

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

1.2 **S.F. No. 1275:** A bill for an act relating to education; requiring high school students to
1.3 complete the FAFSA or state financial aid application; requiring the commissioners of the
1.4 Office of Higher Education and the Department of Education to establish a FAFSA working
1.5 group; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.02, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.7 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.8 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.02, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.9 to read:

1.10 Subd. 4. **FAFSA requirement.** (a) Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, to graduate
1.11 from high school, a high school student must complete one of the following requirements
1.12 prior to graduation:

1.13 (1) complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form,
1.14 or if the student is not eligible to complete a FAFSA form, an application for state financial
1.15 aid; or

1.16 (2) using a form created by the Department of Education, file a signed waiver with the
1.17 student's high school indicating that the parent or guardian of the student, or the student if
1.18 the student is at least 18 years old or legally emancipated, understands what the FAFSA
1.19 form or state financial aid application is and has chosen not to file an application.

1.20 (b) A high school principal or other person having administrative control of a high
1.21 school, or a high school counselor, must waive the requirements under paragraph (a) for a
1.22 group of students no later than April 15 each year if:

1.23 (1) the student has not fulfilled either of the requirements under paragraph (a);

1.24 (2) the student has met all other graduation requirements; and

1.25 (3) the principal or high school counselor attests that the high school has made a good
1.26 faith effort to assist the student or family in meeting either of the requirements.

1.27 (c) A high school counselor must encourage and assist high school seniors to complete
1.28 and submit the FAFSA or state financial aid application.

1.29 (d) A high school principal or faculty is prohibited from inquiring about or disclosing
1.30 a student's or student's family's immigration status.

1.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

2.1 Sec. 2. **[136A.052] FAFSA REPORTING.**