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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. **3779**

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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; appropriating money to identify and assist incarcerated  
1.3 individuals with defaulted federal student loans.

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

1.5 Section 1. **FRESH START PROGRAM.**

1.6 \$200,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
1.7 of the Office of Higher Education for a grant to Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota to  
1.8 identify incarcerated persons with defaulted federal student loans at Minnesota correctional  
1.9 facilities and assist incarcerated persons to apply for the Fresh Start program.

1.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.