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A bill for an act

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relating to higher education; prohibiting requiring students from purchasing

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graduation caps and gowns and diplomas; proposing coding for new law in

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Minnesota Statutes, chapter 135A.

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

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Section 1. [135A.191] CAPS, GOWNS, AND DIPLOMAS.

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(a) The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system and a private

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postsecondary institution that is an eligible institution as defined in section 136A.155,

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must not require students to purchase graduation caps and gowns or the original copy

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of the student's diploma. The college, university, or institution may permit students to

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purchase a graduation cap and gown.

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(b) The University of Minnesota is encouraged to comply with the requirements of

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paragraph (a).