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## State of Minnesota

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 1789

02/15/2023 Authored by Hicks, Pelowski, Clardy, Frazier, Smith and others
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act

relating to higher education; appropriating money for education initiatives to support students who are or were in foster care.

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

## Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS FOR FOSTERING EDUCATION INITIATIVES.

\$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education for a grant to the Foster Advocates Nonprofit Organization for an education support and wraparound service program that provides assistance and support to individuals who were in foster care at the age of 13 or later, and for individuals who are transitioning from foster care to adulthood, up to age 27, to improve the likelihood of completing a degree and securing a stable career. The program shall provide one-on-one mentoring, leadership development, and additional resources to support each student's education journey through high school graduation and institutions of higher education. This is a onetime appropriation.

Section 1.