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S.F. No. 2242 – Hunger-Free Campus program modification (as proposed to be amended by the A-2 amendment)

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SF 2242 modifies the Hunger-Free Campus Program.

Section 1 requires the student advisory council established under current law to create an application process and make recommendations to the commissioner. The commissioner shall have final approval for the designation and the award amount.

Section 2 increases the maximum awards. The initial institution designation award is increased from \$15,000 to \$25,000 and the sustaining award is increased from \$5,000 to \$8,000.

Section 3 appropriates \$1,000,000 per year to the Office of Higher Education for the Hunger-Free Campus Program. This section also appropriates \$500,000 onetime for grants, not to exceed \$10,000 to institutions for equipment necessary to operate the food pantry. The commissioner shall establish the application and process for distributing funds. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.