

1.1 **Senator Fateh from the Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred**

1.2 **S.F. No. 4269:** A bill for an act relating to higher education; prohibiting postsecondary
1.3 institutions from considering certain criminal records during the application process;
1.4 providing that postsecondary education participation satisfies employment requirements
1.5 for persons on postprison supervised release; suspending student loan payments for
1.6 incarcerated borrowers; modifying the commissioner of corrections' authority relating to
1.7 prison education partnerships in certain instances; repealing the prohibition on the
1.8 commissioner of corrections paying for college costs of certain inmates; proposing coding
1.9 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 135A; 136A; 241; 244; repealing Minnesota
1.10 Statutes 2022, sections 241.265; 609B.311.

1.11 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

1.12 Page 1, line 13, delete "as defined" and insert "under section 136A.155, except the Board
1.13 of Regents of the University of Minnesota is requested to comply with this section."

1.14 Page 1, delete line 14

1.15 Page 1, before line 15, insert:

1.16 "Subd. 2. **Definition.** As used in this section "a violent felony or sexual assault" includes
1.17 a felony-level violation or attempted violation of section 609.185; 609.19; 609.195; 609.20;
1.18 609.2112; 609.2113, subdivision 1 or 2; 609.2662; 609.2663; 609.2664; 609.268; 609.342;
1.19 609.343; 609.344; 609.345; 609.3451; 609.3458; or 609.749."

1.20 Page 1, line 17, delete "a conditional offer" and insert "an offer of admission"

1.21 Page 1, line 18, delete "of acceptance"

1.22 Page 1, line 19, after "conviction" insert "that occurred within the previous five years"

1.23 Page 1, line 21, after the period, insert "The institution must provide clear and detailed
1.24 instructions and guidance to applicants related to what criminal history requires disclosure.
1.25 The institution must not require the applicant to provide official records of criminal history."

1.26 Page 1, line 22, delete "a conditional" and insert "an"

1.27 Page 1, after line 25, insert:

1.28 "Subd. 4. **Other information.** This section shall not prohibit or limit a postsecondary
1.29 institution from inquiring about student conduct records at the applicant's prior postsecondary
1.30 institution after making an offer of admission. This section shall not prohibit or limit a
1.31 postsecondary institution from inquiring about a student's ability to meet licensure
1.32 requirements in a professional program after making an offer of admission."

1.33 Page 2, delete section 2

1.34 Page 3, delete line 7

2.1 Page 3, line 8, delete everything before "The" and insert "The commissioner of corrections
2.2 shall collect information upon intake about incarcerated persons who have self-identified
2.3 as federal student aid borrowers. The commissioner of corrections shall relay this information
2.4 to the commissioner of higher education."

2.5 Page 3, line 9, delete "inmates" and insert "incarcerated persons"

2.6 Renumber the subdivisions and sections in sequence

2.7 Amend the title as follows:


2.8 Page 1, line 8, delete "inmates" and insert "incarcerated persons"

2.9 Amend the title numbers accordingly

2.10 And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary
2.11 and Public Safety. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

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(Committee Chair)

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February 29, 2024.....
(Date of Committee recommendation)