

CHAPTER 207--S.F.No. 3062

An act relating to higher education; making clarifying and technical changes to loan forgiveness programs; ratifying certain higher education labor agreements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 136A.1791, subdivision 8; 136A.1795, subdivision 2; 136A.901, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 136A.1789, subdivision 2; Laws 2017, chapter 89, article 1, section 2, subdivisions 20, 31, 32, 33, 34.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 136A.1789, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Creation of account.** (a) An aviation degree loan forgiveness program account is established in the special revenue fund to provide qualified pilots and qualified aircraft technicians with financial assistance in repaying qualified education loans. The commissioner must use money from the account to establish and administer the aviation degree loan forgiveness program.

(b) ~~Appropriations made to Money in the aviation degree loan forgiveness program account do not cancel and are~~ is appropriated to the commissioner for purposes of this section, does not cancel, and is available until expended.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.1791, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Fund Account established.** A teacher shortage loan forgiveness repayment ~~fund~~ account is created in the special revenue fund for depositing money appropriated to or received by the commissioner for the program. Money deposited in the ~~fund shall not revert to any state fund at the end of any fiscal year but remains in the loan forgiveness repayment fund~~ account is appropriated to the commissioner, does not cancel, and is continuously available for loan forgiveness under this section.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.1795, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Establishment; administration.** (a) The commissioner shall establish and administer a loan forgiveness program for large animal veterinarians who:

- (1) agree to practice in designated rural areas that are considered underserved; and
- (2) work full time in a practice that is at least 50 percent involved with the care of food animals.

(b) A large animal veterinarian loan forgiveness program account is established in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner to establish and administer the program under this section. Appropriations to the commissioner for the program are for transfer to the account.

~~Appropriations made to the program~~ from the account do not cancel and are available until expended.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.901, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Grant program.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a grant program to award grants to institutions in Minnesota for research into spinal cord injuries and traumatic brain injuries. Grants shall be awarded to conduct research into new and innovative treatments and rehabilitative efforts for the functional improvement of people with spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries. Research topics may include, but are not limited to, pharmaceutical, medical device, brain stimulus, and rehabilitative approaches and techniques. The commissioner, in consultation with the advisory council established under section 136A.902, shall

award 50 percent of the grant funds for research involving spinal cord injuries and 50 percent to research involving traumatic brain injuries. In addition to the amounts appropriated by law, the commissioner may accept additional funds from private and public sources. Amounts received from these sources are appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes of issuing grants under this section.

(b) A spinal cord and traumatic brain injury grant account is established in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner to make grants and to administer the grant program under this section. Appropriations to the commissioner for the program are for transfer to the account. Appropriations from the account do not cancel and are available until expended.

Sec. 5. Laws 2017, chapter 89, article 1, section 2, subdivision 20, is amended to read:

Subd. 20. Spinal Cord Injury and Traumatic Brain Injury Research Grant Program	3,000,000	3,000,000
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~~For spinal cord injury and traumatic brain injury research grants authorized under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.901.~~

For transfer to the spinal cord and traumatic brain injury grant account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.901, subdivision 1.

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

Sec. 6. Laws 2017, chapter 89, article 1, section 2, subdivision 31, is amended to read:

Subd. 31. Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness	200,000	200,000
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~~For transfer to the teacher shortage loan forgiveness program repayment account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1791, subdivision 8.~~

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

Sec. 7. Laws 2017, chapter 89, article 1, section 2, subdivision 32, is amended to read:

Subd. 32. Large Animal Veterinarian Loan Forgiveness Program	375,000	375,000
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For transfer to the large animal veterinarian loan forgiveness program account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1795, subdivision 2.

Sec. 8. Laws 2017, chapter 89, article 1, section 2, subdivision 33, is amended to read:

Subd. 33. Agricultural Educators Loan Forgiveness	50,000	50,000
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For ~~deposit in~~ transfer to the agricultural education loan forgiveness account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1794, subdivision 2.

Sec. 9. Laws 2017, chapter 89, article 1, section 2, subdivision 34, is amended to read:

Subd. 34. Aviation Degree Loan Forgiveness Program	25,000	25,000
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For transfer to the aviation degree loan forgiveness program account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1789, subdivision 2.

Sec. 10. **LABOR AGREEMENTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Minnesota State College Faculty.** The labor agreement between the state of Minnesota and the Minnesota State College Faculty, submitted to the Legislative Coordinating Commission Subcommittee on Employee Relations on April 20, 2018, is ratified.

Subd. 2. **Minnesota State University Association of Administrative and Service Faculty.** The labor agreement between the state of Minnesota and the Minnesota State University Association of Administrative and Service Faculty, submitted to the Legislative Coordinating Commission Subcommittee on Employee Relations on April 20, 2018, is ratified.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 30, 2018.

Presented to the governor May 21, 2018

Signed by the governor May 29, 2018, 1:21 p.m.