

S.F. No. 3510 – Higher Education Omnibus Bill (delete everything amendment)

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Article 1: Appropriations

Contains appropriations to the Office of Higher Education, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, and the University of Minnesota for the 2023 fiscal year. Details for these appropriations are in the spreadsheet prepared by Hannah Grunewald, Fiscal Analyst.

Article 2 Higher Education Policy

Section 1. (124D.351) establishes the skills path program in the education chapter of law, which is a program done in coordination with the commissioner of higher education under **Section 3**. The program provides secondary students with a pathway from high school to careers in skilled work and trades. The commissioner of higher education is required to develop an application for which eligible institutions may use to apply for grants. (SF 3818. Senator Coleman)

Section 2. (136A.1213) is a new section of law establishing a grant program for students pursuing law enforcement. The annual grant is \$3000, with a lifetime limit depending on the education the student is pursuing. Eligible students must be enrolled in a law enforcement program as defined in the peace officer chapter of law. (SF 2965. Senator Eichorn)

Section 3. (136A.247) requires the commissioner of higher education to award grants up to \$50,000 to up to ten secondary schools annually for the skills path program under **Section 1**. This section specifies grant uses, and what must be included in the grant application. (SF 3818. Senator Coleman)

Section 4 (136F.02, subdivision 1) adds requirements for the governor's consideration in making appointments to the board of trustees of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. (SF 3846. Senator Kiffmeyer)

Section 5 (136F.302, subdivision 1) requires a college or university to determine whether an individual's performance on a standardized test exempts the individual from a developmental course and inform the individual if a developmental course is required. (SF 3001. Senator Putnam)

Section 6 (136F.302, subdivision 2) prohibits a college or university from determining if an individual is placed in a developmental, noncredit course based solely on the testing process. The college or university is allowed to use the multiple measures listed in this section to make a holistic determination to place an individual in a developmental course. The term "remedial" is changed to "developmental" throughout this section of law. (SF 3001. Senator Putnam)

Section 7 (136F.38, subdivision 2) amends the workforce development scholarships to include programs of study in law enforcement and specifies that the annual scholarship award for law enforcement students is \$5,000. (SF 2964. Senator Jasinski)

Section 8 (136F.38, subdivision 3) expands the programs of study under the workforce development scholarship program to include construction and law enforcement. (SF 3718. Senator Tomassoni and SF 2964. Senator Jasinski)

Section 9 (136F.38, subdivision 4) caps the lifetime limit for students in law enforcement at \$15,000. For all other programs under this section, the annual scholarship award is \$2,500 with a lifetime limit of \$7,500. (SF 2964. Senator Jasinski)

Section 10 (137.022, subdivision 4) modifies the Permanent University Fund (PUF), by doubling the amount credited to the mineral research account for the Natural Resources Research Institute. This bill also modifies the PUF fund for a mining related degree program and related scholarships, by allowing more than one program to receive funding to support workforce development and collaboration benefiting regional academics, industry, and natural resources in the Iron Range. The bill also increases the maximum scholarship for students attending the programs from \$6,500 to 75% of current in-state tuition rates per academic year and clarifies that the scholarships are for Minnesota students. (SF 4154. Senator Rarick)

Section 11 is a revisor instruction to change the term "remedial" to "developmental" when referring to courses at a postsecondary institution. (SF 3001. Senator Putnam)

Section 12 repeals the Candidate Advisory Council that had been tasked with assisting the governor in identifying criteria and candidates for nonstudent membership on the board of trustees for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. (SF 3846. Senator Kiffmeyer)