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(b) Appropriations made to the aviation degree loan forgiveness program account do not cancel and are available until expended.

Subd. 3. **Eligibility.** To be eligible to participate in the loan forgiveness program under this section, an individual must:

(1) be a qualified pilot or qualified aircraft technician;

(2) have qualified education loans; and

(3) submit an application to the commissioner in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner.

Subd. 4. **Loan forgiveness.** (a) The commissioner may select eligible applicants each year for participation in the aviation degree loan forgiveness program, within the limits of available funding. Applicants are responsible for securing their own qualified education loans.

(b) For each year that the participant meets the eligibility requirements under subdivision 3, the commissioner must make annual disbursements directly to:

(1) a selected qualified pilot residing in Minnesota of \$5,000 or the balance of the participant's qualified education loans, whichever is less;

(2) a selected qualified pilot who is not residing in Minnesota of \$2,500 or the balance of the participant's qualified education loans, whichever is less;

(3) a selected qualified aircraft technician residing in Minnesota of \$3,000 or the balance of the participant's qualified education loans, whichever is less; and

(4) a selected qualified aircraft technician who is not residing in Minnesota of \$1,500 or the balance of the participant's qualified education loans, whichever is less.

(c) An individual may receive disbursements under this section for a maximum of five years.

(d) The participant must provide the commissioner with verification that the full amount of the loan repayment disbursement received by the participant has been applied toward the designated qualified education loan. After each disbursement, verification must be received by the commissioner and approved before the next repayment disbursement is made.

(e) If the participant receives a disbursement in the participant's fifth year of eligibility, the participant must provide the commissioner with verification that the full amount of the participant's final loan repayment disbursement was applied toward the designated qualified education loan. If a participant does not provide the verification as required under this

3.1 paragraph within six months of receipt of the final disbursement, the commissioner must
3.2 collect from the participant the amount of the final disbursement. The commissioner must
3.3 deposit the money collected in the aviation degree loan forgiveness program account.

3.4 Subd. 5. **Rules.** The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this section.

3.5 Sec. 2. **LOAN FORGIVENESS; APPROPRIATION.**

3.6 \$..... in fiscal year 2018 and \$..... in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from the general
3.7 fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education for the loan forgiveness program
3.8 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1794, to be deposited in the aviation degree loan
3.9 forgiveness program account.