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| DATE | D-PG | OFFICIAL STATUS |
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| 03/08/2018 | 6355 | Introduction and first reading Referred to Higher Education Finance and Policy |
| 03/14/2018 | 6443a | Comm report: To pass as amended |
| | 6479 | Second reading |
| 05/15/2018 | | Special Order: Amended Third reading Passed |

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to higher education; making clarifying and technical changes to loan

1.3 forgiveness programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 136A.1791,

1.4 subdivision 8; 136A.1795, subdivision 2; Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement,

1.5 section 136A.1789, subdivision 2; Laws 2017, chapter 89, article 1, section 2,

1.6 subdivisions 31, 32, 33, 34.

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

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 136A.1789, subdivision 2, is

1.9 amended to read:

1.10 Subd. 2. **Creation of account.** (a) An aviation degree loan forgiveness program account

1.11 is established in the special revenue fund to provide qualified pilots and qualified aircraft

1.12 technicians with financial assistance in repaying qualified education loans. The commissioner

1.13 must use money from the account to establish and administer the aviation degree loan

1.14 forgiveness program.

1.15 (b) Appropriations made to the aviation degree loan forgiveness program account do

1.16 not cancel and are available until expended.

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

1.18 Subd. 8. **Fund Account established.** A teacher shortage loan forgiveness repayment

1.19 ~~fund~~ account is created in the special revenue fund for depositing money appropriated to

1.20 or received by the commissioner for the program. Money deposited in the fund shall not

1.21 revert to any state fund at the end of any fiscal year but remains in the loan forgiveness

1.22 repayment fund and is continuously available for loan forgiveness under this section.

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

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

2.4 (1) agree to practice in designated rural areas that are considered underserved; and

2.5 (2) work full time in a practice that is at least 50 percent involved with the care of food
2.6 animals.

2.7 (b) A large animal veterinarian loan forgiveness program account is established in the
2.8 special revenue fund. The commissioner must use money from the account to establish and
2.9 administer the program under this section. Appropriations to the commissioner for the
2.10 program are for transfer to the fund.

2.11 (c) Appropriations made to the program do not cancel and are available until expended.

2.12 Sec. 4. Laws 2017, chapter 89, article 1, section 2, subdivision 31, is amended to read:

2.13 Subd. 31. **Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness** 200,000 200,000

2.14 For transfer to the teacher shortage loan
2.15 forgiveness program repayment account in the
2.16 special revenue fund under Minnesota
2.17 Statutes, section 136A.1791, subdivision 8.

2.18 The commissioner may use no more than three
2.19 percent of this appropriation to administer the
2.20 program under this subdivision.

2.21 Sec. 5. Laws 2017, chapter 89, article 1, section 2, subdivision 32, is amended to read:

2.22 Subd. 32. **Large Animal Veterinarian Loan**
2.23 **Forgiveness Program** 375,000 375,000

2.24 For transfer to the large animal veterinarian
2.25 loan forgiveness program account in the
2.26 special revenue fund under Minnesota
2.27 Statutes, section 136A.1795, subdivision 2.

2.28 Sec. 6. Laws 2017, chapter 89, article 1, section 2, subdivision 33, is amended to read:

2.29 Subd. 33. **Agricultural Educators Loan**
2.30 **Forgiveness** 50,000 50,000

3.1 For ~~deposit in~~ transfer to the agricultural
 3.2 education loan forgiveness account in the
 3.3 special revenue fund under Minnesota
 3.4 Statutes, section 136A.1794, subdivision 2.

3.5 Sec. 7. Laws 2017, chapter 89, article 1, section 2, subdivision 34, is amended to read:

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| 3.6 | Subd. 34. Aviation Degree Loan Forgiveness | | |
| 3.7 | Program | 25,000 | 25,000 |

3.8 For transfer to the aviation degree loan
 3.9 forgiveness program account in the special
 3.10 revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes,
 3.11 section 136A.1789, subdivision 2.

3.12 Sec. 8. **ONGOING APPROPRIATION.**

3.13 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1791, subdivision 8, the appropriation
 3.14 made in Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 62, subdivision 11, is available until
 3.15 June 30, 2019.