

1.1 **Senator Tomassoni from the Committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy,**
1.2 **to which was referred**

1.3 **S.F. No. 3972:** A bill for an act relating to higher education; establishing the Inclusive
1.4 Higher Education Technical Assistance Center and inclusive higher education grant; requiring
1.5 reports; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.6 135A.

1.7 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

1.8 Page 3, line 17, delete everything after "(a)" and insert "The center must advise all
1.9 Minnesota institutions of higher education that are planning or that have an inclusive higher
1.10 education initiative to follow and maintain the accreditation standards and guiding principles
1.11 for inclusive higher education as established by the National Coordinating Center, as
1.12 identified in the United States Code, title 20, section 1140q. The center must offer technical
1.13 assistance to Minnesota inclusive higher education initiatives to remain in or achieve
1.14 alignment with the federal requirements and with the standards, quality indicators, and
1.15 benchmarks identified by the National Coordinating Center."

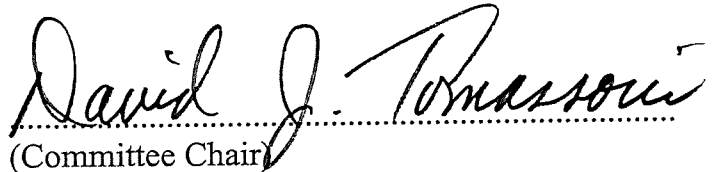
1.16 Page 3, delete lines 18 to 24

1.17 Page 5, line 5, after "public" insert "or nonprofit"

1.18 Page 6, line 22, delete everything after "(a)" and insert "The commissioner must award
1.19 grants to eligible institutions of higher education on a competitive basis using criteria
1.20 established in collaboration with the center. The commissioner must consider and prioritize
1.21 applicants that have submitted for or received a comprehensive transition and postsecondary
1.22 program designation or applicants with documented progress or intent toward submitting
1.23 for federal approval. An eligible institution of higher education may apply annually for and
1.24 receive up to \$200,000 per year for four years and \$100,000 in subsequent years pending
1.25 performance and the funding limitation in subdivision 3, paragraph (b)."

1.26 Page 6, delete lines 23 to 29

1.27 And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State
1.28 Government Finance and Policy and Elections. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

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1.30 (Committee Chair)

1.31 March 29, 2022.....
1.32 (Date of Committee recommendation)