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S.F. No. 3510 – Office of Higher Education (OHE) Supplemental budget bill (as proposed to be amended by the A-1 amendment)

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Article 1 Appropriations

Article 1 contains appropriations for the Office of Higher Education, the Board of Trustees of Minnesota Colleges and Universities, and the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota.

Article 2 Financial Aid

Section 1 (136A.121, subdivision 9) allows students to be eligible for the state grant program for ten semesters. Current law is capped at eight semesters.

Section 2 is deleted by the A-1 per OHE request

Section 3 (136A.1251) establishes a new student-parent support initiative, to address the needs and support the educational goals of expectant and parenting college students. Grants must be awarded to postsecondary institutions, professional organizations, community-based organizations, or other applicants deemed appropriate by the commissioner. The grants may be used for services and health-related supports. A report is due by August 1 of each odd-numbered year, with information about the students served, the organizations providing services, program activities, program goals, and outcomes.

Section 4 (136A.1791, subdivision 5) increases the annual amount provided to an approved applicant for the teacher shortage loan repayment program from \$1000 to \$2000.

Section 5 (136A.1796) amends the tribal college supplemental grant assistance program to allow grant assistance for beneficiary students, who are defined as enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe. In addition, the grant amount is changed from \$5300 to an amount equal to the highest tuition and fees charged at a public two-year institution for full time students.

Section 6 (175.45, subdivision 1) amends the Department of Labor and Industry chapter of law by expanding dual training competency occupations to include transportation and childcare.