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S.F. No. 687 – Parameters in the state program modification (as proposed to be amended by the A-2 amendment)

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Sections 1 to 3 amend the state grant program.

Section 1 changes the assigned student responsibility from 50% to 36% of the cost of attending an institution.

Section 2 changes the living and miscellaneous expense allowance from 109% to 115 % of the federal poverty guidelines for a one-person household.

Section 3 changes the lifetime state grant eligibility from eight semesters to ten semesters that the student is enrolled.

Sections 4 and 5 amend the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities chapter of law.

Section 4 (136F.302, subd. 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.

Section 5 (136F.302, subd. 2) prohibits a college or university from placing an individual 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.

Section 6 requires the commissioner to conduct a study of the work-study program and analyze how the program could be expanded to enable more students to work on campus. The study is due 1/15/24 and must include the information listed in this section.

Section 7 appropriates funds for grants to Minnesota State campuses to pursue innovations for students transferring within the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system in an effort to

shorten the time to degree completion and minimize excess credits. By 1/1/25, the commissioner shall report on the results of the grant program.

Section 8 appropriates funds to the commissioner for grants to public postsecondary institutions to support professional development for faculty and staff in antiracist teaching practices. A report is due 1/1/25 on the program funding and outcomes.

Section 9 appropriate funds for the state grant program.

Section 10 is a revisor instruction to change the term "remedial" to "developmental" when referring to courses at a postsecondary institution.