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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Higher Education and Career Readiness Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; requiring automatic admission to public postsecondary
1.3 institutions for certain Minnesota students; proposing coding for new law in
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 135A.

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

1.6 Section 1. [135A.0432] AUTOMATIC ADMISSION.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Automatic admission. Each Minnesota public postsecondary institution
1.8 must admit an applicant to the institution as an undergraduate student in a baccalaureate
1.9 program if:

1.10 (1) the applicant graduated with a grade point average in the top ten percent of the
1.11 applicant's high school graduating class;

1.12 (2) the applicant graduated from high school in one of the two years preceding the
1.13 academic year for which the applicant is applying for admission;

1.14 (3) the applicant graduated from a public or private Minnesota high school; and

1.15 (4) the applicant was a resident of Minnesota for at least the past two years of the
1.16 applicant's period of attendance at the Minnesota high school.

1.17 Subd. 2. Applicant qualification. To qualify for admission under subdivision 1 of this
1.18 section, the applicant must:

1.19 (1) submit an application before the expiration of the application filing deadline
1.20 established by the institution; and

1.21 (2) provide a high school transcript or diploma that satisfies the requirements of
1.22 subdivision 1 of this section.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Other admissions.** A graduating student who does not qualify for automatic
2.2 admission under subdivision 1 of this section may apply to any Minnesota public
2.3 postsecondary institution. The institution, after admitting students under subdivision 1, may
2.4 admit other applications for admission pursuant to the institution's standard admission
2.5 policies.

2.6 Subd. 4. **University of Minnesota.** The Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota
2.7 is requested to adopt a policy implementing this section.

2.8 Subd. 5. **Reporting requirement.** By January 15 of each year, both the Board of Trustees
2.9 of the Minnesota State College and Universities and the Board of Regents of the University
2.10 of Minnesota must submit a report on automatic admissions to the chairs and ranking
2.11 minority members of the committees in the house of representatives and the senate with
2.12 jurisdiction over higher education finance and policy. The report must describe, in summary
2.13 form, the students admitted under subdivision 1 of this section including, but not limited
2.14 to, information regarding:

2.15 (1) admission and matriculation;

2.16 (2) retention;

2.17 (3) academic performance;

2.18 (4) program outcomes; and

2.19 (5) demographic information including race, ethnicity, economic status, and geographic
2.20 distribution.

2.21 **Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.22 Section 1 is effective beginning in the 2018-2019 academic year.