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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 a vote by the student body for any increase
1.3 in mandatory student fees; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.4 chapters 135A; 137.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[135A.0434] STUDENT LIFE OR ACTIVITY FEES.**

1.7 An increase in mandatory student life or student activity fees at a public postsecondary
1.8 institution or campus over the amount of the fees charged to students at that institution or
1.9 campus in the previous academic year must be approved by a vote of the student body at
1.10 that institution or campus. The governing board of the public postsecondary institution must
1.11 not approve any increase in fees until approved by a majority of students voting in a campus
1.12 election. This section does not apply to fees paid by students if the fees are directly related
1.13 to educational or health services, or to a specific fee that an individual student may choose
1.14 not to pay.

1.15 Sec. 2. **[137.029] BASE APPROPRIATION; STUDENT FEE PENALTY.**

1.16 If the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota increases mandatory student life
1.17 or student activity fees without approval by a vote of the students, as provided in section
1.18 135A.0434, the commissioner of management and budget shall deduct an amount equal to
1.19 the net revenue generated by any fee increase from the university's base appropriation in
1.20 the first year of the next biennium.