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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. 1500

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; creating a pilot program at Minnesota State Colleges
1.3 and Universities to provide some students with intensive mentoring, counseling,
1.4 and financial advice; appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. PILOT PROGRAM OF INTENSIVE GUIDANCE; MENTORING
1.7 AND JOB PLACEMENT.

1.8 The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must
1.9 operate at least one pilot program at a college and one at a university that provides a high
1.10 level of course advising and guidance, personal financial counseling, and job placement
1.11 for students who are at risk of not completing their studies. The objectives of the pilot
1.12 program are as follows:

1.13 (1) to increase the likelihood that students will complete their higher education
1.14 programs of study by identifying programs of study that interest the students and
1.15 connecting those interests to appropriate programs within the college or university;

1.16 (2) to provide mentoring to students;

1.17 (3) to monitor and advise students concerning higher education finance and financial
1.18 assistance;

1.19 (4) to connect students to employers while enrolled at the college or university; and

1.20 (5) to connect graduates of the college or university with postgraduation employment
1.21 options.

1.22 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; PILOT PROGRAM AT MINNESOTA STATE
1.23 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

2.1 \$..... is appropriated from the general fund for the biennium ending June 30, 2015,
2.2 to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities for the purpose
2.3 of the pilot program created in section 1.