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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2481

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to higher education; encouraging the reduction of student course material  
1.3 costs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 135A.25, subdivision 3.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 135A.25, subdivision 3, is amended to  
1.6 read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Educational strategies.** Public postsecondary institutions must develop  
1.8 educational materials considering the recommendations in studies by the Minnesota Office  
1.9 of Higher Education and others and at least annually convene and sponsor meetings  
1.10 and workshops, and provide educational strategies for faculty, students, administrators,  
1.11 institutions, and bookstores to inform all interested parties on strategies for reducing the  
1.12 costs of course materials for students attending postsecondary institutions. In developing  
1.13 course materials, consideration must be given to how the cost of those materials can be  
1.14 reduced by the use of educational technological advances or changes in course material  
1.15 pricing, distribution, and licensing practices.