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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3733

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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; regulating the calculation of state grant amounts;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 136A.101, subdivision 5a;  
1.4 136A.121, subdivision 5.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 136A.101, subdivision 5a, is amended to  
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 5a. **Assigned family responsibility.** "Assigned family responsibility" means  
1.9 the amount of a family's contribution to a student's cost of attendance, as determined by a  
1.10 federal need analysis. For dependent students, the assigned family responsibility is ~~96~~ 89  
1.11 percent of the parental contribution. For independent students with dependents other than  
1.12 a spouse, the assigned family responsibility is ~~86~~ 79 percent of the student contribution.  
1.13 For independent students without dependents other than a spouse, the assigned family  
1.14 responsibility is ~~50~~ 43 percent of the student contribution.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 136A.121, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.16 Subd. 5. **Grant stipends.** The grant stipend shall be based on a sharing of  
1.17 responsibility for covering the recognized cost of attendance by the applicant, the  
1.18 applicant's family, and the government. The amount of a financial stipend must not  
1.19 exceed a grant applicant's recognized cost of attendance, as defined in subdivision 6, after  
1.20 deducting the following:

1.21 (1) the assigned student responsibility of at least ~~50~~ 48.9 percent of the cost of  
1.22 attending the institution of the applicant's choosing;

1.23 (2) the assigned family responsibility as defined in section 136A.101; and

- 2.1 (3) the amount of a federal Pell grant award for which the grant applicant is eligible.
- 2.2 The minimum financial stipend is \$100 per academic year.