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OFFICIAL STATUS

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to higher education; expanding workforce development scholarships;
- 1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136F.38, subdivision 3.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136F.38, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 1.6 Subd. 3. **Program eligibility.** (a) Scholarships shall be awarded only to a student eligible
- 1.7 for resident tuition, as defined in section 135A.043, who is enrolled in any of the following
- 1.8 programs of study or certification: (1) advanced manufacturing; (2) agriculture; (3) health
- 1.9 care services; (4) information technology; (5) early childhood; (6) transportation; ~~or~~ (7)
- 1.10 construction; or (8) a program of study under paragraph (b).
- 1.11 (b) Each institution may add one additional area of study or certification, based on a
- 1.12 workforce shortage for full-time employment requiring postsecondary education that is
- 1.13 unique to the institution's specific region, as reported in the most recent Department of
- 1.14 Employment and Economic Development job vacancy survey data for the economic
- 1.15 development region in which the institution is located. A workforce shortage area is one in
- 1.16 which the job vacancy rate for full-time employment in a specific occupation in a region is
- 1.17 higher than the state average vacancy rate for that same occupation. The institution may
- 1.18 change the area of study or certification based on new data once every two years.
- 1.19 (c) The student must be enrolled for at least nine credits in a two-year college in the
- 1.20 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system to be eligible for first- and second-year
- 1.21 scholarships.

- 2.1 (d) The student is eligible for a one-year transfer scholarship if the student transfers from
- 2.2 a two-year college after two or more terms, and the student is enrolled for at least nine
- 2.3 credits in a four-year university in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.