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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; requiring the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota
1.3 State Colleges and Universities to submit a plan to transfer technical colleges.

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

1.5 Section 1. TRANSFER OF TECHNICAL COLLEGES.

1.6 (a) By January 1, 2020, the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and
1.7 Universities shall submit a plan to transfer the technical colleges from the Minnesota State
1.8 Colleges and Universities to entities in the kindergarten through grade 12 system. The plan
1.9 must be submitted to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees
1.10 with jurisdiction over higher education and kindergarten through grade 12 education policy
1.11 and finance. The plan must:

1.12 (1) if executed, transfer all technical colleges from the Minnesota State Colleges and
1.13 Universities system by the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year;

1.14 (2) identify each technical college that has received state bonding money for which
1.15 transfer of the facility may require facilitation in a bonding bill; and

1.16 (3) propose updates to the system's credit transfer policies to continue to recognize credits
1.17 earned at the transferred institutions.

1.18 (b) In establishing the plan, the board of trustees shall consult the Department of
1.19 Education, school districts within a mile radius of each technical college, and other
1.20 stakeholders, as necessary, to identify changes in the education code necessary to facilitate
1.21 the transfer, including:

1.22 (1) proposed changes to the funding formulas in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 126C;

- 2.1 (2) facilitation of financial aid processing;
- 2.2 (3) establishing authority to grant associate degrees; and
- 2.3 (4) facilitation of tuition collection.
- 2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.