

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 431 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR POSTSECONDARY STUDENTS.**

1.4 (a) \$7,550,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$7,550,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated
1.5 from the general fund to the Office of Higher Education. The base appropriation in fiscal
1.6 year 2026 is \$7,550,000 and in fiscal year 2027 is \$7,550,000. Of this appropriation:

1.7 (1) \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for the
1.8 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,000,000
1.9 in fiscal year 2025 are for the University of Minnesota for direct emergency grants to
1.10 students;

1.11 (2) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for the Office of
1.12 Higher Education to allocate emergency grant funds to Minnesota Tribal Colleges and
1.13 eligible nonprofit institutions as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.103, located
1.14 in Minnesota with a demonstrable homeless student population. The Office of Higher
1.15 Education shall develop a plan to distribute funds to institutions and provide guidance as
1.16 to how grants are disbursed to students. The commissioner shall determine the application
1.17 process and the grant amounts; and

1.18 (3) \$50,000 per year may be used by the commissioner for the administrative costs
1.19 associated with this section.

1.20 (b) The funds must be used for emergency grants to students to meet immediate student
1.21 needs that could result in a student not completing the term or their program including, but
1.22 not limited to, emergency housing, food, and transportation. Institutions shall minimize any
1.23 negative impact on student financial aid resulting from the receipt of emergency funds.

1.24 (c) The commissioner must not distribute the funds under this section until the Office
1.25 of Higher Education has worked with the institutions and approved their plans for the
1.26 distribution of the grants to students and reporting requirements.

1.27 (d) At the end of each biennium, institutions must return any unused funds to the Office