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A bill for an act

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relating to higher education; providing scholarship for student interns at the

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Washington Center's creditworthy internship program; appropriating money.

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

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Section 1. **WASHINGTON CENTER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

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SCHOLARSHIPS; APPROPRIATION.

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\$100,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated from

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the general fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education for the purpose

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of providing scholarships to Minnesota residents attending Minnesota public or private

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degree-granting higher education institutions. The scholarships are for attending and

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participating in the Washington Center's creditworthy academic internship program during

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fall, spring, or summer terms. The program combines work experience in Washington,

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D.C., with participation in civic engagement and leadership activities. Approximately

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two-thirds of the appropriation shall be allocated to public higher education institutions

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and the remainder to private institutions. Each institution may set up a scholarship

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application process for its students or combine with other institutions in an application

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process. The commissioner shall create a process to allocate the appropriation among

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institutions. The commissioner may reallocate money among institutions if an institution

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does not expend its allocation.