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H. F. No. 2284

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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
1.2 relating to higher education; regulating travel abroad study programs used for
1.3 postsecondary education credit; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.4 Statutes, chapter 136A.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[136A.89] STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM; REPORTING**
1.7 **REQUIREMENTS.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in this
1.9 subdivision have the meanings given them.

1.10 (b) "Postsecondary institution" means an institution that meets the eligibility
1.11 requirements under section 136A.103 to participate in state financial aid programs.

1.12 (c) "Program" means a study abroad program in which program participants travel
1.13 outside of the United States in connection with an educational experience.

1.14 Subd. 2. **Report required to offer credit for study abroad program.** A program
1.15 may not be offered for credit at a postsecondary institution unless the organizer of the
1.16 program has complied with the reporting requirements of subdivision 3.

1.17 Subd. 3. **Report.** (a) A program organizer must file by June 1 of each year a report
1.18 to the office with the following information from the previous calendar year:

1.19 (1) deaths of program participants resulting during program participation;

1.20 (2) accidents and illnesses occurring during program participation that resulted
1.21 in hospitalization;

1.22 (3) sexual assaults against program participants occurring during program
1.23 participation; and

2.1 (4) incidents, including incidents reported under clause (3), involving program
2.2 participants during the program that resulted in known calls with police involvement
2.3 or an incident resulting in a police report.

2.4 (b) If a program organizer fails to file an annual report with the office by June 1, the
2.5 program is prohibited from offering the study abroad program for credit in the following
2.6 calendar year.

2.7 (c) The office must publish the report information by program on its Web site in
2.8 a format that facilitates identifying information for a particular program. A program
2.9 organizer must include in its written materials provided to prospective program
2.10 participants a link to the office Web site stating that program health and safety information
2.11 is available at the Web site.

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
2.13 Initial reports required by this section must be filed by June 1, 2015.