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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Higher Education Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; providing funding and related programs for the Office
1.3 of Higher Education, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; the University
1.4 of Minnesota, and other related programs; requiring reports; appropriating money;
1.5 amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 127A.70, subdivision 2; 136A.101,
1.6 subdivision 5a; 136A.121, subdivisions 5, 6; 136A.246, subdivisions 4, 8.

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

1.8 **ARTICLE 1**
1.9 **HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS**

1.10 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.11 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
1.12 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,
1.13 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.
1.14 The figures "2020" and "2021" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under
1.15 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, or June 30, 2021, respectively.
1.16 "The first year" is fiscal year 2020. "The second year" is fiscal year 2021. "The biennium"
1.17 is fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

1.18		<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
1.19		<u>Available for the Year</u>	
1.20		<u>Ending June 30</u>	
1.21		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>

1.22 **Sec. 2. MINNESOTA OFFICE OF HIGHER**
1.23 **EDUCATION**

1.24 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 290,010,000** **\$ 289,759,000**

2.1 The amounts that may be spent for each
 2.2 purpose are specified in the following
 2.3 subdivisions.

2.4 **Subd. 2. State Grants** 225,065,000 225,064,000

2.5 If the appropriation in this subdivision for
 2.6 either year is insufficient, the appropriation
 2.7 for the other year is available for it.

2.8 **Subd. 3. Child Care Grants** 6,694,000 6,694,000

2.9 **Subd. 4. State Work-Study** 14,502,000 14,502,000

2.10 **Subd. 5. Interstate Tuition Reciprocity** 11,018,000 11,018,000

2.11 If the appropriation in this subdivision for
 2.12 either year is insufficient, the appropriation
 2.13 for the other year is available to meet
 2.14 reciprocity contract obligations.

2.15 **Subd. 6. Safety Officer's Survivors** 100,000 100,000

2.16 This appropriation is to provide educational
 2.17 benefits under Minnesota Statutes, section
 2.18 299A.45, to eligible dependent children and
 2.19 to the spouses of public safety officers killed
 2.20 in the line of duty.

2.21 If the appropriation in this subdivision for
 2.22 either year is insufficient, the appropriation
 2.23 for the other year is available for it.

2.24 **Subd. 7. Indian Scholarships** 3,500,000 3,500,000

2.25 The commissioner must contract with or
 2.26 employ at least one person with demonstrated
 2.27 competence in American Indian culture and
 2.28 residing in or near the city of Bemidji to assist
 2.29 students with the scholarships under
 2.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.126, and
 2.31 with other information about financial aid for
 2.32 which the students may be eligible. Bemidji
 2.33 State University must provide office space at

3.1	<u>no cost to the Office of Higher Education for</u>		
3.2	<u>purposes of administering the American Indian</u>		
3.3	<u>scholarship program under Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
3.4	<u>section 136A.126. This appropriation includes</u>		
3.5	<u>funding to administer the American Indian</u>		
3.6	<u>scholarship program.</u>		
3.7	<u>Subd. 8. Tribal College Grants</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
3.8	<u>For tribal college assistance grants under</u>		
3.9	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1796.</u>		
3.10	<u>Subd. 9. Intervention for College Attendance</u>		
3.11	<u>Program Grants</u>	<u>839,000</u>	<u>839,000</u>
3.12	<u>For the intervention for college attendance</u>		
3.13	<u>program under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
3.14	<u>136A.861.</u>		
3.15	<u>The commissioner may use no more than three</u>		
3.16	<u>percent of this appropriation to administer the</u>		
3.17	<u>intervention for college attendance program</u>		
3.18	<u>grants.</u>		
3.19	<u>Subd. 10. Student-Parent Information</u>	<u>122,000</u>	<u>122,000</u>
3.20	<u>Subd. 11. Get Ready!</u>	<u>180,000</u>	<u>180,000</u>
3.21	<u>Subd. 12. Minnesota Education Equity</u>		
3.22	<u>Partnership</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
3.23	<u>Subd. 13. Midwest Higher Education Compact</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>115,000</u>
3.24	<u>Subd. 14. MN Reconnect</u>	<u>4,000,000</u>	<u>4,000,000</u>
3.25	<u>(a) For the Office of Higher Education to</u>		
3.26	<u>award grant funds to students and institutions</u>		
3.27	<u>under article 2, section 7.</u>		
3.28	<u>(b) \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2020 and</u>		
3.29	<u>\$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for student</u>		
3.30	<u>grants.</u>		
3.31	<u>(c) \$1,120,000 in fiscal year 2020 and</u>		
3.32	<u>\$1,120,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for</u>		
3.33	<u>institutional grants.</u>		

4.1 (d) \$160,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$160,000
 4.2 in fiscal year 2021 are for outreach,
 4.3 communications, and marketing to eligible
 4.4 students by the office.

4.5 (e) \$140,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$140,000
 4.6 in fiscal year 2021 are for a grant to the
 4.7 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
 4.8 system for program administration.

4.9 (f) \$80,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$80,000 in
 4.10 fiscal year 2021 are for program
 4.11 administration by the office.

4.12 **Subd. 15. United Family Medicine Residency**
 4.13 **Program**

501,000

501,000

4.14 For a grant to United Family Medicine
 4.15 residency program. This appropriation shall
 4.16 be used to support up to 21 resident physicians
 4.17 each year in family practice at United Family
 4.18 Medicine residency programs and shall
 4.19 prepare doctors to practice family care
 4.20 medicine in underserved rural and urban areas
 4.21 of the state. It is intended that this program
 4.22 will improve health care in underserved
 4.23 communities, provide affordable access to
 4.24 appropriate medical care, and manage the
 4.25 treatment of patients in a cost-effective
 4.26 manner.

4.27 **Subd. 16. MnLINK Gateway and Minitex**

5,905,000

5,905,000

4.28 **Subd. 17. Statewide Longitudinal Education**
 4.29 **Data System**

1,882,000

1,882,000

4.30 **Subd. 18. Hennepin Healthcare**

645,000

645,000

4.31 For transfer to Hennepin Healthcare for
 4.32 graduate family medical education programs
 4.33 at Hennepin Healthcare.

4.34 **Subd. 19. College Possible**

250,000

250,000

5.1 (a) This appropriation is for immediate transfer
 5.2 to College Possible to support programs of
 5.3 college admission and college graduation for
 5.4 low-income students through an intensive
 5.5 curriculum of coaching and support at both
 5.6 the high school and postsecondary level.

5.7 (b) This appropriation must, to the extent
 5.8 possible, be proportionately allocated between
 5.9 students from greater Minnesota and students
 5.10 in the seven-county metropolitan area.

5.11 (c) This appropriation must be used by College
 5.12 Possible only for programs supporting students
 5.13 who are residents of Minnesota and attending
 5.14 colleges or universities within Minnesota.

5.15 (d) By February 1 of each year, College
 5.16 Possible must report to the chairs and ranking
 5.17 minority members of the legislative
 5.18 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
 5.19 over higher education and E-12 education on
 5.20 activities funded by this appropriation. The
 5.21 report must include, but is not limited to,
 5.22 information about the expansion of College
 5.23 Possible in Minnesota, the number of College
 5.24 Possible coaches hired, the expansion within
 5.25 existing partner high schools, the expansion
 5.26 of high school partnerships, the number of
 5.27 high school and college students served, the
 5.28 total hours of community service by high
 5.29 school and college students, and a list of
 5.30 communities and organizations benefiting
 5.31 from student service hours.

5.32 **Subd. 20. Spinal Cord Injury and Traumatic**
 5.33 **Brain Injury Research Grant Program**

3,000,000

3,000,000

5.34 For transfer to the spinal cord and traumatic
 5.35 brain grant account in the special revenue fund

6.1 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.901,
 6.2 subdivision 1.

6.3 The commissioner may use no more than three
 6.4 percent of the amount transferred under this
 6.5 subdivision to administer the grant program.

6.6 **Subd. 21. Summer Academic Enrichment**
 6.7 **Program**

250,000

250,000

6.8 For summer academic enrichment grants under
 6.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.091.

6.10 The commissioner may use no more than three
 6.11 percent of this appropriation to administer the
 6.12 grant program under this subdivision.

6.13 **Subd. 22. Dual Training Competency Grants;**
 6.14 **Office of Higher Education**

3,000,000

3,000,000

6.15 For transfer to the Dual Training Competency
 6.16 Grants account in the special revenue fund
 6.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.246,
 6.18 subdivision 10.

6.19 **Subd. 23. Dual Training Competency Grants;**
 6.20 **Department of Labor and Industry**

200,000

200,000

6.21 For transfer to the commissioner of labor and
 6.22 industry for identification of competency
 6.23 standards for dual training under Minnesota
 6.24 Statutes, section 175.45.

6.25 **Subd. 24. Concurrent Enrollment Courses**

340,000

340,000

6.26 (a) \$225,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$225,000
 6.27 in fiscal year 2021 are for grants to develop
 6.28 new concurrent enrollment courses under
 6.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09,
 6.30 subdivision 10, that satisfy the elective
 6.31 standard for career and technical education.
 6.32 Any balance in the first year does not cancel
 6.33 but is available in the second year.

7.1 (b) \$115,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$115,000
 7.2 in fiscal year 2021 are for grants to
 7.3 postsecondary institutions currently
 7.4 sponsoring a concurrent enrollment course to
 7.5 expand existing programs. The commissioner
 7.6 shall determine the application process and
 7.7 the grant amounts. The commissioner must
 7.8 give preference to expanding programs that
 7.9 are at capacity. Any balance in the first year
 7.10 does not cancel but is available in the second
 7.11 year.

7.12 (c) By December 1 of each year, the office
 7.13 shall submit a brief report to the chairs and
 7.14 ranking minority members of the legislative
 7.15 committees with jurisdiction over higher
 7.16 education regarding:

7.17 (1) the courses developed by grant recipients
 7.18 and the number of students who enrolled in
 7.19 the courses under paragraph (a); and

7.20 (2) the programs expanded and the number of
 7.21 students who enrolled in programs under
 7.22 paragraph (b).

7.23 **Subd. 25. Campus Sexual Assault Reporting** 25,000 25,000

7.24 For the sexual assault reporting required under
 7.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.15.

7.26 **Subd. 26. Campus Sexual Violence Prevention**
 7.27 **and Response Coordinator** 150,000 150,000

7.28 For the Office of Higher Education to staff a
 7.29 campus sexual violence prevention and
 7.30 response coordinator to serve as a statewide
 7.31 resource providing professional development
 7.32 and guidance on best practices for
 7.33 postsecondary institutions. \$50,000 each year
 7.34 are for administrative funding to conduct

8.1 trainings and provide materials to
8.2 postsecondary institutions.

8.3 **Subd. 27. Student and Employer Connection**
8.4 **Information System**

405,000

405,000

8.5 For a grant to the Minnesota Chamber
8.6 Foundation for the creation of a web-based
8.7 job and intern-seeking software tool that blind
8.8 matches the needs of employers located in
8.9 Minnesota with the individual profiles of high
8.10 school seniors and postsecondary students
8.11 attending Minnesota high schools and
8.12 postsecondary institutions. No more than three
8.13 percent of this appropriation may be used for
8.14 administrative expenses of the foundation. The
8.15 foundation must report by January 15, 2021,
8.16 on activities under this subdivision to the
8.17 chairs and ranking minority members of the
8.18 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
8.19 higher education finance.

8.20 **Subd. 28. Emergency Assistance for**
8.21 **Postsecondary Students**

175,000

175,000

8.22 (a) This appropriation is for the Office of
8.23 Higher Education to allocate grant funds on a
8.24 matching basis to schools with a demonstrable
8.25 homeless student population.

8.26 (b) This appropriation shall be used to meet
8.27 immediate student needs that could result in
8.28 a student not completing the term or their
8.29 program including, but not limited to,
8.30 emergency housing, food, and transportation.

8.31 Emergency assistance does not impact the
8.32 amount of state financial aid received.

8.33 (c) The commissioner shall determine the
8.34 application process and the grant amounts.
8.35 The Office of Higher Education shall partner

9.1 with interested postsecondary institutions,
 9.2 other state agencies, and student groups to
 9.3 establish the programs.

9.4 **Subd. 29. Teacher Candidates Grants** 500,000 500,000

9.5 For grants to teacher candidates under
 9.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1275. This
 9.7 appropriation is in addition to any other
 9.8 appropriations in fiscal years 2020 and 2021
 9.9 made for this purpose.

9.10 The commissioner may use no more than three
 9.11 percent of the appropriation for administration
 9.12 of the program.

9.13 **Subd. 30. Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness** 200,000 200,000

9.14 For transfer to the teacher shortage loan
 9.15 forgiveness repayment account in the special
 9.16 revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes,
 9.17 section 136A.1791, subdivision 8.

9.18 The commissioner may use no more than three
 9.19 percent of the amount transferred under this
 9.20 subdivision to administer the program.

9.21 **Subd. 31. Large Animal Veterinarian Loan**
 9.22 **Forgiveness Program** 375,000 375,000

9.23 For transfer to the large animal veterinarian
 9.24 loan forgiveness program account in the
 9.25 special revenue fund under Minnesota
 9.26 Statutes, section 136A.1795, subdivision 2.

9.27 **Subd. 32. Agricultural Educators Loan**
 9.28 **Forgiveness** 50,000 50,000

9.29 For transfer to the agricultural education loan
 9.30 forgiveness account in the special revenue
 9.31 fund under Minnesota Statutes, section
 9.32 136A.1794, subdivision 2.

9.33 **Subd. 33. Aviation Degree Loan Forgiveness**
 9.34 **Program** 25,000 25,000

10.1	<u>For transfer to the aviation degree loan</u>		
10.2	<u>forgiveness program account in the special</u>		
10.3	<u>revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
10.4	<u>section 136A.1789, subdivision 2.</u>		
10.5	<u>Subd. 34. Grants for Students with Intellectual</u>		
10.6	<u>and Developmental Disabilities</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
10.7	<u>For grants for students with intellectual and</u>		
10.8	<u>developmental disabilities under Minnesota</u>		
10.9	<u>Statutes, section 136A.1215.</u>		
10.10	<u>Subd. 35. Loan Repayment Assistance Program</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
10.11	<u>For a grant to the Loan Repayment Assistance</u>		
10.12	<u>Program of Minnesota to provide education</u>		
10.13	<u>debt relief to attorneys with full-time</u>		
10.14	<u>employment providing legal advice or</u>		
10.15	<u>representation to low-income clients or support</u>		
10.16	<u>services for this work.</u>		
10.17	<u>Subd. 36. Minnesota Independence College and</u>		
10.18	<u>Community</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
10.19	<u>For a grant to Minnesota Independence</u>		
10.20	<u>College and Community for need-based</u>		
10.21	<u>scholarships and tuition reduction.</u>		
10.22	<u>Subd. 37. Agency Administration</u>	<u>4,577,000</u>	<u>4,327,000</u>
10.23	<u>Up to \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 and</u>		
10.24	<u>\$250,000 in fiscal year 2021 are available for</u>		
10.25	<u>communications and outreach to students,</u>		
10.26	<u>adults, and families to provide information on</u>		
10.27	<u>the expected costs of college and the various</u>		
10.28	<u>grant options made available to them through</u>		
10.29	<u>the state.</u>		
10.30	<u>Subd. 38. Balances Forward</u>		
10.31	<u>A balance in the first year under this section</u>		
10.32	<u>does not cancel, but is available for the second</u>		
10.33	<u>year.</u>		

- 12.1 (a) The Board of Trustees is requested to help
12.2 Minnesota close the attainment gap by funding
12.3 activities which improve retention and
12.4 completion for students of color.
- 12.5 (b) This appropriation includes \$500,000 in
12.6 fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000 in fiscal year
12.7 2021 for workforce development scholarships
12.8 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.38.
- 12.9 (c) \$200,000 each year is for transfer to the
12.10 Cook County Higher Education Board to
12.11 provide educational programming and
12.12 academic support services to remote regions
12.13 in northeastern Minnesota. The Cook County
12.14 Higher Education Board shall continue to
12.15 provide information to the Board of Trustees
12.16 on the number of students served, credit hours
12.17 delivered, and services provided to students.
- 12.18 (d) \$50,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$50,000
12.19 in fiscal year 2021 are for developing and
12.20 teaching online agricultural courses by farm
12.21 business management faculty at colleges that
12.22 offer farm business management.
- 12.23 (e) \$175,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$175,000
12.24 in fiscal year 2021 are for the
12.25 veterans-to-agriculture pilot program
12.26 established by Laws 2015, chapter 69, article
12.27 1, section 4, subdivision 3. The program shall
12.28 continue to conform to the requirements of
12.29 that subdivision. The appropriation shall be
12.30 used to support, in equal amounts, up to six
12.31 program sites statewide. No more than two
12.32 percent of the total appropriation provided by
12.33 this section may be used for administrative
12.34 purposes at the system level.

13.1 No later than December 15, 2020, the program
 13.2 shall report to the committees of the house of
 13.3 representatives and the senate with jurisdiction
 13.4 over issues related to agriculture, veterans
 13.5 affairs, and higher education on program
 13.6 operations, including information on
 13.7 participation rates, new job placements, and
 13.8 any unmet needs.

13.9 (f) This appropriation includes \$40,000 in
 13.10 fiscal year 2020 and \$40,000 in fiscal year
 13.11 2021 to implement the sexual assault policies
 13.12 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
 13.13 135A.15.

13.14 (g) This appropriation includes \$8,000,000 in
 13.15 fiscal year 2020 and \$8,000,000 in fiscal year
 13.16 2021 for upgrading the Integrated Statewide
 13.17 Record System.

13.18 Subd. 4. **Learning Network of Minnesota** 4,115,000 4,115,000

13.19 Sec. 4. **BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE**
 13.20 **UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

13.21 Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation** \$ 663,766,000 \$ 676,998,000

13.22 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
13.23 <u>General</u>	<u>661,609,000</u>	<u>674,841,000</u>
13.24 <u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>

13.26 The amounts that may be spent for each
 13.27 purpose are specified in the following
 13.28 subdivisions.

13.29 Subd. 2. **Operations and Maintenance** 593,171,000 606,403,000

13.30 (a) \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and
 13.31 \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 are to: (1)
 13.32 increase the medical school's research
 13.33 capacity; (2) improve the medical school's
 13.34 ranking in National Institutes of Health

14.1 funding; (3) ensure the medical school's
 14.2 national prominence by attracting and
 14.3 retaining world-class faculty, staff, and
 14.4 students; (4) invest in physician training
 14.5 programs in rural and underserved
 14.6 communities; and (5) translate the medical
 14.7 school's research discoveries into new
 14.8 treatments and cures to improve the health of
 14.9 Minnesotans.

14.10 (b) \$7,800,000 in fiscal year 2020 and
 14.11 \$7,800,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for health
 14.12 training restoration. This appropriation must
 14.13 be used to support all of the following: (1)
 14.14 faculty physicians who teach at eight residency
 14.15 program sites, including medical resident and
 14.16 student training programs in the Department
 14.17 of Family Medicine; (2) the Mobile Dental
 14.18 Clinic; and (3) expansion of geriatric
 14.19 education and family programs.

14.20 (c) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and
 14.21 \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for the
 14.22 Minnesota Discovery, Research, and
 14.23 InnoVation Economy funding program for
 14.24 cancer care research.

14.25 (d) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000
 14.26 in fiscal year 2021 are for the University of
 14.27 Minnesota, Morris branch, to cover the costs
 14.28 of tuition waivers under Minnesota Statutes,
 14.29 section 137.16.

14.30 **Subd. 3. Primary Care Education Initiatives** 2,157,000 2,157,000

14.31 This appropriation is from the health care
 14.32 access fund.

14.33 **Subd. 4. Special Appropriations**

14.34 **(a) Agriculture and Extension Service** 42,922,000 42,922,000

- 15.1 For the Agricultural Experiment Station and
15.2 the Minnesota Extension Service:
- 15.3 (1) the agricultural experiment stations and
15.4 Minnesota Extension Service must convene
15.5 agricultural advisory groups to focus research,
15.6 education, and extension activities on producer
15.7 needs and implement an outreach strategy that
15.8 more effectively and rapidly transfers research
15.9 results and best practices to producers
15.10 throughout the state;
- 15.11 (2) this appropriation includes funding for
15.12 research and outreach on the production of
15.13 renewable energy from Minnesota biomass
15.14 resources, including agronomic crops, plant
15.15 and animal wastes, and native plants or trees.
15.16 The following areas should be prioritized and
15.17 carried out in consultation with Minnesota
15.18 producers, renewable energy, and bioenergy
15.19 organizations:
- 15.20 (i) biofuel and other energy production from
15.21 perennial crops, small grains, row crops, and
15.22 forestry products in conjunction with the
15.23 Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI);
- 15.24 (ii) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping
15.25 systems; and
- 15.26 (iii) biofuel coproducts used for livestock feed;
- 15.27 (3) this appropriation includes funding for the
15.28 College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural
15.29 Resources Sciences to establish and provide
15.30 leadership for organic agronomic,
15.31 horticultural, livestock, and food systems
15.32 research, education, and outreach and for the
15.33 purchase of state-of-the-art laboratory,

- 16.1 planting, tilling, harvesting, and processing
16.2 equipment necessary for this project;
- 16.3 (4) this appropriation includes funding for
16.4 research efforts that demonstrate a renewed
16.5 emphasis on the needs of the state's agriculture
16.6 community. The following areas should be
16.7 prioritized and carried out in consultation with
16.8 Minnesota farm organizations:
- 16.9 (i) vegetable crop research with priority for
16.10 extending the Minnesota vegetable growing
16.11 season;
- 16.12 (ii) fertilizer and soil fertility research and
16.13 development;
- 16.14 (iii) soil, groundwater, and surface water
16.15 conservation practices and contaminant
16.16 reduction research;
- 16.17 (iv) discovering and developing plant varieties
16.18 that use nutrients more efficiently;
- 16.19 (v) breeding and development of turf seed and
16.20 other biomass resources in all three Minnesota
16.21 biomes;
- 16.22 (vi) development of new disease-resistant and
16.23 pest-resistant varieties of turf and agronomic
16.24 crops;
- 16.25 (vii) utilizing plant and livestock cells to treat
16.26 and cure human diseases;
- 16.27 (viii) the development of dairy coproducts;
- 16.28 (ix) a rapid agricultural response fund for
16.29 current or emerging animal, plant, and insect
16.30 problems affecting production or food safety;
- 16.31 (x) crop pest and animal disease research;

17.1 (xi) developing animal agriculture that is
 17.2 capable of sustainably feeding the world;
 17.3 (xii) consumer food safety education and
 17.4 outreach;
 17.5 (xiii) programs to meet the research and
 17.6 outreach needs of organic livestock and crop
 17.7 farmers; and
 17.8 (xiv) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping
 17.9 systems; and growing, harvesting, and
 17.10 transporting biomass plant material; and
 17.11 (5) by February 1, 2021, the Board of Regents
 17.12 must submit a report to the legislative
 17.13 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
 17.14 over agriculture and higher education finance
 17.15 on the status and outcomes of research and
 17.16 initiatives funded in this paragraph.

17.17 **(b) Health Sciences**

17.18 \$346,000 each year is to support up to 12
 17.19 resident physicians in the St. Cloud Hospital
 17.20 family practice residency program. The
 17.21 program must prepare doctors to practice
 17.22 primary care medicine in rural areas of the
 17.23 state. The legislature intends this program to
 17.24 improve health care in rural communities,
 17.25 provide affordable access to appropriate
 17.26 medical care, and manage the treatment of
 17.27 patients in a more cost-effective manner. The
 17.28 remainder of this appropriation is for the rural
 17.29 physicians associates program; the Veterinary
 17.30 Diagnostic Laboratory; health sciences
 17.31 research; dental care; the Biomedical
 17.32 Engineering Center; and the collaborative
 17.33 partnership between the University of
 17.34 Minnesota and Mayo Clinic for regenerative

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18.1	<u>medicine, research, clinical translation, and</u>		
18.2	<u>commercialization.</u>		
18.3	<u>(c) College of Science and Engineering</u>	<u>1,140,000</u>	<u>1,140,000</u>
18.4	<u>For the geological survey and the talented</u>		
18.5	<u>youth mathematics program.</u>		
18.6	<u>(d) System Special</u>	<u>7,181,000</u>	<u>7,181,000</u>
18.7	<u>For general research, the Labor Education</u>		
18.8	<u>Service, Natural Resources Research Institute,</u>		
18.9	<u>Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, Bell</u>		
18.10	<u>Museum of Natural History, and the</u>		
18.11	<u>Humphrey exhibit.</u>		
18.12	<u>\$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$2,000,000</u>		
18.13	<u>in fiscal year 2021 are for the Natural</u>		
18.14	<u>Resources Research Institute to invest in</u>		
18.15	<u>applied research for economic development.</u>		
18.16	<u>(e) University of Minnesota and Mayo</u>		
18.17	<u>Foundation Partnership</u>	<u>7,991,000</u>	<u>7,991,000</u>
18.18	<u>This appropriation is for the following</u>		
18.19	<u>activities:</u>		
18.20	<u>(1) \$7,491,000 in fiscal year 2020 and</u>		
18.21	<u>\$7,491,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for the</u>		
18.22	<u>direct and indirect expenses of the</u>		
18.23	<u>collaborative research partnership between the</u>		
18.24	<u>University of Minnesota and the Mayo</u>		
18.25	<u>Foundation for research in biotechnology and</u>		
18.26	<u>medical genomics. An annual report on the</u>		
18.27	<u>expenditure of these funds must be submitted</u>		
18.28	<u>to the governor and the chairs of the legislative</u>		
18.29	<u>committees responsible for higher education</u>		
18.30	<u>finance by June 30 of each fiscal year.</u>		
18.31	<u>(2) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000</u>		
18.32	<u>in fiscal year 2021 are to award competitive</u>		
18.33	<u>grants to conduct research into the prevention,</u>		

20.1 maximum value for its investment. These recommendations may include, but are not limited
20.2 to, strategies, policies, or other actions focused on:

20.3 (1) improving the quality of and access to education at all points from preschool through
20.4 graduate education;

20.5 (2) improving preparation for, and transitions to, postsecondary education and work;

20.6 (3) ensuring educator quality by creating rigorous standards for teacher recruitment,
20.7 teacher preparation, induction and mentoring of beginning teachers, and continuous
20.8 professional development for career teachers; and

20.9 (4) realigning the governance and administrative structures of early education,
20.10 kindergarten through grade 12, and postsecondary systems in Minnesota.

20.11 (b) Under the direction of the P-20 Education Partnership Statewide Longitudinal
20.12 Education Data System Governance Committee, the Office of Higher Education and the
20.13 Departments of Education and Employment and Economic Development shall improve and
20.14 expand the Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (SLEDS) and the Early Childhood
20.15 Longitudinal Data System (ECLDS) to provide policymakers, education and workforce
20.16 leaders, researchers, and members of the public with data, research, and reports to:

20.17 (1) expand reporting on students' educational outcomes for diverse student populations
20.18 including at-risk students, children with disabilities, English learners, and gifted students,
20.19 among others, and include formative and summative evaluations based on multiple measures
20.20 of child well-being, early childhood development, and student progress toward career and
20.21 college readiness;

20.22 (2) evaluate the effectiveness of early care, educational, and workforce programs; and

20.23 (3) evaluate the ~~relationship between~~ relationships among early care, education, and
20.24 workforce outcomes, consistent with section 124D.49.

20.25 To the extent possible under federal and state law, research and reports should be
20.26 accessible to the public on the Internet, and disaggregated by demographic characteristics,
20.27 organization or organization characteristics, and geography.

20.28 It is the intent of the legislature that the Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System
20.29 and the Early Childhood Longitudinal Data System inform public policy and
20.30 decision-making. The SLEDS governance committee and ECLDS governance committee,
20.31 with assistance from staff of the Office of Higher Education, the Department of Education,
20.32 and the Department of Employment and Economic Development, shall respond to legislative
20.33 committee and agency requests on topics utilizing data made available through the Statewide

21.1 Longitudinal Education Data System and the Early Childhood Longitudinal Data System
 21.2 as resources permit. Any analysis of or report on the data must contain only summary data.

21.3 (c) By January 15 of each year, the partnership shall submit a report to the governor and
 21.4 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with
 21.5 jurisdiction over P-20 education policy and finance that summarizes the partnership's progress
 21.6 in meeting its goals and identifies the need for any draft legislation when necessary to further
 21.7 the goals of the partnership to maximize student achievement while promoting efficient use
 21.8 of resources.

21.9 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.101, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

21.10 Subd. 5a. **Assigned family responsibility.** "Assigned family responsibility" means the
 21.11 amount of a family's contribution to a student's cost of attendance, as determined by a federal
 21.12 need analysis. For dependent students, the assigned family responsibility is ~~84~~ 78 percent
 21.13 of the parental contribution. For independent students with dependents other than a spouse,
 21.14 the assigned family responsibility is ~~76~~ 70 percent of the student contribution. For
 21.15 independent students without dependents other than a spouse, the assigned family
 21.16 responsibility is ~~40~~ 34 percent of the student contribution.

21.17 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.121, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

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

21.22 (1) the assigned student responsibility of at least 50 percent of the cost of attending the
 21.23 institution of the applicant's choosing;

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

21.25 (3) the amount of a federal Pell grant award for which the grant applicant is eligible,
 21.26 unless the student is ineligible to receive a Pell grant under United States Code, title 20,
 21.27 section 1091(a)(5) or (d).

21.28 The minimum financial stipend is \$100 per academic year.

21.29 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.121, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

21.30 Subd. 6. **Cost of attendance.** (a) The recognized cost of attendance consists of: (1) an
 21.31 allowance specified in law for living and miscellaneous expenses, and (2) an allowance for

22.1 tuition and fees equal to the lesser of the average tuition and fees charged by the institution,
 22.2 or a tuition and fee maximum if one is established in law. If no living and miscellaneous
 22.3 expense allowance is established in law, the allowance is equal to ~~101~~ 110 percent of the
 22.4 federal poverty guidelines for a one person household in Minnesota for nine months. If no
 22.5 tuition and fee maximum is established in law, the allowance for tuition and fees is equal
 22.6 to the lesser of: (1) the average tuition and fees charged by the institution, and (2) for
 22.7 two-year programs, an amount equal to the highest tuition and fees charged at a public
 22.8 two-year institution, or for four-year programs, an amount equal to the highest tuition and
 22.9 fees charged at a public university.

22.10 (b) For a student registering for less than full time, the office shall prorate the cost of
 22.11 attendance to the actual number of credits for which the student is enrolled.

22.12 (c) The recognized cost of attendance for a student who is confined to a Minnesota
 22.13 correctional institution shall consist of the tuition and fee component in paragraph (a), with
 22.14 no allowance for living and miscellaneous expenses.

22.15 (d) For the purpose of this subdivision, "fees" include only those fees that are mandatory
 22.16 and charged to full-time resident students attending the institution. Fees do not include
 22.17 charges for tools, equipment, computers, or other similar materials where the student retains
 22.18 ownership. Fees include charges for these materials if the institution retains ownership. Fees
 22.19 do not include optional or punitive fees.

22.20 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.246, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

22.21 Subd. 4. **Application.** Applications must be made to the commissioner on a form provided
 22.22 by the commissioner. The commissioner must, to the extent possible, make the application
 22.23 form as short and simple to complete as is reasonably possible. The commissioner shall
 22.24 establish a schedule for applications and grants. The application must include, without
 22.25 limitation:

22.26 (1) the projected number of employee trainees;

22.27 (2) the number of projected employee trainees who graduated from high school or passed
 22.28 the commissioner of education-selected high school equivalency test in the current or
 22.29 immediately preceding calendar year;

22.30 (3) the competency standard for which training will be provided;

22.31 (4) the credential the employee will receive upon completion of training;

23.1 (5) the name and address of the training institution or program and a signed statement
23.2 by the institution or program that it is able and agrees to provide the training;

23.3 (6) the period of the training; and

23.4 (7) the cost of the training charged by the training institution or program and certified
23.5 by the institution or program. The cost of training includes tuition, fees, and required books
23.6 and materials. The cost of training may also include costs for travel, lodging, and meals
23.7 associated with the training provided by the training institution or program.

23.8 An application may be made for training of employees of multiple employers either by
23.9 the employers or by an organization on their behalf.

23.10 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.246, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

23.11 Subd. 8. **Grant amounts.** (a) The maximum grant for an application is ~~\$150,000~~
23.12 \$187,500. A grant may not exceed ~~\$6,000~~ \$7,500 per year for a maximum of four years per
23.13 employee. Any amount of the grant for the costs for travel, lodging, and meals associated
23.14 with the training provided by the training institution or program may not exceed \$1,500 per
23.15 employee per year.

23.16 (b) An employee who is attending an eligible institution must apply for Pell and state
23.17 grants as a condition of payment for training that employee under this section.

23.18 Sec. 7. **MN RECONNECT PROGRAM.**

23.19 Subdivision 1. Program administration. The commissioner of the Office of Higher
23.20 Education must administer a credential completion program for adult learners consistent
23.21 with this section.

23.22 Subd. 2. Definitions. (a) For the purpose of this section, the terms defined in this
23.23 subdivision have the meanings given them.

23.24 (b) "Cost of attendance" means tuition and required fees charged by the institution and
23.25 the campus-based budget used for federal financial aid for food, housing, books, supplies,
23.26 transportation, and miscellaneous expenses.

23.27 (c) "Eligible student" means an individual who:

23.28 (1) meets the eligibility requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.121,
23.29 subdivision 2, paragraphs (a), clauses (1), (2), (4), and (5), and (b);

23.30 (2) is 25 years old or older and under 62;

24.1 (3) has previously completed a minimum of 15 credits in a certificate or degree-seeking
24.2 program that have been accepted by a participating institution;

24.3 (4) has not enrolled in any Minnesota institution in the two academic years prior to
24.4 enrollment at a participating institution;

24.5 (5) has not completed a certificate, diploma, or degree of 16 credits or longer in length
24.6 prior to enrollment at a participating institution in this program;

24.7 (6) has enrolled in three or more credits each term;

24.8 (7) reports a family adjusted gross income of \$85,000 or less; and

24.9 (8) has applied for the grant on the form required by the commissioner.

24.10 (d) "Grant" means funds awarded under this section.

24.11 (e) "Participating institution" means a two-year institution within the Minnesota State
24.12 Colleges and Universities System selected under subdivision 5.

24.13 (f) "Program" means a certificate, diploma, or degree program offered by a participating
24.14 institution.

24.15 (g) To the extent not inconsistent with this section, the definitions in section 136A.101
24.16 apply to this section.

24.17 Subd. 3. **Student application.** Application for a grant must be made by a FAFSA or
24.18 state aid application and any additional form required by the commissioner. Applications
24.19 are due on a schedule set by the commissioner.

24.20 Subd. 4. **Student grants.** (a) The commissioner must, to the extent funds are available,
24.21 make grants to eligible students to attend a program at a participating institution. The amount
24.22 of a grant per spring or fall academic term is the lesser of \$1,000 or the difference between
24.23 the cost of attendance and other scholarships or grants received by the student. If the
24.24 appropriation is greater than the projected grants for the spring and fall terms, the
24.25 commissioner may award grants up to \$1,000 per student for summer or interim terms.

24.26 (b) An eligible student may renew a student grant by applying for renewal on a form
24.27 provided by the commissioner and on a schedule set by the commissioner. An eligible
24.28 student may receive a student grant under this section for up to six semesters or the
24.29 equivalent.

24.30 Subd. 5. **Participating institutions.** (a) A two-year institution within the Minnesota
24.31 State Colleges and Universities System may apply to become a participating institution.
24.32 The commissioner, in conjunction with a selection committee, shall select institutions

25.1 through a competitive application process. Priority must be given to institutions participating
25.2 in the most recently completed fiscal year.

25.3 (b) Participating institutions must:

25.4 (1) demonstrate a commitment to adult learners through adoption of best practice policies,
25.5 programs, and services; and

25.6 (2) complete an adult learner assessment prior to participation.

25.7 Subd. 6. **Institutional grants.** Participating institutions may receive funds for student
25.8 advising, resolving student financial holds, and improving services to eligible students.

25.9 Sec. 8. **POSTSECONDARY CHILD CARE EXPENSES.**

25.10 For fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education
25.11 may adjust the cost of attendance under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.121, subdivision
25.12 6, paragraph (a), to include child care expenses allowable under Minnesota Statutes, section
25.13 136A.125, after consultation with institutional representatives and with prior written notice
25.14 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
25.15 over higher education finance.