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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**H. F. No. 1651**

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to higher education; providing representation requirements for the  
1.3 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities search advisory committees; amending  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136F.40, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136F.40, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 1a. **Search advisory committees.** If a search advisory committee contains a  
1.9 student or member of a bargaining unit, the chancellor must select that individual from the  
1.10 nominations made by the student association or bargaining unit. The student association or  
1.11 bargaining unit should consider the need for balance and diversity when making nominations.  
1.12 The chancellor or chancellor's designee must interview each nominee to understand how  
1.13 that individual would help provide balance to the advisory committee. The chancellor is  
1.14 prohibited from requesting additional nominations from a student association or bargaining  
1.15 unit.