college activity fund of Mankato state college for funding a legal counseling and service program for students.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. MANKATO STATE COLLEGE; LEGAL COUN-CELING AND SERVICE PROGRAM. Notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 8.06 and Section 136.11 to the contrary or any rules or regulations adopted pursuant thereto, the Mankato state student association may expend money for the purpose of funding a program to provide legal counseling and services to the students of Mankato state college. The money to be expended shall be from that certain account of the college activity fund of Mankato state college allocated to the Mankato state student association.

Approved May 21, 1973.

CHAPTER 489—H.F.No.2234

An act relating to education; clarifying responsibilities of the higher education advisory council; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 136A.02, Subdivision 6.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 136A.02, Subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. EDUCATION; HIGHER EDUCATION RESPONSI-BILITIES COUNCIL. There is hereby created a higher education advisory council, the membership of which shall include the president of the University of Minnesota, the chancellor of the state college board, the chancellor of the state junior college board, the commissioner of education and the executive director of the Minnesota private college council. The advisory council shall (1) bring to the attention of the commission any matters which the council deems as needing attention of the commission, (2) make recommendations to the commission as the council deems appropriate, (3) review and comment upon proposals and other matters before the commission, and (4) provide any reasonable assistance to the commission in its effort to fulfill responsibilities of the commission. The commission shall periodically inform the council of all matters under consideration by the commission and shall refer all proposals

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to the council prior to transmitting such proposals as recommendations to the governor and the legislature. The commission shall provide time for a report from the advisory council at each meeting of the commission.

The higher education advisory council shall report to the commission quarterly and at such other times as the council may deem desirable. The council shall determine its meeting times, but the council shall also meet within 30 days following a request for a council meeting by the executive director of the commission.

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CHAPTER 490-H.F.No.2319

An act relating to the operation of the state government; providing for the purchase of electronic data processing equipment where bids are unsatisfactory; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 16.07, Subdivision 14.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 16.07, Subdivision 14, is amended to read:

Subd. 14. STATE GOVERNMENT; ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT; REJECTION OF BIDS AND NE-GOTIATION, EDP. The commissioner of administration may reject all bids for electronic data processing equipment, related equipment and software and may negotiate a contract for said equipment if he finds such bids to be unsatisfactory, providing that such negotiated price shall not be more than the lowest responsible bid by reason of failure to fully comply with the specifications, terms and conditions of the call for bids. The contract shall be awarded to the vendor offering the lowest price to the state taking into consideration the specifications, terms and conditions agreed upon pursuant to such negotiation.

Sec. 2. <u>This act is effective the day following its final</u> <u>enactment.</u>

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