

S.F. No. 1986 – Minnesota Commitment to Higher Education Act (as proposed by the A-2 delete-all amendment)

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This delete-all amendment establishes a tuition free scholarship program to attend public colleges, universities, and tribal colleges for students who meet eligibility requirements.

Section 1 (136A.1465) Establishes the Minnesota Commitment to Higher Education Act **Subd 1** defines terms.

Subd 2 lists the eligibility requirements. The student must:

- complete the FAFSA;
- have an adjusted gross household income below \$120,000;
- be enrolled in at least one credit; and
- be making satisfactory academic progress.

Subd 3 provides that the scholarship shall not exceed 100% of tuition and fees after grants and other scholarships are deducted, except for the Pell grant. The scholarships begin in the 2024-2025 academic year.

Subd 4 provides that the scholarships are for one semester and may be renewed provided the student continues to meet the eligibility requirements, up to a maximum of 120 credits.

Subd 5 terminates the scholarship for failure to meet satisfactory progress or for substantial noncompliance with program requirements.

Subd 6 establishes an account in the special revenue fund for purposes of this program.

Subd 7 authorizes the Office of Higher Education to administer the program.

Subd 8 requires a report beginning in 2025 and specifies what must be included in the report.

This section is effective July 1, 2024.

Section 2 transfers \$316,893,000 in fiscal year 2025 to the special revenue account established under section 1, subd. 6.

Section 3 appropriates funds to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education for administrative expenses for the program under section 1.