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EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

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03/10/2016	4959	Introduction and first reading Referred to Higher Education and Workforce Development
03/29/2016	5297a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

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A bill for an act
relating to higher education; modifying certain postsecondary education planning
information provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section
136A.87.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 136A.87, is amended to read:

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**136A.87 PLANNING INFORMATION FOR POSTSECONDARY
EDUCATION.**

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(a) The office shall make available to all residents beginning in 7th grade through
adulthood information about planning and preparing for postsecondary opportunities.
Information must be provided to all 7th grade students and their parents annually
by September 30 about planning for their postsecondary education. The office may
also provide information to high school students and their parents, to adults, and to
out-of-school youth.

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(b) The office shall gather and share information about the dual credit acceptance
policies of each Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, and North Dakota public and
private college and university. This information must be shared on the office's Web site
and included in the information under paragraph (a).

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(c) The information provided under paragraph (a) may include the following:
(1) the need to start planning early;
(2) the availability of assistance in educational planning from educational institutions
and other organizations;
(3) suggestions for studying effectively during high school;

- 2.1 (4) high school courses necessary to be adequately prepared for postsecondary
2.2 education;
- 2.3 (5) encouragement to involve parents actively in planning for all phases of education;
- 2.4 (6) information about postsecondary education and training opportunities existing
2.5 in the state, their respective missions and expectations for students, their preparation
2.6 requirements, admission requirements, and student placement;
- 2.7 (7) ways to evaluate and select postsecondary institutions;
- 2.8 (8) the process of transferring credits among Minnesota postsecondary institutions
2.9 and systems;
- 2.10 (9) the costs of postsecondary education and the availability of financial assistance
2.11 in meeting these costs, including specific information about the Minnesota Promise;
- 2.12 (10) the interrelationship of assistance from student financial aid, public assistance,
2.13 and job training programs; and
- 2.14 (11) financial planning for postsecondary education.

2.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2016-2017 school year and
2.16 later.