

assessed or collected from an individual for failure during that period to perform an act required by the laws described in subdivision 1.

Subd. 3. ABATEMENT. The commissioner of revenue shall abate penalties and interest on withholding taxes and declarations under Minnesota Statutes, section 290.92, and on sales taxes deposits and returns under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 289A and 297B, for failure to pay amounts or file returns due between April 1, 1998, and May 30, 1998, if:

(1) the taxpayer qualifies under subdivision 1; and

(2) the taxpayer files all required returns and declarations and pays all tax amounts due by May 30, 1998.

Subd. 4. APPLICABILITY. Nothing in this section reduces the time within which an act is required or permitted under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 271, 289A, 290, 297A, or 297B.

Sec. 41. REPEALER.

Laws 1997, chapter 203, article 1, section 16, as added by Laws 1997, First Special Session chapter 5, section 46, is repealed.

Sec. 42. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Except as otherwise provided in this act, this act is effective the day after its final enactment.

Presented to the governor April 9, 1998

Signed by the governor April 9, 1998, 6:45 p.m.

CHAPTER 384—S.F.No. 3297

An act relating to appropriations; appropriating money for higher education and related purposes to the higher education services office, the board of trustees of the Minnesota state colleges and universities, and the board of regents of the University of Minnesota, with certain conditions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1996, sections 136A.101, subdivision 7b; and 136F.46, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 1997 Supplement, sections 41D.03, subdivision 4; and 136A.121, subdivision 5; Laws 1996, chapter 366, section 6, as amended; Laws 1997, chapter 183, articles 1, section 2, subdivision 6; and 2, section 19; repealing Minnesota Statute 1996, section 137.01.

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

Section 1. HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS.

The sums in the columns headed "APPROPRIATIONS" are appropriated from the general fund, or another named fund, to the agencies and for the purposes specified to be available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.

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SUMMARY BY FUND

	1998		1999		TOTAL
General	-0-	\$	73,000,000	\$	73,000,000

SUMMARY BY AGENCY -- ALL FUNDS

	1998		1999		TOTAL
Higher Education Services Office	-0-	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities	-0-		36,000,000		36,000,000
Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota	-0-		36,000,000		36,000,000

APPROPRIATIONS
Available for the Year
Ending June 30

	1998	1999
Sec. 2. HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES OFFICE	-0-	1,000,000

\$1,000,000 is added to the work study appropriation in Laws 1997, chapter 183, article 1, section 2, subdivision 4.

\$500,000 is transferred from the state grant appropriation in Laws 1997, chapter 183, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, to the work study appropriation in Laws 1997, chapter 183, article 1, section 2, subdivision 4.

Sec. 3. MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES
AND UNIVERSITIES

-0-	36,000,000
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(a) Business and Industry Partnerships

-0-	10,000,000
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This appropriation is for activities to enhance partnerships between colleges and business and industry. This appropriation includes \$450,000 to review aviation maintenance program needs and for equipment to upgrade the aviation maintenance programs at Minneapolis community and technical college, Northland community and technical college, and Winona/Red Wing technical

college to support new industry and FAA requirements and to provide customized training programs in the Duluth area. The board shall review other related avionics programs to determine program and equipment needs. The board shall review current and prospective aviation maintenance programs to ensure that program offerings are fully coordinated across the institutions, and that new aviation maintenance courses, including courses in composite fiber and avionics, are established only to complement, and not duplicate, existing FAA approved programs offered by the system. The board shall report the results of its review as part of the 2000-2001 biennial budget document. \$9,425,000 of this appropriation is nonrecurring.

This appropriation contains money for campuses to increase the number of students enrolled in internships by: (1) restructuring programs to require internships for more degree, diploma, and certificate programs; (2) providing incentives for business to train, place, and retain hard-to-place individuals; and (3) expanding partnerships with businesses to train and place students in high-demand occupations.

(b) Enhancing Allocations

-0- 20,000,000

This appropriation is to reduce the funding variances in state appropriations per full year equivalent student among MnSCU institutions. Variances shall be addressed within categories of institutions of the same type. The allocation method used to address the variances may also take into account other contributing factors including, but not limited to, campus size, types and costs of programs, and instructional/program level.

The allocations to the institutions from this appropriation are for all campuses to foster student success and may include, but are not limited to: an equipment base adjustment; and training for students, faculty, and staff in instructional technology.

The legislature expects the system office to develop an allocation model beginning with fiscal year 2000. The model should minimize campus and system reliance on one-time funds, and also reduce variation in per full year equivalent funding among institutions of the same type. In developing the allocation model, the board shall consider relevant instructional cost data, including, but not limited to, information required by Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.031, subdivision 7. The board of trustees shall report on the model as part of its 2000-2001 biennial budget request.

(c) Libraries

-0- 3,000,000

This appropriation is for the acquisition of library materials and equipment.

(d) Colleges of Education Curriculum Redesign and Technology

-0- 3,000,000

This appropriation is for colleges of education to redesign their curriculum to prepare teachers to work with the Minnesota graduation rule, and to integrate the use of computers and technology into their teaching methods. The redesign of curriculum shall ensure that course content impart knowledge and develop teaching skills that will enable the students to be effective teachers. The legislature intends that the universities link with school districts to ensure that the college of education faculty, district teachers, and students preparing to be future teachers are prepared for K-12 conditions and demands, including having technological skills necessary for the classroom and for implementing the graduation rule. This appropriation is nonrecurring.

(e) State Council on Vocational Technical Education

The state council on vocational technical education shall sunset June 30, 1999.

The appropriation in Laws 1997, chapter 183, article 1, section 3, subdivision 1, includes money in the second year for the state council on vocational technical education, and the board shall provide to the council an additional amount not to exceed \$50,000 to enable the council to properly perform its functions.

(f) Technology Purchases

Prior to purchasing any new technology or related equipment from appropriations under this section, the system shall ensure that purchased items are year 2000 compliant.

Sec. 4. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	-0-	36,000,000
Subdivision 1. Operations and Maintenance		

(a) Initiatives

-0-	31,850,000
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This appropriation is for strategic academic initiatives in digital technology, molecular and cellular biology, and design; an equipment base adjustment; a faculty set-up and equipment fund; a rapid agricultural response fund to conduct research to solve problems including but not limited to those affecting spring wheat, barley, canola, potatoes, and respiratory diseases affecting turkeys; and faculty and staff compensation. \$12,175,000 of this appropriation is nonrecurring.

(b) Law Clinics

-0-	250,000
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This appropriation is for the law clinic programs in the law school. The appropriation must be used to increase the number of students and faculty who participate in the clinics, expand support services, and acquire supplies necessary to provide legal services to a greater number of Minnesota citizens with limited incomes.* (The preceding text beginning "(b) Law Clinics" was vetoed by the governor.)

(c) Project Inform

-0- 250,000

This appropriation is to enhance and expand the work of Project Inform in providing outreach and information to K-12 students and their families, particularly in schools without counselors. This program shall be coordinated by the University, but shall be operated in conjunction with the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. Private colleges are requested to participate. This appropriation is nonrecurring.* **(The preceding text beginning "(c) Project Inform" was vetoed by the governor.)**

(d) Technology Purchases

Prior to purchasing any new technology or related equipment from appropriations under this section, the University shall ensure that purchased items are year 2000 compliant.

Subd. 2. Agriculture Specials

-0- 3,650,000

This appropriation is for agricultural research and outreach.

Sec. 5. POST-SECONDARY SYSTEMS

The board of trustees and the board of regents are requested to jointly evaluate the costs and benefits and need throughout the state for practitioner-oriented doctoral degree opportunities. The boards shall report their recommendations as part of their 2000-2001 biennial budget request.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1997 Supplement, section 41D.03, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **EMPLOYEES.** ~~(a) The council shall employ persons who shall serve in the unclassified service.~~

~~(b) The employees hired under this subdivision and any other necessary employees hired by the council shall be state employees in the executive branch of the University of Minnesota.~~

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 136A.101, subdivision 7b, is amended to read:

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Subd. 7b. **HALF TIME.** "Half time" means enrollment in a minimum of eight six credits per quarter or semester, or the equivalent.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1997 Supplement, section 136A.121, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

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

- (1) the assigned student responsibility of at least 50 47 percent of the cost of attending the institution of the applicant's choosing;
- (2) the assigned family responsibility as defined in section 136A.101; and
- (3) the amount of a federal Pell grant award for which the grant applicant is eligible.

The minimum financial stipend is \$300 per academic year.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 136F.46, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **REQUEST; WARRANT.** The commissioner of finance, upon the written request of an employee of the board, may deduct from an employee's salary or wages the amount requested for payment to a nonprofit state college or university foundation meeting the requirements in subdivision 2. The commissioner shall issue a warrant for the deducted amount to the nonprofit foundation. The Penny fellowship and the Nellie Stone Johnson scholarship program of the Minnesota state university student association shall be considered a nonprofit state college and university foundation foundations for purposes of this section.

Sec. 10. Laws 1996, chapter 366, section 6, as amended by Laws 1997, chapter 183, article 3, section 31, is amended to read:

Sec. 6. MORATORIUM.

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, until June 30, ~~1998~~ 1999, an educational institution that was licensed under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 141, on December 31, 1995, must continue to comply with the provisions of that chapter and may not use any of the exemptions available under Minnesota Statutes, section 141.35.

Sec. 11. Laws 1997, chapter 183, article 1, section 2, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. Learning Network of Minnesota	
5,500,000	5,292,000

Up to \$1,500,000 of this amount is to assist in establishing a gigabit capacity point of presence at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and to support the University's participation in the national Internet 2 initiative for research and development of telecommu-

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nications networks. This appropriation is available to the extent matched by the University of Minnesota or private sources.

This appropriation includes money for quality improvements and inter-region and interstate connectivity for MnNet.

This appropriation does not cancel but is available until expended.

Sec. 12. Laws 1997, chapter 183, article 2, section 19, is amended to read:

Sec. 19. NATIONAL SERVICE SCHOLARS PROGRAM.

A national service scholars program is established under the administration of the higher education services office to match scholarship grants made under the National Service Scholars program of the Corporation for National Service to students attending Minnesota high schools and who will attend a Minnesota post-secondary institution. Not more than one matching grant of \$500 may be made for each high school per year. The state money shall be available until June 30, 1999 the participants for whom the money was appropriated are no longer eligible to draw benefits, if federal money is available.

Sec. 13. REPEALER.

Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 137.01, is repealed.

Sec. 14. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 6 is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor April 9, 1998

Signed by the governor April 9, 1998, 6:25 p.m.

CHAPTER 385—S.F.No. 2645

An act relating to metropolitan government; modifying requirement for affirmative action plans by certain contractors; amending Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 473.144.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 473.144, is amended to read:

473.144 CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE FOR CONTRACTS.

(a) For all contracts for goods and services in excess of \$100,000, neither the council nor an agency listed in section 473.143, subdivision 1, may shall accept any bid or proposal for a contract or execute a contract for goods or services in excess of \$50,000 with or agreement from any business having more than 20 40 full-time employees within this state on a single working day during the previous 12 months, unless the firm or business has an affirmative action plan for the employment of minority persons, women, and the

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