Expiration. This section expires July 1, 2023.
4830.9050 SCOPE.

Parts 4830.9050 to 4830.9090 govern state grants used as a match to the National Service Scholars Program of the Corporation for National Service.

4830.9060 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. Scope. For the purposes of parts 4830.9050 to 4830.9090, the terms defined in this part have the meanings given them.

Subp. 2. Certificate of eligibility. "Certificate of eligibility" means the certificate issued by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education to a student for proof of eligibility for a Minnesota National Service Scholars Matching Grant after the office receives written notification from the National Service Scholars Program that the student has been awarded a National Service Scholarship.

Subp. 3. Commissioner. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education.

Subp. 4. Eligible institution. "Eligible institution" means a postsecondary institution that is an eligible institution as defined in part 4830.0300, subparts 1 and 2, and Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.101, subdivision 4.

Subp. 5. Minnesota National Service Scholars Matching Grant. "Minnesota National Service Scholars Matching Grant" means the award amount under Laws 1997, chapter 183, article 2, section 19.

4830.9070 ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.

To be eligible for a Minnesota National Service Scholars Matching Grant, a student must:

A. be enrolled in an eligible institution;

B. receive a national service scholarship from the Corporation for National Service;

and

C. provide a copy of the certificate of eligibility to the eligible institution.

4830.9080 INSTITUTIONAL REQUEST AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR GRANTS.

Subpart 1. Institutional request. After verifying a student's eligibility, the eligible institution must submit a written request to the commissioner for payment of the Minnesota National Service Scholars Matching Grant for the student. A copy of the student's certificate of eligibility must accompany the institution's request for payment. The request for payment must verify that the student has received a national service scholarship, indicate the name and address of the postsecondary institution enrolled in by the student, and the academic term for which the award will be used.

Subp. 2. Deadline. The request for grant money must be received by the commissioner no later than the last day of classes for the fiscal year for which grant money is requested.

Subp. 3. Disbursement of funds. An institution must not disburse matching grant money unless the student is attending or has completed an academic term during the fiscal year for which the student received a national service scholarship.

Subp. 4. Refunds. A matching grant award is made for a student's attendance at a specific institution for a term or terms within the state fiscal year. If a recipient fails to attend, the institution must refund the entire award to the commissioner. If a recipient withdraws before completing the term, the institution must determine if a refund is due to the commissioner. Refunds to the office are determined by:
A. calculating the percentage that the matching grant represents of the student's total financial aid package for the applicable term, excluding funds received from federal Title IV programs, United States Code, title 20, sections 1070-1099;

B. calculating the total tuition refund amount using the refund calculation required of schools participating in federal Title IV programs;

C. subtracting the federal aid programs' refund amount from item B to determine the remaining tuition refund amount; and

D. multiplying the percentage in item A by the amount calculated in item C to determine the amount to be refunded to the matching grant program.

Refunded money is available to the commissioner for awards to other eligible students.

4830.9090 PAYMENTS TO INSTITUTIONS.

Subpart 1. **Time of payment.** The commissioner shall send a Minnesota National Service Scholars Matching Grant for an eligible student to the eligible institution within 30 days of receipt of a request for payment.

Subp. 2. **Withholding payment.** The commissioner shall withhold payment for a student until the eligible institution's request for payment is complete and the student's eligibility is verified.