

CHAPTER 298—S.F.No. 2942

An act relating to higher education; allowing disclosure of certain data and data sharing; defining terms; making technical changes; amending certain scholarship provisions; regulating school names and degree requirements; regulating board selection and membership requirements; requiring a report; requiring certain school bonds and licenses; restricting certain advertising; clarifying exemptions; amending loan forgiveness requirements; authorizing oral health practitioners to practice; regulating oral health practitioners; allowing certain transfers of funds; creating a work group; requiring a study on enrollment patterns; limiting appointments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 13.32, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; 136A.101, subdivision 8; 136F.90, subdivision 1; 141.25, by adding a subdivision; 144.1501, subdivision 2; Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, sections 136A.121, subdivision 7a; 136A.126; 136A.127; 136A.128, by adding a subdivision; 136A.65, subdivisions 1, 3, 5, 6, 7; 136A.66; 136A.67; 136A.69; 136F.02, subdivision 1; 136F.03, subdivision 4; 141.25, subdivision 5; 141.28, subdivision 1; 141.35; Laws 2007, chapter 144, article 1, sections 3, subdivision 18; 5, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 136F; 150A.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 13.32, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Private data; when disclosure is permitted.** Except as provided in subdivision 5, educational data is private data on individuals and shall not be disclosed except as follows:

- (a) pursuant to section 13.05;
- (b) pursuant to a valid court order;
- (c) pursuant to a statute specifically authorizing access to the private data;
- (d) to disclose information in health and safety emergencies pursuant to the provisions of United States Code, title 20, section 1232g(b)(1)(I) and Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 99.36;
- (e) pursuant to the provisions of United States Code, title 20, sections 1232g(b)(1), (b)(4)(A), (b)(4)(B), (b)(1)(B), (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7), and (i), and Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, sections 99.31, 99.32, 99.33, 99.34, ~~and 99.35, and 99.39~~;
- (f) to appropriate health authorities to the extent necessary to administer immunization programs and for bona fide epidemiologic investigations which the commissioner of health determines are necessary to prevent disease or disability to individuals in the public educational agency or institution in which the investigation is being conducted;

(g) when disclosure is required for institutions that participate in a program under title IV of the Higher Education Act, United States Code, title 20, section 1092;

(h) to the appropriate school district officials to the extent necessary under subdivision 6, annually to indicate the extent and content of remedial instruction, including the results of assessment testing and academic performance at a postsecondary institution during the previous academic year by a student who graduated from a Minnesota school district within two years before receiving the remedial instruction;

(i) to appropriate authorities as provided in United States Code, title 20, section 1232g(b)(1)(E)(ii), if the data concern the juvenile justice system and the ability of the system to effectively serve, prior to adjudication, the student whose records are released; provided that the authorities to whom the data are released submit a written request for the data that certifies that the data will not be disclosed to any other person except as authorized by law without the written consent of the parent of the student and the request and a record of the release are maintained in the student's file;

(j) to volunteers who are determined to have a legitimate educational interest in the data and who are conducting activities and events sponsored by or endorsed by the educational agency or institution for students or former students;

(k) to provide student recruiting information, from educational data held by colleges and universities, as required by and subject to Code of Federal Regulations, title 32, section 216;

(l) to the juvenile justice system if information about the behavior of a student who poses a risk of harm is reasonably necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals;

(m) with respect to Social Security numbers of students in the adult basic education system, to Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and the Department of Employment and Economic Development for the purpose and in the manner described in section 124D.52, subdivision 7; ~~or~~

(n) to the commissioner of education for purposes of an assessment or investigation of a report of alleged maltreatment of a student as mandated by section 626.556. Upon request by the commissioner of education, data that are relevant to a report of maltreatment and are from charter school and school district investigations of alleged maltreatment of a student must be disclosed to the commissioner, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) information regarding the student alleged to have been maltreated;
- (2) information regarding student and employee witnesses;
- (3) information regarding the alleged perpetrator; and

(4) what corrective or protective action was taken, if any, by the school facility in response to a report of maltreatment by an employee or agent of the school or school district;

(o) when the disclosure is of the final results of a disciplinary proceeding on a charge of a crime of violence or nonforcible sex offense to the extent authorized under United States Code, title 20, section 1232g(b)(6)(A) and (B) and Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, sections 99.31(a)(13) and (14);

(p) when the disclosure is information provided to the institution under United States Code, title 42, section 14071, concerning registered sex offenders to the extent authorized under United States Code, title 20, section 1232g(b)(7); or

(q) when the disclosure is to a parent of a student at an institution of postsecondary education regarding the student's violation of any federal, state, or local law or of any rule or policy of the institution, governing the use or possession of alcohol or of a controlled substance, to the extent authorized under United States Code, title 20, section 1232g(i), and Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 99.31(a)(15), and provided the institution has an information release form signed by the student authorizing disclosure to a parent. The institution must notify parents and students about the purpose and availability of the information release forms. At a minimum, the institution must distribute the information release forms at parent and student orientation meetings.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 13.32, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11. **Data sharing; improving instruction.** The following educational data may be shared between the Department of Education and the Minnesota Office of Higher Education as authorized by the Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 99.31(a)(6), to analyze instruction in school districts for purposes of improvement:

(1) attendance data, including name of school or institution, school district, year or term of attendance, and term type;

(2) student demographic and enrollment data;

(3) academic performance and testing data; and

(4) special academic services received by a student.

Any analysis of or report on the data must contain only summary data.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 136A.101, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Resident student.** "Resident student" means a student who meets one of the following conditions:

(1) a student who has resided in Minnesota for purposes other than postsecondary education for at least 12 months without being enrolled at a postsecondary educational institution for more than five credits in any term;

(2) a dependent student whose parent or legal guardian resides in Minnesota at the time the student applies;

(3) a student who graduated from a Minnesota high school, if the student was a resident of Minnesota during the student's period of attendance at the Minnesota high school and the student is physically attending a Minnesota postsecondary educational institution;

(4) a student who, after residing in the state for a minimum of one year, earned a high school equivalency certificate in Minnesota;

(5) a member, spouse, or dependent of a member of the armed forces of the United States stationed in Minnesota on active federal military service as defined in section 190.05, subdivision 5c;

(6) a spouse or dependent of a veteran, as defined in section 197.447, if the veteran is a Minnesota resident;

(7) a person or spouse of a person who relocated to Minnesota from an area that is declared a presidential disaster area within the preceding 12 months if the disaster interrupted the person's postsecondary education; or

~~(7)~~ (8) a person defined as a refugee under United States Code, title 8, section 1101(a)(42), who, upon arrival in the United States, moved to Minnesota and has continued to reside in Minnesota.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 136A.121, subdivision 7a, is amended to read:

Subd. 7a. **Surplus appropriation.** If the amount appropriated is determined by the office to be more than sufficient to fund projected grant demand in the second year of the biennium, the office may increase the living and miscellaneous expense allowance in the second year of the biennium by up to an amount that retains sufficient appropriations to fund the projected grant demand. The adjustment may be made one or more times. In making the determination that there are more than sufficient funds, the office shall balance the need for sufficient resources to meet the projected demand for grants with the goal of fully allocating the appropriation for state grants. An increase in the living and miscellaneous expense allowance under this subdivision does not carry forward into a subsequent biennium. ~~This subdivision expires June 30, 2009.~~

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 136A.126, is amended to read:

136A.126 INDIAN SCHOLARSHIPS.

Subdivision 1. Student eligibility. The director of the Office of Higher Education shall establish procedures for the distribution of scholarships to ~~any~~ a Minnesota resident student who:

~~who~~ (1) is of one-fourth or more Indian ancestry;

~~who~~ (2) has applied for other existing state and federal scholarship and grant programs; and

(3) if enrolled in an undergraduate program, is eligible or would be eligible to receive a federal Pell Grant or a state grant based on the federal needs analysis and is enrolled for nine semester credits per term or more, or the equivalent;

(4) if enrolled in a graduate program, demonstrates a remaining financial need in the award amount calculation and is enrolled, per term, on a half-time basis or more as defined by the postsecondary institution; and

~~who~~ (5) in the opinion of the director of the Office of Higher Education, based upon postsecondary institution recommendations, has the capabilities to benefit from further education.

Subd. 2. **Eligible programs.** Scholarships must be for accredited degree programs in accredited Minnesota colleges or universities or for courses in accredited Minnesota

business, technical, or vocational schools. Scholarships may also be given to students attending Minnesota colleges that are in candidacy status for obtaining full accreditation, and are eligible for and receiving federal financial aid programs. Students are also eligible for scholarships when enrolled as students in Minnesota higher education institutions that have joint programs with other accredited higher education institutions. ~~Scholarships shall be used to defray the total cost of education including tuition, incidental fees, books, supplies, transportation, other related school costs and the cost of board and room and shall be paid directly to the college or school concerned where the student receives federal financial aid.~~

Subd. 3. **Cost of attendance.** The total cost of education includes all attendance shall include tuition and required fees for each student enrolling in a public institution and the portion of tuition and fees for each student enrolling in a private institution that does not exceed the tuition and fees at a comparable public institution. Each student shall be awarded a scholarship based on a federal standardized need analysis. Applicants are encouraged to apply for all other sources of financial aid charged by the institution and the campus-based budget used for federal financial aid for food, housing, books, supplies, transportation, and miscellaneous expenses.

~~When an Indian student satisfactorily completes the work required by a certain college or school in a school year the student is eligible for additional scholarships, if additional training is necessary to reach the student's educational and vocational objective.~~

Subd. 4. **Award amount.** (a) Each student shall be awarded a scholarship based on the federal need analysis. Applicants are encouraged to apply for all other sources of financial aid. The amount of the award must not exceed the applicant's cost of attendance, as defined in subdivision 3, after deducting:

- (1) the expected family contribution as calculated by the federal need analysis;
- (2) the amount of a federal Pell Grant award for which the applicant is eligible;
- (3) the amount of the state grant;

(4) the sum of all federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, federal Academic Competitiveness Grant, and federal Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant (SMART Grant) awards;

(5) the sum of all institutional grants, scholarships, tuition waivers, and tuition remission amounts;

- (6) the sum of all tribal scholarships;
- (7) the amount of any other state and federal gift aid; and
- (8) the amount of any private grants or scholarships.

(b) The award shall be paid directly to the postsecondary institution where the student receives federal financial aid.

(c) Awards are limited as follows:

- (1) the maximum award for an undergraduate is \$4,000 per academic year;
- (2) the maximum award for a graduate student is \$6,000 per academic year; and
- (3) the minimum award for all students is \$100 per academic year.

(d) Scholarships may not be given to any Indian student for more than ~~five~~ three years of study for a two-year degree, certificate, or diploma program or five years of study for a four-year degree program at the undergraduate level and for more than five years at the graduate level. Students may acquire only one degree per level and one terminal graduate degree. Scholarships may not be given to any student for more than ten years including five years of undergraduate study and five years of graduate study.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 136A.127, is amended to read:

136A.127 ACHIEVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Achieve Scholarship Program is established to provide scholarships to eligible students within the limits of appropriations for the program.

Subd. 2. **Definition; qualifying program.** For the purposes of this section, a "qualifying program" means a rigorous secondary school program of study defined by the Department of Education under agreement with the Secretary of Education for the purposes of determining eligibility for the federal Academic Competitiveness Grant Program under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

Subd. 3. **Documentation of qualifying programs.** The student shall request a transcript from the high school. The high school shall provide a transcript to the Office of Higher Education or to the eligible institution in which the student is enrolling, documenting the qualifying program. If the transcript is not sufficient to document a qualifying program, the student may be required to submit further documentation that the office deems sufficient.

Subd. 4. **Student eligibility.** To be eligible to receive a scholarship under this section, in addition to the requirements listed under section 136A.121, a student must:

- (1) submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- (2) take and receive at least a grade of C for courses that comprise a rigorous secondary school program of study in a high school or in a home-school setting under section 120A.22, and graduate from a Minnesota high school;
- (3) have a family adjusted gross income of less than \$75,000 in the last complete calendar year prior to the academic year of postsecondary attendance ~~of less than \$75,000 in which the scholarship is used~~;
- (4) be a United States citizen or eligible noncitizen, as defined in section 484 of the Higher Education Act, United States Code, title 20, sections 1091 et seq., as amended, and Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 668.33; ~~and~~
- (5) be a Minnesota resident, as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision 8; and
- (6) be enrolled for at least three credits per quarter or semester or the equivalent at an eligible institution as defined under section 136A.101, subdivision 4.

Subd. 5. **Administration.** The Achieve Scholarship Program shall be administered by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education. The director shall develop forms and procedures necessary to administer the program.

Subd. 6. **Application.** A student must complete and submit an application for the Achieve scholarship.

Subd. 7. **Deadline.** The deadline for the office to accept applications for Achieve scholarships is ~~30 days after the beginning of the academic term for which the application is submitted~~ the same as that used for the state grant in section 136A.121, subdivision 13.

Subd. 8. **Documentation of qualifying household income.** Achieve Scholarship Program applicants must certify on the application that they meet the income eligibility requirement in subdivision ~~5~~ 4, clause ~~(2)~~ (3). The Office of Higher Education or the postsecondary institution may request documentation needed to confirm income eligibility.

Subd. 9. **Scholarship awards.** ~~Minnesota Achieve scholarships shall consist of \$1,200 for a student who takes and receives at least a grade of C for courses required under a qualifying program. A student may not receive more than \$1,200 in Minnesota Achieve scholarships, which must be for enrollment during the four-year availability period described in subdivision 12.~~ The scholarships may be used to pay for qualifying expenses at eligible institutions.

Subd. 10. **Qualifying expenses.** Qualifying expenses are components included under the cost of attendance used for federal student financial aid programs, as defined in section 472 of the Higher Education Act, United States Code, title 20, sections 1091 et seq., as amended.

Subd. 11. **Eligible institutions.** The Achieve scholarship may only be used to pay qualifying expenses at an eligible institution as defined under section 136A.101, subdivision 4.

Subd. 12. **Availability of scholarship funds.** A scholarship earned by a student is available for four years immediately following high school graduation. The office must certify to the commissioner of finance by October 1 of each year the amounts to be canceled from scholarship eligibility that have expired.

Subd. 13. **Disbursement of scholarships.** The office shall make two equal payments to a postsecondary institution on behalf of the student. ~~The second payment must be made~~ After the student successfully completes the first term of enrollment, the second payment must be made during the student's next term of enrollment at an eligible institution. If the second disbursement is not within the same academic year as the first disbursement, the student must request the second disbursement.

Subd. 14. **Evaluation report.** By January 15 of each odd-numbered year, the Office of Higher Education shall submit a report, to the committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over higher education finance and policy, regarding the success of the program in increasing the enrollment of students in rigorous high school courses, including, at a minimum, the following information:

- (1) the demographics of individuals participating in the program;
- (2) the grades scholarship recipients received for courses in the qualifying program under subdivision 2;
- (3) the number of scholarship recipients who persisted at a postsecondary institution for a second year;
- (4) the high schools attended by the program participants;
- (5) the postsecondary institutions attended by the program participants;

(6) the academic performance of the students after enrolling in a postsecondary institution; and

(7) other information as identified by the director.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment and, within the limits of appropriations, applies to students who graduate from high school after January 1, 2008.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 136A.128, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. Administration. A nonprofit organization that receives a grant under this section may use five percent of the grant amount to administer the program.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment for grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.128, beginning in fiscal year 2008.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 136A.65, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Prohibition.** No school subject to registration shall grant a degree unless such degree and its underlying curriculum are approved by the office, nor shall any school subject to registration use the name "college," "~~academy,~~" "~~institute~~" or "university" in its name without approval by the office.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 136A.65, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Application.** A school subject to registration shall be granted approval to use the term "college," "~~academy,~~" "~~institute,~~" or "university" in its name if it was organized, operating, and using such term in its name on or before August 1, 2007, and if it meets the other policies and standards for approval established by the office.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 136A.65, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Requirements for degree and nondegree program approval.** For each degree and nondegree program a school offers to a student, where the student does not leave Minnesota for the major portion of the program or course leading to the degree or nondegree award, the school must have:

(1) for degree programs:

~~(1)~~ (i) qualified teaching personnel to provide the educational programs for each degree for which approval is sought;

~~(2)~~ (ii) appropriate educational programs leading to each degree for which approval is sought;

~~(3)~~ (iii) appropriate and accessible library, laboratory, and other physical facilities to support the educational program for each degree for which approval is sought; and

~~(4)~~ (iv) a rationale showing that degree programs are consistent with the school's mission and goals; and

(2) for nondegree programs:

(i) qualified teaching personnel to provide the educational programs for which approval is sought;

(ii) appropriate educational programs leading to each award for which approval is sought;

(iii) appropriate and accessible library, laboratory, and other physical facilities to support the educational program for which approval is sought; and

(iv) a rationale showing that programs are consistent with the school's mission and goals.

Nondegree programs that are a part of an approved degree shall not require additional review or approval; they shall be considered approved as a part of the degree approval. Any nondegree program offered by a degree-granting school that is not a part of an approved degree shall be subject to clause (2), items (i) to (iv).

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 136A.65, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Name.** A degree-granting school may use the term "academy" or "institute" in its name without meeting any additional requirements. A school may use the term "college" in its name if it offers at least one program leading to an associate degree. A school may use the term "university" in its name if it offers at least one program leading to a master's or doctorate degree.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 136A.65, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **Conditional approval.** The office may grant conditional approval for a degree or use of a term in its name for a period of less than one year if doing so would be in the best interests of currently enrolled students or prospective students. New schools may be granted conditional approval for degrees or names annually for a period not to exceed five years to allow them the opportunity to apply for and receive accreditation as required in subdivision 1a.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 136A.66, is amended to read:

136A.66 LIST.

The office shall maintain a list of registered institutions authorized to grant degrees and schools authorized to use the name "college;" ~~"academy," "institute"~~ or "university," and shall make such list available to the public.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 136A.67, is amended to read:

136A.67 UNAUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIONS.

No school and none of its officials or employees shall advertise or represent in any manner that such school is approved or accredited by the office or the state of Minnesota, except a school which is duly registered with the office, or any of its officials or employees, may represent in advertising and shall disclose in catalogues, applications, and enrollment materials that the school is registered with the office by prominently displaying the following statement: "(Name of school) is registered as a private institution

with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education pursuant to sections 136A.61 to 136A.71. Registration is not an endorsement of the institution. Credits earned at the institution may not transfer to all other institutions."

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 136A.69, is amended to read:

136A.69 FEES.

Subdivision 1. **Registration fees.** The office shall collect reasonable registration fees that are sufficient to recover, but do not exceed, its costs of administering the registration program. The office shall charge \$1,100 for initial registration fees and \$950 for annual renewal fees.

Subd. 2. **Degree level addition fee.** The office processing fee for adding a degree level to an existing program is \$2,000 per ~~program~~ degree.

Subd. 3. **Degree or nondegree program addition fee.** The office processing fee for adding a degree or nondegree program that represents a significant departure in the objectives, content, or method of delivery of degree or nondegree programs that are currently offered by the school is \$500 per degree or nondegree program.

Subd. 4. **Visit or consulting fee.** If the office determines that a fact-finding visit or outside consultant is necessary to review or evaluate any new or revised degree or nondegree program, the office shall be reimbursed for the expenses incurred related to the review as follows:

(1) \$300 for the team base fee or for a paper review conducted by a consultant if the office determines that a fact-finding visit is not required;

(2) \$300 for each day or part thereof on site per team member; and

(3) the actual cost of customary meals, lodging, and related travel expenses incurred by team members.

Subd. 5. **Modification fee.** The fee for modification of any existing degree or nondegree program is \$100 and is due if there is:

(1) an increase or decrease of 25 percent or more from the original date of program approval, in clock hours, credit hours, or calendar length of an existing degree or nondegree program;

(2) a change in academic measurement from clock hours to credit hours or vice versa; or

(3) an addition or alteration of courses that represent a 25 percent change or more in the objectives, content, or methods of delivery.

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 136F.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The board consists of 15 members appointed by the governor, including three members who are students who have attended an institution for at least one year and are currently enrolled at least half time in a degree, diploma, or certificate program in an institution governed by the board. The student members shall include one member from a community college, one member from a state university, and one member from a technical college. One member representing labor must be appointed after considering the recommendations made under section 136F.045. The

governor is not bound by the recommendations. Appointments to the board are with the advice and consent of the senate. At least one member of the board must be a resident of each congressional district. All other members must be appointed to represent the state at large. In selecting appointees, the governor must consider the needs of the board of trustees and the balance of the board membership with respect to labor and business representation and racial, gender, geographic, and ethnic composition. ~~Three members must be students who are enrolled at least half time in a degree, diploma, or certificate program or have graduated from an institution governed by the board within one year of the date of appointment. The student members shall include: one member from a community college, one member from a state university, and one member from a technical college. The remaining members must be appointed to represent the state at large.~~

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 136F.03, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Recommendations.** Except for seats filled under ~~section~~ sections 136F.04 and 136F.045, the advisory council shall recommend at least two and not more than four candidates for each seat. By April 15 of each even-numbered year in which the governor makes appointments to the board, the advisory council shall submit its recommendations to the governor. The governor is not bound by these recommendations.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 18. **[136F.045] LABOR ORGANIZATION BOARD MEMBER SELECTION PROCESS.**

The Minnesota AFL-CIO shall recruit and screen qualified labor candidates to be recommended to the governor for appointment to the board. The organization must develop a process for selecting candidates, and a statement of selection criteria for board membership that is consistent with the requirements under section 136F.02, subdivision 1. The organization must recommend at least two and no more than four candidates to the governor beginning in 2010 and every six years thereafter. Recommendations must be made by April 15 of the year in which the governor makes appointments to the board. The governor is not bound by the recommendations.

Sec. 19. **[136F.301] MAXIMUM CREDIT FOR GRADUATION; WAIVER REPORTING.**

The board must annually by October 1 report to the chairs of the house of representatives and senate committees with primary jurisdiction over higher education policy on the board's current policy setting the maximum number of semester credits required for a baccalaureate and an associate of arts degree at 120 and 60 semester credits or their equivalent, respectively, as required by Laws 2007, chapter 144, article 1, section 4, subdivision 3, paragraph (b). The report must specifically identify requests in the previous academic year for waivers from the policy and the requests granted. The specific identification must include, among other things, the program and the campus for which a request was made and for which a waiver was granted.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2009.

Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 136F.90, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Duties.** For ~~the~~ state colleges and universities, the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities may:

(1) acquire by purchase or otherwise, construct, complete, remodel, equip, operate, control, and manage residence halls, dormitories, dining halls, student union buildings, parking facilities, and any other similar revenue-producing buildings of such type and character as the board finds necessary for the good and benefit of ~~the~~ state colleges and universities, and may acquire property whether real, personal, or mixed, by gift, purchase, or otherwise; provided that no contract for the construction of any building shall be entered into until financing has been approved by the legislature;

(2) maintain and operate any buildings or structures and charge for their use, and conduct any activities that are commonly conducted in connection with the buildings or structures;

(3) enter into contracts for the purposes of sections 136F.90 to 136F.98;

(4) acquire building sites and buildings or structures by gift, purchase, or otherwise and pledge the revenues from them for the payment of any bonds issued for that purpose as provided in sections 136F.90 to 136F.98;

(5) borrow money and issue and sell bonds in an amount or amounts the legislature authorizes for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, completing, remodeling, or equipping any buildings or structures, and acquiring sites, and refund and refinance the bonds by the issuance and sale of refunding bonds when the board finds that it is in the public interest. The bonds shall be sold and issued by the board in the manner and upon the terms and conditions provided by chapter 475, except as otherwise provided in this section. The bonds are payable only from and secured by an irrevocable pledge of the revenues to be derived from the operation of any buildings or structures acquired, constructed, completed, remodeled, or equipped in whole or in part with the proceeds of the bonds and from other income and revenues described in section 136F.92, clause (1), the board by resolution specifies, and notwithstanding this limitation all bonds issued under sections 136F.90 to 136F.98 shall have the qualities of negotiable instruments under the laws of this state. The legislature shall not appropriate money from the general fund to pay for these bonds.

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 141.25, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Bond.** (a) No license shall be issued to any school which maintains, conducts, solicits for, or advertises within the state of Minnesota any program, unless the applicant files with the office a continuous corporate surety bond written by a company authorized to do business in Minnesota conditioned upon the faithful performance of all contracts and agreements with students made by the applicant.

(b)(1) The amount of the surety bond shall be ten percent of the preceding year's gross income from student tuition, fees, and other required institutional charges, but in no event less than \$10,000 nor greater than \$250,000, except that a school may deposit a greater amount at its own discretion. A school in each annual application for licensure must compute the amount of the surety bond and verify that the amount of the surety bond complies with this subdivision, unless the school maintains a surety bond equal to at least \$250,000. A school that operates at two or more locations may combine gross income

from student tuition, fees, and other required institutional charges for all locations for the purpose of determining the annual surety bond requirement. The gross tuition and fees used to determine the amount of the surety bond required for a school having a license for the sole purpose of recruiting students in Minnesota shall be only that paid to the school by the students recruited from Minnesota.

(2) A school required to obtain a private career school license due to the use of "academy," "institute," "college," or "university" in its name and which is also licensed by another state agency or board shall be required to provide a school bond of \$10,000.

(c) The bond shall run to the state of Minnesota and to any person who may have a cause of action against the applicant arising at any time after the bond is filed and before it is canceled for breach of any contract or agreement made by the applicant with any student. The aggregate liability of the surety for all breaches of the conditions of the bond shall not exceed the principal sum deposited by the school under paragraph (b). The surety of any bond may cancel it upon giving 60 days' notice in writing to the office and shall be relieved of liability for any breach of condition occurring after the effective date of cancellation.

(d) In lieu of bond, the applicant may deposit with the commissioner of finance a sum equal to the amount of the required surety bond in cash, or securities as may be legally purchased by savings banks or for trust funds in an aggregate market value equal to the amount of the required surety bond.

(e) Failure of a school to post and maintain the required surety bond or deposit under paragraph (d) shall result in denial, suspension, or revocation of the school's license.

Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 141.25, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 13. **Schools licensed by another state agency or board.** A school required to obtain a private career school license due to the use of "academy," "institute," "college," or "university" in its name and which is also licensed by another state agency or board shall be required to satisfy only the requirements of subdivisions 3, clauses (1), (2), (3), (5), (7), and (10); 4; 5, paragraph (b), clause (2); 7, clauses (1) and (10); 8; 9, clause (13); and 12.

Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 141.28, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Disclosure required; advertisement restricted.** ★ Schools, agents of schools, and solicitors may not advertise or represent in writing or orally that the school is approved or accredited by the state of Minnesota, except that any school, agent, or solicitor may represent in advertisements and shall disclose in catalogues, applications, and enrollment materials that the school is duly licensed by the state by prominently displaying the following statement:

"(Name of school) is licensed as a private career school with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, sections 141.21 to 141.32. Licensure is not an endorsement of the institution. Credits earned at the institution may not transfer to all other institutions."

Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 141.35, is amended to read:

141.35 EXEMPTIONS.

Sections 141.21 to 141.32 shall not apply to the following:

- (1) public postsecondary institutions;
- (2) postsecondary institutions registered under sections ~~136A.615~~ 136A.61 to 136A.71;
- (3) schools of nursing accredited by the state Board of Nursing or an equivalent public board of another state or foreign country;
- (4) private schools complying with the requirements of section 120A.22, subdivision 4;
- (5) courses taught to students in a valid apprenticeship program taught by or required by a trade union;
- (6) schools exclusively engaged in training physically or mentally disabled persons for the state of Minnesota;
- (7) schools licensed by boards authorized under Minnesota law to issue licenses except schools required to obtain a private career school license due to the use of "academy," "institute," "college," or "university" in their names;
- (8) schools and educational programs, or training programs, contracted for by persons, firms, corporations, government agencies, or associations, for the training of their own employees, for which no fee is charged the employee;
- (9) schools engaged exclusively in the teaching of purely avocational, recreational, or remedial subjects as determined by the office except schools required to obtain a private career school license due to the use of "academy," "institute," "college," or "university" in their names;
- (10) classes, courses, or programs conducted by a bona fide trade, professional, or fraternal organization, solely for that organization's membership;
- (11) programs in the fine arts provided by organizations exempt from taxation under section 290.05 and registered with the attorney general under chapter 309. For the purposes of this clause, "fine arts" means activities resulting in artistic creation or artistic performance of works of the imagination which are engaged in for the primary purpose of creative expression rather than commercial sale or employment. In making this determination the office may seek the advice and recommendation of the Minnesota Board of the Arts;
- (12) classes, courses, or programs intended to fulfill the continuing education requirements for licensure or certification in a profession, that have been approved by a legislatively or judicially established board or agency responsible for regulating the practice of the profession, and that are offered exclusively to an individual practicing the profession;
- (13) classes, courses, or programs intended to prepare students to sit for undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate, or occupational licensing and occupational entrance examinations;
- (14) classes, courses, or programs providing 16 or fewer clock hours of instruction that are not part of the curriculum for an occupation or entry level employment except schools required to obtain a private career school license due to the use of "academy," "institute," "college," or "university" in their names;

(15) classes, courses, or programs providing instruction in personal development, modeling, or acting;

(16) training or instructional programs, in which one instructor teaches an individual student, that are not part of the curriculum for an occupation or are not intended to prepare a person for entry level employment; and

(17) schools with no physical presence in Minnesota, as determined by the office, engaged exclusively in offering distance instruction that are located in and regulated by other states or jurisdictions.

Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144.1501, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Creation of account.** (a) A health professional education loan forgiveness program account is established. The commissioner of health shall use money from the account to establish a loan forgiveness program:

(1) for medical residents agreeing to practice in designated rural areas or underserved urban communities or specializing in the area of pediatric psychiatry;

(2) for midlevel practitioners agreeing to practice in designated rural areas or to teach ~~for~~ at least ~~20 hours~~ 12 credit hours, or 720 hours per week year in the nursing field in a postsecondary program at the undergraduate level or the equivalent at the graduate level;

(3) for nurses who agree to practice in a Minnesota nursing home or intermediate care facility for persons with developmental disability or to teach ~~for~~ at least ~~20 hours~~ 12 credit hours, or 720 hours per week year in the nursing field in a postsecondary program at the undergraduate level or the equivalent at the graduate level;

(4) for other health care technicians agreeing to teach ~~for~~ at least ~~20 hours~~ 12 credit hours, or 720 hours per week year in their designated field in a postsecondary program at the undergraduate level or the equivalent at the graduate level. The commissioner, in consultation with the Healthcare Education-Industry Partnership, shall determine the health care fields where the need is the greatest, including, but not limited to, respiratory therapy, clinical laboratory technology, radiologic technology, and surgical technology;

(5) for pharmacists who agree to practice in designated rural areas; and

(6) for dentists agreeing to deliver at least 25 percent of the dentist's yearly patient encounters to state public program enrollees or patients receiving sliding fee schedule discounts through a formal sliding fee schedule meeting the standards established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 51, chapter 303.

(b) Appropriations made to the account do not cancel and are available until expended, except that at the end of each biennium, any remaining balance in the account that is not committed by contract and not needed to fulfill existing commitments shall cancel to the fund.

Sec. 26. **[150A.061] ORAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER.**

Subdivision 1. Oral health practitioner requirements. The board shall authorize a person to practice as an oral health practitioner if that person is qualified under this section, works under the supervision of a Minnesota-licensed dentist pursuant to a written collaborative management agreement, is licensed by the board, and practices in compliance with this section and rules adopted by the board. No oral health practitioner

shall be authorized to practice prior to January 1, 2011. To be qualified to practice under this section, the person must:

(1) be a graduate of an oral health practitioner education program that is accredited by a national accreditation organization to the extent required under subdivision 2 and approved by the board;

(2) pass a comprehensive, competency-based clinical examination that is approved by the board and administered independently of an institution providing oral health practitioner education; and

(3) satisfy the requirements established in this section and by the board.

Subd. 2. **Education program approval.** If a national accreditation program for midlevel practitioners is established by the Commission on Dental Accreditation or another national accreditation organization, the board shall require that an oral health practitioner be a graduate of an accredited education program.

Subd. 3. **Requirement to practice in underserved areas.** As a condition of being granted authority to practice as an oral health practitioner under this section, the practitioner must agree to practice in settings serving low-income, uninsured, and underserved patients or in a dental health professional shortage area as determined by the commissioner of health.

Subd. 4. **Application of other laws.** An oral health practitioner authorized to practice under this section is not in violation of section 150A.05 relating to the unauthorized practice of dentistry and chapter 151 relating to authority to prescribe, dispense, or administer drugs.

Subd. 5. **Rulemaking.** The Board of Dentistry may adopt rules to implement this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2009.

Sec. 27. Laws 2007, chapter 144, article 1, section 3, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

Subd. 18. Transfers

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education may transfer unencumbered balances from the appropriations in this section to the state grant appropriation, the interstate tuition reciprocity appropriation, the child care grant appropriation, the Indian scholarship appropriation, the state work study appropriation, the public safety officers' survivors appropriation, and the Minnesota college savings plan appropriation. Transfers from the child care or state work study appropriations may only be made to the extent there is a projected surplus in the appropriation. A transfer may be made only with the prior written approval of the

commissioner of finance and prior written notice to the chairs of the senate and house committees with jurisdiction over higher education finance.

Sec. 28. Laws 2007, chapter 144, article 1, section 5, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Operations and Maintenance	621,184,000	637,824,000
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This appropriation includes funding for operation and maintenance of the system including amounts to advance the University of Minnesota's efforts to sustain quality and competitiveness; and funding for the "Advancing Education" initiatives including an Ojibwe Indian language program on the Duluth campus.

This appropriation includes funding to establish banded tuition at the Morris, Crookston, and Duluth campuses to reduce tuition costs for students.

This appropriation includes funding for scholarships for undergraduate Minnesota resident students with family income under \$150,000 per year. This appropriation must be matched with \$1.50 of nonstate money for each \$1 of state money.

This appropriation includes funding for the Center for Transportation Studies to complete a study to assess public policy options for reducing the volume of greenhouse gases emitted from the transportation sector in Minnesota. The Center for Transportation Studies must report its preliminary findings to the legislature by February 1, 2008, and must issue its full report by June 1, 2008. This is a onetime appropriation.

This appropriation includes funding to establish an India Center to improve and promote relations with India and Southeast Asia. The center must partner with public and private organizations in Minnesota to:

- (1) foster an understanding of the history, culture, and values of India;
- (2) serve as a resource and catalyst to promote economic, governmental, and academic pursuits involving India; and

(3) facilitate educational and business exchanges and partnerships, collaborative research, and teaching and training activities for Minnesota students and teachers.

The Board of Regents may establish an advisory council to facilitate the mission and objectives of the India Center and must report on the progress of the India Center by February 15, 2008, to the governor and chairs of the legislative committees responsible for higher education finance. This appropriation must be matched by an equal amount of nonstate money. This is a onetime appropriation.

This appropriation includes funding to assist in the formation of the neighborhood alliance and for projects identified in section 10. The alliance, the Board of Regents, and the city of Minneapolis may cooperate on the projects and may use public services of other entities to complete all or a portion of a project. This is a onetime appropriation.

This appropriation includes funding to establish a Dakota language teacher training immersion program on the Twin Cities campus to prepare teachers to teach in Dakota language immersion programs.

~~One~~ Two percent of the appropriation in this subdivision for the second year is available when the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota demonstrates to the commissioner of finance that the board has met at least three of the five following performance goals:

- (1) increase financial support to pay the cost of attendance for students demonstrating financial need;
- (2) maintain or improve the University of Minnesota's rank in its national share of total research and development expenditures reported to the National Science Foundation over the 2007 ranking;
- (3) increase by at least five percent, compared to fiscal year 2007, the number of degrees awarded in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and health sciences disciplines;

(4) increase by at least five percent, compared to fiscal year 2007, the amount of financial support from key funding sources for renewable energy research; and

(5) increase and improve interaction and research activity beneficial to business and industry.

By October 1, 2007, the Board of Regents and the Office of Higher Education must agree on specific numerical indicators and definitions for each of the five goals that will be used to demonstrate the University of Minnesota's attainment of each goal.

On or before April 1, 2008, the Board of Regents must report to the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over higher education finance and policy the progress of the University of Minnesota toward attaining the goals.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 29. **ORAL PRACTITIONER WORK GROUP.**

Subdivision 1. Oral health practitioner work group. By August 1, 2008, the commissioner of health, or the commissioner's designee, in consultation with the Board of Dentistry, shall convene the first meeting of the work group appointed under subdivision 2 to develop recommendations and proposed legislation for the education and regulation of oral health practitioners. The work group's recommendations must include an implementation schedule that allows for enrollment of students in oral health practitioner educational programs by the fall of 2009. The work group shall provide recommendations and proposed legislation on the following issues:

(1) necessary education and competencies, including clinical training requirements, faculty expertise, and facilities;

(2) the appropriate program accreditation;

(3) scope of practice that reflects the education and training of the oral health practitioner and includes the following services: preventive, primary diagnostic, educational, palliative, therapeutic, and restorative oral health services, including preparation of cavities and restoration of primary and permanent teeth using direct placement of appropriate dental materials, temporary placement of crowns and restorations and placement of preformed crowns; pulpotomies on primary teeth; direct and indirect pulp capping in primary and permanent teeth; extractions of primary and permanent teeth; placing and removing sutures; and providing reparative services to patients with defective prosthetic appliances. In recommending scope of practice for the oral health practitioner, the work group may consider which services may be provided to children and which services may be more appropriately provided to adults;

(4) the level of supervision required by a licensed dentist, including any limitations, restrictions, or dentist supervision requirements the work group recommends that should be applied to any of the services or procedures listed in clause (3);

(5) the medications that may be prescribed, administered, and dispensed by an oral health practitioner if authorized by the supervising dentist in a collaborative agreement. These may be limited to medications for anti-infective therapies, nonnarcotic pain management, and prevention;

(6) extractions that may be performed by an oral health practitioner if authorized by the supervising dentist in a collaborative agreement and are within any limitations, restrictions, and level of supervision requirements recommended by the work group;

(7) criteria for determining in which practice settings oral health practitioners should be authorized to practice in order to improve access to dental care for low-income, uninsured, and underserved populations, including a definition of "underserved";

(8) an assessment of the economic impact of oral health practitioners to the provision of dental services and access to these services;

(9) an evaluation process that includes clearly defined outcomes and a process for assessing whether these outcomes were successfully met; and

(10) licensure and regulatory requirements, including licensing fees.

Subd. 2. **Membership and operation of work group.** (a) The work group shall consist of the following members:

(1) one dentist and one dental hygienist appointed by the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry;

(2) two persons appointed by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, at least one of whom must be a dentist;

(3) one representative, who must be a dentist, appointed by the Board of Dentistry;

(4) two dentists appointed by the Minnesota Dental Association;

(5) one dental hygienist appointed by the Minnesota Dental Hygienists Association;

(6) two persons representing safety net dental providers serving low-income and uninsured patients appointed by the Minnesota Safety Net Coalition at least one of whom must be a dentist;

(7) a pediatric dentist appointed by the Minnesota Association of Pediatric Dentists;

(8) a representative of the commissioner of health; and

(9) a representative of the commissioner of human services.

(b) The appointing authorities under paragraph (a) must complete their appointments no later than July 15, 2008. The work group must elect a chair from its membership at the first meeting. The commissioner shall provide staff support and meeting space for the work group. The members serve without compensation or reimbursement for any expenses.

Subd. 3. **Research and recommendations.** In developing its recommendations, the work group shall review existing midlevel dental practitioner programs in other countries and in Alaska and proposals for dental therapists, advanced practice dental hygienists, and other models. The work group shall review research on midlevel practitioners and, to

the extent possible, base its recommendations on evidence-based strategies that are most likely to: (1) improve access to needed oral health services for low-income, uninsured, and underserved patients; (2) control the costs of education and dental services; (3) preserve quality of care; and (4) protect patients from harm. The work group shall complete its recommendations by December 15, 2008, and the commissioner and Board of Dentistry shall submit a report containing the work group's recommendations and draft legislation to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health care and higher education issues by January 15, 2009.

Subd. 4. **Costs of implementation.** The commissioner of health may seek private funding or grants to support the activities of the oral health practitioner work group, and any money received is appropriated to the commissioner of health for that purpose. To the extent the costs cannot be covered with grants and external funding, the commissioner of health may charge a fee to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and the University of Minnesota Dental School proposing to develop oral health practitioner education programs to cover the remaining costs. Any fees collected shall be deposited in the state government special revenue fund and appropriated to the commissioner for the activities of the work group.

Subd. 5. **Expiration.** This section expires on the date the report required under subdivision 3 is submitted to the specified legislative members.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 30. ENROLLMENT PATTERN STUDY.

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education, as a part of the final report due on the state grant program required in Laws 2007, chapter 144, section 9, shall study and evaluate the enrollment patterns of students from low-income families in higher education. This study may include an analysis of high school preparation levels, the enrollment response to available federal and state financial aid, current net costs of attendance relative to family income, and the patterns of family capacity and likelihood to borrow funds for college. The report shall also identify and prepare cost estimates of additional support services students from low-income families require to be successful in college and analyze current efforts at various institutions in the state. The report shall identify potential changes in the state grant program or related aid programs that would increase the participation and success of students from low-income families in higher education in Minnesota.

Sec. 31. 2010 APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.02, the governor must consider the recommendation under Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.045, in making appointments to the board of trustees in 2010.

Presented to the governor May 8, 2008

Signed by the governor May 12, 2008, 1:26 p.m.