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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to higher education; requiring equal treatment of professional doctorate

1.3 degrees and master's degrees at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities;

1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136F.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[136F.597] DEGREE EQUIVALENCY FOR FACULTY.**

1.7 For purposes of hiring and assigning teaching faculty, the board shall treat a professional

1.8 doctorate degree as at least equal to a master's degree, provided that the professional doctorate

1.9 was awarded by an accredited postsecondary institution in the United States.