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S.F. No. 1275 - as proposed to be amended by the A-4 delete-all amendment – FAFSA or state financial aid application completion requirement.

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Section 1 modifies an E-12 chapter of law, specifically the section related to educational expectations and graduation requirements for Minnesota students, by adding a new subdivision imposing requirements related to FAFSA completion.

Under **paragraph (a)**, beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, to graduate from high school, a student must either complete and submit the FAFSA or application for state financial aid, or file a signed waiver stating the student's parent or guardian, or the student if the student is 18, understands what the form is and has chosen not to file.

Paragraph (b) states that a high school must waive the requirements under paragraph (a) if the student has not fulfilled the requirements, has met all other graduation requirements, and the school counselor attests that good faith efforts have been made to assist the family in meeting either of the requirements under paragraph (a).

Paragraph (c) requires the high school counselor to encourage and assist seniors to complete the FAFSA or application for state financial aid.

Paragraph (d) prohibits high school faculty from inquiring about or disclosing a student or student's family's immigration status.

Section 2 requires the Office of Higher Education to report information to school districts to determine which students have complied with section 1, paragraph (a). The office shall not specify or disclose which financial form the student completed.