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A bill for an act
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relating to higher education; authorizing emergency assistance grants for
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postsecondary students; appropriating money.
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
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Section 1. **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR POSTSECONDARY STUDENTS.**
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The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education shall make grants on a matching
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basis to postsecondary institutions with a demonstrable homeless student population. The
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Office of Higher Education shall partner with interested postsecondary institutions, other
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state agencies, and student groups to establish the programs. The commissioner of the Office
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of Higher Education shall determine the application process and the grant amounts. Grant
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money shall be used to meet immediate student needs that could result in a student not
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completing the term or their program, including but not limited to emergency housing, food,
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and transportation. Emergency assistance does not impact the amount of state financial aid
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received.
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Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**
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\$..... in fiscal year 2022 and \$..... in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from the general
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fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education to make the emergency assistance
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grants authorized in section 1.