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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/15/2024	11594	Introduction and first reading Referred to Higher Education
04/15/2024	13692a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Judiciary and Public Safety Joint rule 2.03, referred to Rules and Administration
04/18/2024	14231	Comm report: Adopt previous comm report Jt rule 2.03 suspended See HF5216

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to corrections; appropriating money for a higher education liaison at the
- 1.3 Department of Corrections; requiring informational outreach about the federal
- 1.4 Fresh Start program; requiring a report.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. **FRESH START PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION.**
- 1.7 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
- 1.8 of the Department of Corrections to support a higher education liaison position to coordinate
- 1.9 between the Minnesota Department of Corrections and the Minnesota Office of Higher
- 1.10 Education.
- 1.11 (b) The commissioner of the Department of Corrections shall provide outreach in each
- 1.12 correctional facility in Minnesota to apprise incarcerated persons about the federal Fresh
- 1.13 Start program and encourage eligible persons to enroll in the program. The commissioner
- 1.14 shall work with a student loan debt counseling grantee under Minnesota Statutes, section
- 1.15 136A.1788, to assist Fresh Start applicants to enroll in an income-driven repayment plan
- 1.16 when the borrower is in repayment status.
- 1.17 (c) The commissioner shall report by January 15, 2025, to the legislative committees

- 2.1 of incarcerated persons who contacted the United States Department of Education about
- 2.2 enrolling in the federal Fresh Start program in the previous year.