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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 5344

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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; providing funding to Metropolitan State University
1.3 for cyber range services; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY; APPROPRIATION.

1.6 \$600,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the Board of
1.7 Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities for transfer to Metropolitan State
1.8 University to contract with a cyber range vendor for cyber range services that will be made
1.9 available to enrolled students and to state and local government agencies for the purpose
1.10 of developing and preparing advanced cybersecurity expertise, enabling participants to
1.11 effectively counter and thwart a wide spectrum of cyberattacks. For purposes of this section,
1.12 "cyber range" means an isolated, interactive, and controlled virtual environment for training
1.13 individuals and teams in cybersecurity, testing cybersecurity technologies, and simulating
1.14 sophisticated cyberattacks and defenses. This is a onetime appropriation and is available
1.15 until June 30, 2027.