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STATE OF MINNESOTA

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03/13/2025	759	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Higher Education
04/22/2025	2323a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

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A bill for an act

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relating to higher education; providing funding and policy related changes for the

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Office of Higher Education, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, and the

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University of Minnesota; creating and modifying certain scholarships and student

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aid programs; modifying program reporting requirements; modifying requirements

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for sexual misconduct grievance processes; requiring a standardized financial aid

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offer form; modifying requirements for licensing of nonpublic and out-of-state

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postsecondary institutions; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending

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Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 135A.052, subdivision 1; 135A.15, subdivisions

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1a, 2a; 135A.1582; 136A.01, by adding a subdivision; 136A.101, subdivision 5a;

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136A.103; 136A.121, subdivisions 6, 7, 7a, 9, 13; 136A.1465, subdivisions 1, 2,

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by adding a subdivision; 136A.155; 136A.162; 136A.1796; 136A.246, subdivisions

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1a, 3; 136A.65, subdivision 4; 136A.653, subdivision 5; 136A.658; 136A.69,

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subdivision 1; 136A.821, subdivisions 4, 5, by adding subdivisions; 136A.822,

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subdivisions 3, 6, 8, 13; 136A.824, subdivisions 1, 2, 6, 7; 136A.833; 136A.834,

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subdivisions 1, 5; 136A.87; 136A.901, subdivision 1; 137.022, subdivisions 3, 4;

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151.37, subdivision 12; 474A.061, subdivision 2b; Laws 2023, chapter 41, article

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2, section 31, subdivisions 1, 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota

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Statutes, chapters 120B; 135A; 136A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections

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5.41, subdivision 2; 135A.137; 136A.057; 136A.1251, subdivision 5; 136A.1788,

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subdivision 5; 136A.1791, subdivision 9; 136A.69, subdivisions 3, 5; 136A.824,

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subdivisions 3, 5; 136A.861, subdivision 7; 136A.91, subdivision 3; Laws 2023,

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chapter 41, article 2, section 31, subdivision 5; Minnesota Rules, part 4850.0014,

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subparts 1, 2.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.26

ARTICLE 1

1.27

APPROPRIATIONS

1.28

Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.29

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies

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and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,

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or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.

2.1 The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under  
2.2 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively.  
2.3 "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium"  
2.4 is fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

2.5	<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>		
2.6	<b><u>Available for the Year</u></b>		
2.7	<b><u>Ending June 30</u></b>		
2.8		<b><u>2026</u></b>	<b><u>2027</u></b>

2.9 Sec. 2. **OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

2.10	<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 357,204,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 357,423,000</u></b>
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2.11 The amounts that may be spent for each  
2.12 purpose are specified in the following  
2.13 subdivisions. The base for this appropriation  
2.14 is \$319,840,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each  
2.15 year thereafter.

2.16	<b><u>Subd. 2. State Grants</u></b>	<b><u>277,326,000</u></b>	<b><u>277,326,000</u></b>
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2.17 If the appropriation in this subdivision for  
2.18 either year is insufficient, the appropriation  
2.19 for the other year is available for it. These  
2.20 appropriations are available until June 30,  
2.21 2029. The base for this appropriation is  
2.22 \$239,743,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each  
2.23 year thereafter.

2.24	<b><u>Subd. 3. Child Care Grants</u></b>	<b><u>7,694,000</u></b>	<b><u>7,694,000</u></b>
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2.25	<b><u>Subd. 4. State Work-Study</u></b>	<b><u>14,102,000</u></b>	<b><u>14,102,000</u></b>
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2.26	<b><u>Subd. 5. Interstate Tuition Reciprocity</u></b>	<b><u>8,500,000</u></b>	<b><u>8,500,000</u></b>
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2.27 If the appropriation in this subdivision for  
2.28 either year is insufficient, the appropriation  
2.29 for the other year is available to meet  
2.30 reciprocity contract obligations.

2.31	<b><u>Subd. 6. Safety Officer's Survivors</u></b>	<b><u>100,000</u></b>	<b><u>100,000</u></b>
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2.32 This appropriation is to provide educational  
2.33 benefits under Minnesota Statutes, section  
2.34 299A.45, to eligible dependent children and

3.1 to the spouses of public safety officers killed  
 3.2 in the line of duty.

3.3 If the appropriation in this subdivision for  
 3.4 either year is insufficient, the appropriation  
 3.5 for the other year is available for it.

3.6 **Subd. 7. Indian Scholarships** 3,500,000 3,500,000

3.7 The commissioner must contract with or  
 3.8 employ at least one person with demonstrated  
 3.9 competence in American Indian culture and  
 3.10 residing in or near the city of Bemidji to assist  
 3.11 students with the scholarships under  
 3.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.126, and  
 3.13 with other information about financial aid for  
 3.14 which the students may be eligible.

3.15 **Subd. 8. Tribal College Supplemental Assistance** 3,150,000 3,150,000  
 3.16 **Grants**

3.17 (a) For Tribal college assistance grants under  
 3.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1796.

3.19 (b) A Tribal college must use grant funds  
 3.20 received under this section to supplement, not  
 3.21 supplant, any existing funding. Each eligible  
 3.22 Tribal college may receive a grant in an  
 3.23 amount no less than \$1,000,000 and no more  
 3.24 than \$1,050,000, subject to available  
 3.25 appropriations.

3.26 **Subd. 9. Intervention for College Attendance** 1,142,000 1,142,000  
 3.27 **Program Grants**

3.28 For the intervention for college attendance  
 3.29 program under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 3.30 136A.861.

3.31 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
 3.32 136A.01, subdivision 4, the commissioner  
 3.33 may use no more than three percent of this  
 3.34 appropriation to administer the program.

4.1	<u>Subd. 10. <b>Student-Parent Information</b></u>	<u>122,000</u>	<u>122,000</u>
4.2	<u>Subd. 11. <b>Get Ready!</b></u>	<u>180,000</u>	<u>180,000</u>
4.3	<u>Subd. 12. <b>Midwest Higher Education Compact</b></u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>115,000</u>
4.4	<u>Subd. 13. <b>MnLINK Gateway and Minitex</b></u>	<u>7,155,000</u>	<u>7,208,000</u>
4.5	<u>Subd. 14. <b>Statewide Longitudinal Education</b></u>	<u>2,550,000</u>	<u>2,550,000</u>
4.6	<u><b>Data System</b></u>		
4.7	<u>Subd. 15. <b>Summer Academic Enrichment</b></u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
4.8	<u><b>Program</b></u>		
4.9	<u>For summer academic enrichment grants under</u>		
4.10	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.091.</u>		
4.11	<u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
4.12	<u>136A.01, subdivision 4, the commissioner</u>		
4.13	<u>may use no more than three percent of this</u>		
4.14	<u>appropriation to administer the program.</u>		
4.15	<u>Subd. 16. <b>Campus Sexual Violence Prevention</b></u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
4.16	<u><b>and Response Coordinator</b></u>		
4.17	<u>For the Office of Higher Education to staff a</u>		
4.18	<u>campus sexual violence prevention and</u>		
4.19	<u>response coordinator to serve as a statewide</u>		
4.20	<u>resource providing professional development</u>		
4.21	<u>and guidance on best practices for</u>		
4.22	<u>postsecondary institutions. \$50,000 each year</u>		
4.23	<u>is for administrative funding to conduct</u>		
4.24	<u>trainings and provide materials to</u>		
4.25	<u>postsecondary institutions.</u>		
4.26	<u>Subd. 17. <b>Emergency Assistance for</b></u>	<u>550,000</u>	<u>550,000</u>
4.27	<u><b>Postsecondary Students</b></u>		
4.28	<u>(a) For the Office of Higher Education to</u>		
4.29	<u>allocate to nonprofit private postsecondary</u>		
4.30	<u>institutions and Tribal colleges that are eligible</u>		
4.31	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.103,</u>		
4.32	<u>for emergency assistance grants to students.</u>		
4.33	<u>The commissioner must establish processes</u>		
4.34	<u>for soliciting applications from institutions,</u>		

5.1 selecting applicants to receive an allocation,  
5.2 and determining the funding amount allocated  
5.3 and issue guidance regarding how institutions  
5.4 must award emergency assistance grants to  
5.5 students. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
5.6 section 136A.01, subdivision 4, the  
5.7 commissioner may use no more than \$50,000  
5.8 of the annual appropriation to administer the  
5.9 program.

5.10 (b) Postsecondary institutions must use the  
5.11 funding allocated to them under this  
5.12 subdivision to award emergency assistance  
5.13 grants directly to students to meet immediate  
5.14 needs that could interfere with the student  
5.15 completing the term or their program,  
5.16 including but not limited to emergency  
5.17 housing, food, and transportation. Institutions  
5.18 must minimize any negative impact on student  
5.19 financial aid resulting from the receipt of  
5.20 emergency money.

5.21 (c) Money under this subdivision must not be  
5.22 distributed to selected applicants until the  
5.23 Office of Higher Education has approved their  
5.24 plans to award grants to students.

5.25 (d) By February 1 each year, the commissioner  
5.26 must submit a report to the chairs and ranking  
5.27 minority members of the legislative  
5.28 committees with jurisdiction over higher  
5.29 education on emergency assistance grants  
5.30 awarded to students using the money  
5.31 appropriated in this subdivision. The report  
5.32 must detail:

5.33 (1) how money was distributed among  
5.34 institutions;

6.1 (2) the process by which students apply for  
 6.2 emergency assistance grants and institutions  
 6.3 make a determination about whether money  
 6.4 will be awarded;

6.5 (3) how many students received emergency  
 6.6 assistance grants and the average award  
 6.7 amount;

6.8 (4) the most common student needs that grants  
 6.9 were awarded to meet; and

6.10 (5) the average length of time between grant  
 6.11 application and disbursement to students.

6.12 (e) At the end of each biennium, institutions  
 6.13 must return any unused portion of the funding  
 6.14 allocated to them under this subdivision to the  
 6.15 Office of Higher Education.

6.16	<b><u>Subd. 18. Grants to Student Teachers in</u></b>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
6.17	<b><u>Shortage Areas</u></b>		

6.18 For grants to student teachers in shortage areas  
 6.19 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1275.

6.20 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
 6.21 136A.01, subdivision 4, the commissioner  
 6.22 may use no more than three percent of the  
 6.23 appropriation to administer the program.

6.24	<b><u>Subd. 19. Grants to Underrepresented Student</u></b>	<u>625,000</u>	<u>625,000</u>
6.25	<b><u>Teachers</u></b>		

6.26 For grants to underrepresented student teachers  
 6.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1274.

6.28 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
 6.29 136A.01, subdivision 4, the commissioner  
 6.30 may use no more than three percent of the  
 6.31 appropriation to administer the program.

6.32	<b><u>Subd. 20. Grants for Students with Intellectual</u></b>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
6.33	<b><u>and Developmental Disabilities</u></b>		

7.1 For grants for students with intellectual and  
 7.2 developmental disabilities under Minnesota  
 7.3 Statutes, section 136A.1215.

7.4 **Subd. 21. Loan Repayment Assistance Program** 55,000 55,000

7.5 For a grant to the Loan Repayment Assistance  
 7.6 Program of Minnesota to provide education  
 7.7 debt relief to attorneys with full-time  
 7.8 employment providing legal advice or  
 7.9 representation to low-income clients or support  
 7.10 services for this work.

7.11 **Subd. 22. Student Loan Debt Counseling** 250,000 250,000

7.12 For student loan debt counseling under  
 7.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1788.

7.14 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
 7.15 136A.01, subdivision 4, the commissioner  
 7.16 may use no more than three percent of the  
 7.17 appropriation to administer the program.

7.18 **Subd. 23. Hunger-Free Campus Grants** 200,000 200,000

7.19 (a) For the Office of Higher Education to  
 7.20 award grants to nonprofit private  
 7.21 postsecondary institutions and Tribal colleges  
 7.22 registered with the Office of Higher Education  
 7.23 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.63,  
 7.24 for hunger-free campus activities. The  
 7.25 commissioner must establish a competitive  
 7.26 grant program to distribute the money  
 7.27 appropriated in this subdivision, which must:

7.28 (1) have an application process and selection  
 7.29 criteria established by the commissioner in  
 7.30 collaboration with student associations  
 7.31 representing eligible institutions;

7.32 (2) provide a maximum annual grant award  
 7.33 of \$25,000 per institution;

- 8.1 (3) give preference to applications from  
8.2 institutions with the highest number of federal  
8.3 Pell Grant eligible students enrolled; and
- 8.4 (4) require grant recipients to match at least  
8.5 50 percent of the amount awarded with either  
8.6 in-kind contributions or other resources.
- 8.7 (b) Postsecondary institutions must use the  
8.8 grant money awarded to them under this  
8.9 subdivision to meet the following hunger-free  
8.10 campus requirements:
- 8.11 (1) maintain an on-campus food pantry or  
8.12 partnership with a local food bank to provide  
8.13 regular, on-campus food distributions;
- 8.14 (2) provide information to students on the  
8.15 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
8.16 (SNAP), the Minnesota Family Investment  
8.17 Program (MFIP), and other programs that  
8.18 reduce food insecurity;
- 8.19 (3) notify students in work-study employment  
8.20 of their potential eligibility for SNAP benefits  
8.21 and provide information to those students  
8.22 about eligibility criteria and how to apply for  
8.23 benefits;
- 8.24 (4) hold or participate in one hunger awareness  
8.25 event per academic year;
- 8.26 (5) provide emergency assistance grants to  
8.27 students; and
- 8.28 (6) establish a hunger task force that meets a  
8.29 minimum of three times per academic year  
8.30 and that includes at least two students  
8.31 currently enrolled at the institution.
- 8.32 (c) By February 1 each year, the commissioner  
8.33 must submit a report to the chairs and ranking



9.1 minority members of the legislative  
 9.2 committees with jurisdiction over higher  
 9.3 education on hunger-free campus activities  
 9.4 performed using the money appropriated in  
 9.5 this subdivision. The report must detail:

9.6 (1) how money was distributed among  
 9.7 institutions;

9.8 (2) how hunger-free campus requirements  
 9.9 were met at those institutions; and

9.10 (3) how many students were served.

9.11 **Subd. 24. Fostering Independence Higher**  
 9.12 **Education Grants**

8,416,000

8,416,000

9.13 For grants to eligible students under Minnesota  
 9.14 Statutes, section 136A.1241. Notwithstanding  
 9.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.01,  
 9.16 subdivision 4, the commissioner may use no  
 9.17 more than three percent of the appropriation  
 9.18 to administer the grants.

9.19 **Subd. 25. Student-Parent Support Initiative**

3,000,000

3,000,000

9.20 For grants to support student parents under  
 9.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1251.  
 9.22 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
 9.23 136A.01, subdivision 4, the commissioner  
 9.24 may use no more than \$338,000 of the annual  
 9.25 appropriation for administrative and  
 9.26 promotional costs.

9.27 **Subd. 26. Director of Tribal Relations**

143,000

143,000

9.28 **Subd. 27. Direct Admissions Program**

900,000

900,000

9.29 For the direct admissions program under  
 9.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.84.

9.31 **Subd. 28. American Indian Scholars**

8,500,000

8,500,000

9.32 (a) To support implementation of Minnesota  
 9.33 Statutes, section 135A.121.

10.1	<u>(b) \$4,032,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
10.2	<u>\$4,032,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for transfer</u>		
10.3	<u>to the Board of Regents of the University of</u>		
10.4	<u>Minnesota.</u>		
10.5	<u>(c) \$4,468,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
10.6	<u>\$4,468,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for transfer</u>		
10.7	<u>to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota</u>		
10.8	<u>State Colleges and Universities.</u>		
10.9	<b><u>Subd. 29. Inclusive Higher Education</u></b>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
10.10	<u>To enter into a contract establishing the</u>		
10.11	<u>Inclusive Higher Education Technical</u>		
10.12	<u>Assistance Center under Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
10.13	<u>section 135A.161.</u>		
10.14	<b><u>Subd. 30. Paramedic Scholarship Program</u></b>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
10.15	<u>For the paramedic scholarship program under</u>		
10.16	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1278.</u>		
10.17	<u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
10.18	<u>136A.01, subdivision 4, the commissioner</u>		
10.19	<u>may use no more than \$50,000 of the annual</u>		
10.20	<u>appropriation for administrative and</u>		
10.21	<u>promotional costs.</u>		
10.22	<b><u>Subd. 31. Unemployment Insurance Aid</u></b>	<u>158,000</u>	<u>158,000</u>
10.23	<u>For unemployment insurance aid to Tribal</u>		
10.24	<u>colleges under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
10.25	<u>268.193. Of the amount appropriated, \$24,000</u>		
10.26	<u>each year is for administration of</u>		
10.27	<u>unemployment insurance aid.</u>		
10.28	<b><u>Subd. 32. North Star Promise; Administrative</u></b>	<u>202,000</u>	<u>202,000</u>
10.29	<b><u>Costs</u></b>		
10.30	<u>For administrative and promotion expenses to</u>		
10.31	<u>implement and direct the scholarship awards</u>		
10.32	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1465.</u>		
10.33	<b><u>Subd. 33. Agency Administration</u></b>	<u>6,219,000</u>	<u>6,385,000</u>

11.1 Subd. 34. **Balances Forward**

11.2 A balance in the first year under this section  
11.3 does not cancel, but is available for the second  
11.4 year.

11.5 Subd. 35. **Transfers**

11.6 The commissioner of the Office of Higher  
11.7 Education may transfer unencumbered  
11.8 balances from the appropriations in this  
11.9 section to the state grant appropriation, the  
11.10 interstate tuition reciprocity appropriation, the  
11.11 child care grant appropriation, the Indian  
11.12 scholarship appropriation, the state work-study  
11.13 appropriation, the get ready appropriation, the  
11.14 intervention for college attendance  
11.15 appropriation, the student-parent information  
11.16 appropriation, the summer academic  
11.17 enrichment program appropriation, the public  
11.18 safety officers' survivors appropriation, and  
11.19 the fostering independence higher education  
11.20 grant program. The commissioner may transfer  
11.21 unencumbered balances from the hunger-free  
11.22 campus appropriations to the emergency  
11.23 assistance for postsecondary students grant.  
11.24 To the extent there is a projected surplus in  
11.25 the appropriation for either the student  
11.26 teachers in shortage areas grant program or  
11.27 the underrepresented student teacher grant  
11.28 program, the commissioner may transfer  
11.29 unencumbered balances between the two  
11.30 programs as needed to meet demand. Transfers  
11.31 from the child care, state work-study, or the  
11.32 hunger-free campus appropriations may only  
11.33 be made to the extent there is a projected  
11.34 surplus in the appropriation. A transfer may  
11.35 be made only with prior written notice to the

12.1 chairs and ranking minority members of the  
 12.2 senate and house of representatives  
 12.3 committees with jurisdiction over higher  
 12.4 education finance.

12.5 **Sec. 3. BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**  
 12.6 **MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND**  
 12.7 **UNIVERSITIES**

12.8 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation**                      \$      **880,039,000**    \$      **879,050,000**

12.9 The amounts that may be spent for each  
 12.10 purpose are specified in the following  
 12.11 subdivisions.

12.12 **Subd. 2. Central Office and Shared Services**  
 12.13 **Unit**

36,401,000                      36,401,000

12.14 For the Office of the Chancellor and the  
 12.15 Shared Services Division.

12.16 **Subd. 3. Operations and Maintenance**

831,873,000                      830,884,000

12.17 (a) \$5,700,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
 12.18 \$5,700,000 in fiscal year 2027 are to provide  
 12.19 supplemental aid for operations and  
 12.20 maintenance to the president of each two-year  
 12.21 institution in the system with at least one  
 12.22 campus that is not located in a metropolitan  
 12.23 county, as defined in Minnesota Statutes,  
 12.24 section 473.121, subdivision 4. The board  
 12.25 shall transfer at least \$158,000 for each  
 12.26 campus not located in a metropolitan county  
 12.27 in each year to the president of each institution  
 12.28 that includes such a campus.

12.29 (b) The Board of Trustees is requested to help  
 12.30 Minnesota close the attainment gap by funding  
 12.31 activities which improve retention and  
 12.32 completion for students of color.

12.33 (c) \$9,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
 12.34 \$9,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for

- 13.1 enterprise-wide technology, including  
13.2 upgrading the Integrated Statewide Record  
13.3 System and maintaining enterprise-wide  
13.4 technology services.
- 13.5 (d) \$550,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$550,000  
13.6 in fiscal year 2027 are to reduce students'  
13.7 out-of-pocket costs by expanding free  
13.8 offerings in course materials and resources,  
13.9 including through open educational resources,  
13.10 open textbooks, and implementation of  
13.11 Z-Degrees under Minnesota Statutes, section  
13.12 136F.305.
- 13.13 (e) \$3,158,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
13.14 \$3,158,000 in fiscal year 2027 are to expand  
13.15 student support services. This appropriation  
13.16 provides funding to campuses to address basic  
13.17 needs insecurity, mental health, and other  
13.18 high-need student support services by  
13.19 increasing the amount of available resources  
13.20 to students. In addition, this funding provides  
13.21 systemwide resources and coordination,  
13.22 including electronic connections for peer  
13.23 support and professional clinical support for  
13.24 mental health. These systemwide resources  
13.25 must be available online 24 hours a day, seven  
13.26 days a week.
- 13.27 (f) \$883,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$894,000  
13.28 in fiscal year 2027 are for costs associated  
13.29 with the increased employer contribution rates  
13.30 for the higher education individual retirement  
13.31 account plan under Minnesota Statutes, section  
13.32 354B.23, subdivision 3.
- 13.33 (g) \$809,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$809,000  
13.34 in fiscal year 2027 are for unemployment  
13.35 insurance aid under Minnesota Statutes,

14.1 section 268.193, to institutions within the  
 14.2 system.

14.3 (h) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000  
 14.4 in fiscal year 2027 are for the Juvenile  
 14.5 Detention Alternatives Initiative at  
 14.6 Metropolitan State University. Of this amount,  
 14.7 \$280,000 each year is to provide juvenile  
 14.8 justice services and resources, including the  
 14.9 Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, to  
 14.10 Minnesota counties and federally recognized  
 14.11 Tribes; and \$220,000 each year is for funding  
 14.12 to local units of government, federally  
 14.13 recognized Tribes, and agencies to support  
 14.14 local Juvenile Detention Alternative  
 14.15 Initiatives, including but not limited to  
 14.16 alternatives to detention. Any unencumbered  
 14.17 balance remaining in the first year does not  
 14.18 cancel and is available in the second year.

14.19 (i) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 is to address  
 14.20 contamination of PFAS, as defined in  
 14.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 116.943, arising  
 14.22 from or associated with the use of firefighting  
 14.23 foam at the Lake Superior College Emergency  
 14.24 Response Training Center (ERTC) prior to  
 14.25 January 1, 2015. Money may be used to  
 14.26 conduct environmental investigation and  
 14.27 response activities, including ERTC program  
 14.28 accommodations, and reimburse past expenses  
 14.29 incurred for these activities. This is a onetime  
 14.30 appropriation.

14.31 Subd. 4. **Direct Student Support**

14.32 (a) \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
 14.33 \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for  
 14.34 workforce development scholarships under  
 14.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.38.

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15.1 (b) \$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
15.2 \$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for  
15.3 emergency assistance grants to Minnesota  
15.4 State Colleges and Universities students. The  
15.5 Board of Trustees must:

15.6 (1) award emergency assistance grants directly  
15.7 to students to meet immediate needs that could  
15.8 interfere with the student completing the term  
15.9 or their program, including but not limited to  
15.10 emergency housing, food, and transportation;

15.11 (2) minimize any negative impact on student  
15.12 financial aid resulting from the receipt of  
15.13 emergency money; and

15.14 (3) by February 1 of each year, submit a report  
15.15 to the chairs and ranking minority members  
15.16 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
15.17 over higher education on emergency assistance  
15.18 grants awarded to students using the money  
15.19 appropriated in this paragraph. The report must  
15.20 detail:

15.21 (i) how money was distributed among  
15.22 institutions;

15.23 (ii) the process by which students apply for  
15.24 emergency assistance grants and institutions  
15.25 make a determination about whether money  
15.26 will be awarded;

15.27 (iii) how many students received emergency  
15.28 assistance grants and the average award  
15.29 amount;

15.30 (iv) the most common student needs that  
15.31 grants were awarded to meet; and

15.32 (v) the average length of time between grant  
15.33 application and disbursement to students.

16.1 (c) \$600,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$600,000  
16.2 in fiscal year 2027 are for hunger-free campus  
16.3 activities. The Board of Trustees must:

16.4 (1) meet the following hunger-free campus  
16.5 requirements on Minnesota State Colleges and  
16.6 Universities campuses:

16.7 (i) maintain an on-campus food pantry or  
16.8 partnership with a local food bank to provide  
16.9 regular, on-campus food distributions;

16.10 (ii) provide information to students on the  
16.11 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
16.12 (SNAP), the Minnesota Family Investment  
16.13 Program (MFIP), and other programs that  
16.14 reduce food insecurity;

16.15 (iii) notify students in work-study employment  
16.16 of their potential eligibility for SNAP benefits  
16.17 and provide information to those students  
16.18 about eligibility criteria and how to apply for  
16.19 benefits;

16.20 (iv) hold or participate in one hunger  
16.21 awareness event per academic year;

16.22 (v) provide emergency assistance grants to  
16.23 students; and

16.24 (vi) establish a hunger task force that meets a  
16.25 minimum of three times per academic year  
16.26 and that includes at least two students  
16.27 currently enrolled at the institution;

16.28 (2) match at least 50 percent of the amount  
16.29 appropriated in this paragraph with either  
16.30 in-kind contributions or other resources; and

16.31 (3) by February 1 each year, submit a report  
16.32 to the chairs and ranking minority members  
16.33 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction



17.1 over higher education on hunger-free campus  
17.2 activities performed using the money  
17.3 appropriated in this paragraph. The report must  
17.4 detail:

17.5 (i) how money was distributed among  
17.6 institutions;

17.7 (ii) how hunger-free campus requirements  
17.8 were met at those institutions; and

17.9 (iii) how many students were served.

17.10 **Subd. 5. Cook County Higher Education Board** 300,000 300,000

17.11 For a grant to the Cook County Higher  
17.12 Education Board to provide educational  
17.13 programming, workforce development, and  
17.14 academic support services to remote regions  
17.15 in northeastern Minnesota. The Cook County  
17.16 Higher Education Board shall continue to  
17.17 provide information to the Board of Trustees  
17.18 on the number of students served, credit hours  
17.19 delivered, and services provided to students.

17.20 **Subd. 6. Learning Network of Minnesota** 4,115,000 4,115,000

17.21 **Sec. 4. BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE**  
17.22 **UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

17.23 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 744,263,000** **\$ 744,263,000**

17.24 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
17.25 <u>General</u>	<u>742,106,000</u>	<u>742,106,000</u>
17.26 <u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>

17.27 The amounts that may be spent for each  
17.28 purpose are specified in the following  
17.29 subdivisions.

17.30 **Subd. 2. Operations and Maintenance** 644,128,000 644,128,000

17.31 **Subd. 3. Special Appropriations; Research and**  
17.32 **Innovation** 33,033,000 33,033,000

- 18.1 (a) \$12,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
18.2 \$12,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for  
18.3 Medical Discovery Teams on Addiction, the  
18.4 Biology of Aging, Optical Imaging and Brain  
18.5 Science, Rural and American Indian Health  
18.6 Disparities, Incretin Mimetics, and other  
18.7 critical, complex health issues.
- 18.8 (b) \$2,150,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
18.9 \$2,150,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the  
18.10 Clinical and Translational Science Institute.
- 18.11 (c) The Board of Regents may transfer  
18.12 unencumbered balances between the  
18.13 appropriations for the Medical Discovery  
18.14 Teams and the Clinical and Translational  
18.15 Science Institute as needed.
- 18.16 (d) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
18.17 \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the  
18.18 Minnesota Cancer Clinical Trials Network.
- 18.19 (e) \$2,465,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
18.20 \$2,465,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for health  
18.21 sciences research at the Office of Academic  
18.22 Clinical Affairs and the School of Public  
18.23 Health.
- 18.24 (f) \$7,491,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
18.25 \$7,491,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for  
18.26 competitive grants for biotechnology and  
18.27 medical genomics research at the University  
18.28 of Minnesota and Mayo Foundation. By June  
18.29 30 of each year, the Board of Regents must  
18.30 submit a report on the expenditure of this  
18.31 money to the governor and the chairs and  
18.32 ranking minority members of the legislative  
18.33 committees with jurisdiction over higher  
18.34 education.

19.1 (g) \$4,350,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
19.2 \$4,350,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for  
19.3 competitive grants for regenerative medicine  
19.4 research and commercialization.

19.5 (h) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000  
19.6 in fiscal year 2027 are for competitive grants  
19.7 for research into the prevention, treatment,  
19.8 causes, and cures of Alzheimer's disease and  
19.9 other dementias.

19.10 (i) \$77,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$77,000 in  
19.11 fiscal year 2027 are for biomedical  
19.12 engineering.

19.13	<u>Subd. 4. Special Appropriations; Medical</u>			
19.14	<u>Training and Care</u>	\$	<u>12,946,000</u>	\$ <u>12,946,000</u>

19.15	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
19.16		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
19.17	<u>General</u>	<u>10,789,000</u>	<u>10,789,000</u>
19.18	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>

19.19 (a) \$1,043,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
19.20 \$1,043,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the  
19.21 Rural Physician Associate Program (RPAP)  
19.22 and Metropolitan Physician Associate Program  
19.23 (MetroPAP).

19.24 (b) \$6,247,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
19.25 \$6,247,000 in fiscal year 2027 are to support  
19.26 faculty physicians teaching at eight clinical  
19.27 residency program sites, including medical  
19.28 resident and student training programs in the  
19.29 Department of Family Medicine and  
19.30 Community Health.

19.31 (c) \$346,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$346,000  
19.32 in fiscal year 2027 are to support up to 12  
19.33 resident physicians in the St. Cloud Hospital  
19.34 family medicine residency program, which

20.1 must prepare doctors to practice primary care  
 20.2 medicine in rural areas of Minnesota.

20.3 (d) \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
 20.4 \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for a  
 20.5 partnership between the University of  
 20.6 Minnesota Medical School and CentraCare to  
 20.7 establish and operate new residency programs  
 20.8 and maintain existing residency programs  
 20.9 based in CentraCare hospitals and clinics in  
 20.10 St. Cloud and Willmar. Eligible uses of this  
 20.11 appropriation include but are not limited to  
 20.12 program administration, curriculum  
 20.13 development, resident recruitment, training,  
 20.14 and resident stipends.

20.15 (e) \$993,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$993,000  
 20.16 in fiscal year 2027 are for the Mobile Dental  
 20.17 Clinic.

20.18 (f) \$2,157,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
 20.19 \$2,157,000 in fiscal year 2027 are from the  
 20.20 health care access fund for primary care  
 20.21 education initiatives.

20.22 (g) \$660,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$660,000  
 20.23 in fiscal year 2027 are for geriatrics education.

20.24 **Subd. 5. Special Appropriations; Social Sciences**

20.25 (a) \$985,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$985,000  
 20.26 in fiscal year 2027 are for the Center for Urban  
 20.27 and Regional Affairs.

20.28 (b) \$39,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$39,000  
 20.29 in fiscal year 2027 are for the Bureau of  
 20.30 Business and Economic Research at the  
 20.31 University of Minnesota Duluth.

20.32 (c) \$778,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$778,000  
 20.33 in fiscal year 2027 are for industrial relations

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21.1 education at the Carlson School of

21.2 Management.

21.3 **Subd. 6. Special Appropriations; Natural**  
 21.4 **Resources Management and Education**

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21.5 (a) \$27,086,000 in fiscal year 2026 and

21.6 \$27,086,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the

21.7 Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station.

21.8 (b) \$15,836,000 in fiscal year 2026 and

21.9 \$15,836,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the

21.10 University of Minnesota Extension.

21.11 (c) The amounts appropriated in paragraphs

21.12 (a) and (b) must be used for the following:

21.13 (1) the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment

21.14 Station and University of Minnesota Extension

21.15 must convene agricultural advisory groups to

21.16 focus research, education, and Extension

21.17 activities on producer needs and implement

21.18 an outreach strategy that more effectively and

21.19 rapidly transfers research results and best

21.20 practices to producers throughout the state;

21.21 (2) this appropriation includes funding for

21.22 research and outreach on the production of

21.23 renewable energy from Minnesota biomass

21.24 resources, including agronomic crops, plant

21.25 and animal wastes, and native plants or trees.

21.26 The following areas should be prioritized and

21.27 carried out in consultation with Minnesota

21.28 producers, renewable energy, and bioenergy

21.29 organizations:

21.30 (i) biofuel and other energy production from

21.31 perennial crops, small grains, row crops, and

21.32 forestry products in conjunction with the

21.33 Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI);

- 22.1 (ii) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping  
22.2 systems; and
- 22.3 (iii) biofuel coproducts used for livestock feed;
- 22.4 (3) this appropriation includes funding for the  
22.5 College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural  
22.6 Resource Sciences to establish and provide  
22.7 leadership for organic agronomic,  
22.8 horticultural, livestock, and food systems  
22.9 research, education, and outreach and for the  
22.10 purchase of state-of-the-art laboratory,  
22.11 planting, tilling, harvesting, and processing  
22.12 equipment necessary for this project;
- 22.13 (4) this appropriation includes funding for  
22.14 research efforts that demonstrate a renewed  
22.15 emphasis on the needs of the state's agriculture  
22.16 community. The following areas should be  
22.17 prioritized and carried out in consultation with  
22.18 Minnesota farm organizations:
- 22.19 (i) vegetable crop research with priority for  
22.20 extending the Minnesota vegetable growing  
22.21 season;
- 22.22 (ii) fertilizer and soil fertility research and  
22.23 development;
- 22.24 (iii) soil, groundwater, and surface water  
22.25 conservation practices and contaminant  
22.26 reduction research;
- 22.27 (iv) discovering and developing plant varieties  
22.28 that use nutrients more efficiently;
- 22.29 (v) breeding and development of turf seed and  
22.30 other biomass resources in all three Minnesota  
22.31 biomes;

- 23.1 (vi) development of new disease-resistant and  
23.2 pest-resistant varieties of turf and agronomic  
23.3 crops;
- 23.4 (vii) utilizing plant and livestock cells to treat  
23.5 and cure human diseases;
- 23.6 (viii) the development of dairy coproducts;
- 23.7 (ix) a rapid agricultural response fund for  
23.8 current or emerging animal, plant, and insect  
23.9 problems affecting production or food safety;
- 23.10 (x) crop pest and animal disease research;
- 23.11 (xi) developing animal agriculture that is  
23.12 capable of sustainably feeding the world;
- 23.13 (xii) consumer food safety education and  
23.14 outreach;
- 23.15 (xiii) programs to meet the research and  
23.16 outreach needs of organic livestock and crop  
23.17 farmers; and
- 23.18 (xiv) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping  
23.19 systems and growing, harvesting, and  
23.20 transporting biomass plant material; and
- 23.21 (5) by February 1, 2027, the Board of Regents  
23.22 must submit a report to the legislative  
23.23 committees and divisions with jurisdiction  
23.24 over agriculture and higher education finance  
23.25 on the status and outcomes of research and  
23.26 initiatives funded in paragraphs (a) and (b).
- 23.27 (d) \$4,414,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
23.28 \$4,414,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the  
23.29 Natural Resources Research Institute.
- 23.30 (e) \$1,673,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
23.31 \$1,673,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the  
23.32 Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

24.1 (f) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
24.2 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for a  
24.3 University of Minnesota Extension program  
24.4 that enhances the capacity of the state's  
24.5 agriculture sector, land and resource managers,  
24.6 and communities to plan for and adapt to  
24.7 weather extremes, including but not limited  
24.8 to droughts and floods. The money  
24.9 appropriated in this paragraph must be used  
24.10 to support existing Extension staff members  
24.11 and to hire additional staff members for a  
24.12 program with broad geographic reach  
24.13 throughout the state. The program must:  
  
24.14 (1) identify, develop, implement, and evaluate  
24.15 educational programs that increase the  
24.16 capacity of Minnesota's agriculture sector,  
24.17 land and resource managers, and communities  
24.18 to be prepared for and adapt to projected  
24.19 physical changes in temperature, precipitation,  
24.20 and other weather parameters that affect crops,  
24.21 lands, horticulture, pests, and wildlife in ways  
24.22 that present challenges to the state's agriculture  
24.23 sector and the communities that depend on the  
24.24 agriculture sector; and  
  
24.25 (2) communicate and interpret the latest  
24.26 research on critical weather trends and the  
24.27 scientific basis for critical weather trends to  
24.28 further prepare Extension staff throughout the  
24.29 state to educate and provide technical  
24.30 assistance to the agriculture sector, land and  
24.31 resource managers, and community members  
24.32 at the local level regarding technical  
24.33 information on water resource management,  
24.34 agriculture and forestry, engineering and  
24.35 infrastructure design, and emergency



25.1 management that is necessary to develop  
 25.2 strategies to mitigate the effects of extreme  
 25.3 weather change.

25.4 **Subd. 7. Special Appropriations; Campus**  
 25.5 **Management and Student Support**

2,345,000

2,345,000

25.6 (a) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
 25.7 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for campus  
 25.8 safety and security measures.

25.9 (b) \$366,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$366,000  
 25.10 in fiscal year 2027 are for unemployment  
 25.11 insurance aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 25.12 section 268.193.

25.13 (c) \$779,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$779,000  
 25.14 in fiscal year 2027 are for emergency  
 25.15 assistance grants to University of Minnesota  
 25.16 students. The Board of Regents must:

25.17 (1) award emergency assistance grants directly  
 25.18 to students to meet immediate needs that could  
 25.19 interfere with the student completing the term  
 25.20 or their program, including but not limited to  
 25.21 emergency housing, food, and transportation;

25.22 (2) minimize any negative impact on student  
 25.23 financial aid resulting from the receipt of  
 25.24 emergency money; and

25.25 (3) by February 1 each year, submit a report  
 25.26 to the chairs and ranking minority members  
 25.27 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
 25.28 over higher education on emergency assistance  
 25.29 grants awarded to students using the money  
 25.30 appropriated in this paragraph. The report must  
 25.31 detail:

25.32 (i) how money was distributed among  
 25.33 institutions;

- 26.1 (ii) the process by which students apply for  
26.2 emergency assistance grants and institutions  
26.3 make a determination about whether money  
26.4 will be awarded;
- 26.5 (iii) how many students received emergency  
26.6 assistance grants and the average award  
26.7 amount;
- 26.8 (iv) the most common student needs that  
26.9 grants were awarded to meet; and
- 26.10 (v) the average length of time between grant  
26.11 application and disbursement to students.
- 26.12 (d) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$200,000  
26.13 in fiscal year 2027 are for hunger-free campus  
26.14 activities. The Board of Regents must:
- 26.15 (1) meet the following hunger-free campus  
26.16 requirements on University of Minnesota  
26.17 campuses:
- 26.18 (i) maintain an on-campus food pantry or  
26.19 partnership with a local food bank to provide  
26.20 regular, on-campus food distributions;
- 26.21 (ii) provide information to students on the  
26.22 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
26.23 (SNAP), the Minnesota Family Investment  
26.24 Program (MFIP), and other programs that  
26.25 reduce food insecurity;
- 26.26 (iii) notify students in work-study employment  
26.27 of their potential eligibility for SNAP benefits  
26.28 and provide information to those students  
26.29 about eligibility criteria and how to apply for  
26.30 benefits;
- 26.31 (iv) hold or participate in one hunger  
26.32 awareness event per academic year;

- 27.1 (v) provide emergency assistance grants to  
27.2 students; and
- 27.3 (vi) establish a hunger task force that meets a  
27.4 minimum of three times per academic year  
27.5 and that includes at least two students  
27.6 currently enrolled at the institution;
- 27.7 (2) match at least 50 percent of the amount  
27.8 appropriated in this paragraph with either  
27.9 in-kind contributions or other resources; and
- 27.10 (3) by February 1 of each year, submit a report  
27.11 to the chairs and ranking minority members  
27.12 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
27.13 over higher education on hunger-free campus  
27.14 activities performed using the money  
27.15 appropriated in this paragraph. The report must  
27.16 detail:
- 27.17 (i) how funding was distributed among  
27.18 institutions;
- 27.19 (ii) how hunger-free campus requirements  
27.20 were met at those institutions; and
- 27.21 (iii) how many students were served.

27.22 Sec. 5. **TRANSFERS.**

- 27.23 (a) \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred  
27.24 from the general fund to the spinal cord and traumatic brain injury grant account in the  
27.25 special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.901, subdivision 1. The  
27.26 commissioner may use up to three percent of the amounts transferred under this paragraph  
27.27 to administer the program. Under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103, the commissioner  
27.28 of management and budget must include a transfer of \$3,000,000 each year for fiscal years  
27.29 2028 through 2031 from the general fund to the spinal cord and traumatic brain injury grant  
27.30 account in the special revenue fund when preparing each forecast from the effective date  
27.31 of this section through the February 2027 forecast.

- 27.32 (b) \$3,132,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,132,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred  
27.33 from the general fund to the dual training account in the special revenue fund under

28.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.246, subdivision 10. Of the amounts transferred under  
28.2 this paragraph, \$132,000 each year is for transfer to the Department of Labor and Industry  
28.3 to support identification of competency standards and development of dual training programs  
28.4 in the transportation and child care industries as required under Minnesota Statutes, section  
28.5 175.45. Under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103, the commissioner of management and  
28.6 budget must include a transfer of \$3,132,000 each year for fiscal years 2028 through 2031  
28.7 from the general fund to the dual training account in the special revenue fund when preparing  
28.8 each forecast from the effective date of this section through the February 2027 forecast.

28.9 (c) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$200,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred from  
28.10 the general fund to the teacher shortage loan repayment account in the special revenue fund  
28.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1791, subdivision 8. The commissioner may use  
28.12 up to three percent of the amounts transferred under this paragraph to administer the program.  
28.13 Under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103, the commissioner of management and budget  
28.14 must include a transfer of \$200,000 each year for fiscal years 2028 through 2031 from the  
28.15 general fund to the teacher shortage loan repayment account in the special revenue fund  
28.16 when preparing each forecast from the effective date of this section through the February  
28.17 2027 forecast.

28.18 (d) \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred from  
28.19 the general fund to the inclusive higher education grant account in the special revenue fund  
28.20 under Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.162, subdivision 4. The commissioner may use up  
28.21 to five percent of the amounts transferred under this paragraph to administer the program.  
28.22 Under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103, the commissioner of management and budget  
28.23 must include a transfer of \$750,000 each year for fiscal years 2028 through 2031 from the  
28.24 general fund to the inclusive higher education grant account in the special revenue fund  
28.25 when preparing each forecast from the effective date of this section through the February  
28.26 2027 forecast.

28.27 (e) \$49,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$49,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred  
28.28 from the general fund to the account in the special revenue fund for North Star Promise  
28.29 scholarships under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1465, subdivision 8. Under Minnesota  
28.30 Statutes, section 16A.103, the commissioner of management and budget must include a  
28.31 transfer of \$49,500,000 each year for fiscal years 2028 through 2031 from the general fund  
28.32 to the account in the special revenue fund for North Star Promise scholarships when preparing  
28.33 each forecast from the effective date of this section through the February 2027 forecast.

29.1      **Sec. 6. CANCELLATIONS.**

29.2 (a) The \$500,000 fiscal year 2025 appropriation from the general fund for the Kids on  
29.3 Campus initiative under Laws 2024, chapter 124, article 1, section 6, is canceled.

29.4 (b) \$500,000 from the dual training account in the special revenue fund is canceled to  
29.5 the general fund.

29.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

29.7 **ARTICLE 2**

29.8 **HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY**

29.9 Section 1. **[120B.1251] PARTICIPATION IN DIRECT ADMISSIONS PROGRAM.**

29.10 Starting in the 2029-2030 school year, a district or charter school high school must  
29.11 participate in the direct admissions program under section 136A.84.

29.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 135A.052, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

29.13        Subdivision 1. **Statement of missions.** (a) The legislature recognizes each type of public  
29.14        postsecondary institution to have a distinctive mission within the overall provision of public  
29.15        higher education in the state and a responsibility to cooperate with each other. These missions  
29.16        are as follows:

29.17 (1) the technical colleges shall offer vocational training and education to prepare students  
29.18 for skilled occupations that do not require a baccalaureate degree;

29.19 (2) the community colleges shall offer lower division instruction in academic programs,  
29.20 occupational programs in which all credits earned will be accepted for transfer to a  
29.21 baccalaureate degree in the same field of study, and remedial studies, for students transferring  
29.22 to baccalaureate institutions and for those seeking associate degrees;

29.23 (3) consolidated community technical colleges shall offer the same types of instruction,  
29.24 programs, certificates, diplomas, and degrees as the technical colleges and community  
29.25 colleges offer;

29.26 (4) the state universities shall offer undergraduate and graduate instruction through the  
29.27 master's degree, including specialist certificates, in the liberal arts and sciences and  
29.28 professional education, and may offer applied doctoral degrees in education, business,  
29.29 psychology, physical therapy, audiology, cybersecurity, and nursing; and

(5) the University of Minnesota shall offer undergraduate, graduate, and professional instruction through the doctoral degree, and shall be the primary state supported academic agency for research and extension services.

(b) It is part of the mission of each system that within the system's resources the system's governing board and chancellor or president shall endeavor to:

(1) prevent the waste or unnecessary spending of public money;

(2) use innovative fiscal and human resource practices to manage the state's resources and operate the system as efficiently as possible;

(3) coordinate the system's activities wherever appropriate with the activities of the other system and governmental agencies;

(4) use technology where appropriate to increase system productivity, improve customer service, increase public access to information about the system, and increase public participation in the business of the system;

(5) utilize constructive and cooperative labor-management practices to the extent otherwise required by chapters 43A and 179A; and

(6) recommend to the legislature appropriate changes in law necessary to carry out the mission of the system.

Sec. 3. **[135A.1367] OPIATE ANTAGONIST.**

(a) The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must, and the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota is requested to:

(1) maintain a supply of opiate antagonists, as defined in section 604A.04, subdivision 1, at each campus site to be administered in compliance with section 151.37, subdivision 12; and

(2) have at least two doses of a nasal opiate antagonist available on site at each campus residential building.

(b) The commissioner of health shall identify resources, including at least one training video, to help postsecondary institutions implement an opiate antagonist emergency response and make the resources available for institutions.

(c) The Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents may adopt a model plan for use, storage, and administration of opiate antagonists on system campuses.

31.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective beginning in the 2025-2026 academic  
31.2 year.

31.3 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 135A.15, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

31.4 Subd. 1a. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the  
31.5 meanings given.

31.6 (b) "Advisor" means a person who is selected by a responding or reporting party to serve  
31.7 as a support during a campus investigation and disciplinary process. This person may be  
31.8 an attorney. An advisor serves as a support to a party by offering comfort or attending  
31.9 meetings.

31.10 (c) "Domestic violence" has the meaning given in section 518B.01, subdivision 2.

31.11 (d) "Incident" means one report of sexual misconduct to a postsecondary institution,  
31.12 regardless of the number of complainants included in the report, the number of respondents  
31.13 included in the report, and whether or not the identity of any party is known by the reporting  
31.14 postsecondary institution. Incident encompasses all nonconsensual events included within  
31.15 one report if multiple events have been identified.

31.16 (e) "Intimate partner violence" means any physical or sexual harm or a pattern of any  
31.17 other coercive behavior committed, enabled, or solicited to gain or maintain power and  
31.18 control over a victim, including verbal, psychological, economic, or technological abuse  
31.19 that may or may not constitute criminal behavior against an individual, that may be classified  
31.20 as a sexual misconduct, dating violence, or domestic violence caused by:

31.21 (1) a current or former spouse of the individual; or

31.22 (2) a person in a sexual or romantic relationship with the individual.

31.23 (f) "Nonconsensual dissemination of sexual images" has the meaning given in section  
31.24 617.261.

31.25 (g) "Reporting party" means the party in a disciplinary proceeding who has reported  
31.26 being subjected to conduct or communication that could constitute sexual misconduct.

31.27 (h) "Responding party" means the party in a disciplinary proceeding who has been  
31.28 reported to be the perpetrator of conduct or communication that could constitute sexual  
31.29 misconduct.

31.30 (i) "Retaliation" means intimidation, threats, coercion, or discrimination against a  
31.31 reporting party, responding party, or witness for the purpose of interfering with any right  
31.32 or privilege or because the person has reported information, made a complaint, testified,

32.1 assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation,  
 32.2 proceeding, or hearing under this section, including in nondisciplinary restorative justice  
 32.3 services.

32.4 (j) "Sexual assault" means rape, sex offenses - fondling, sex offenses - incest, or sex  
 32.5 offenses - statutory rape as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, part 668, subpart  
 32.6 D, appendix A, as amended.

32.7 ~~(j)~~ (k) "Sexual extortion" has the meaning given in section 609.3458.

32.8 ~~(k)~~ (l) "Sex trafficking" has the meaning given in section 609.321, subdivision 7a.

32.9 ~~(l)~~ (m) "Sexual harassment" has the meaning given in section 363A.03, subdivision 43.

32.10 ~~(m)~~ (n) "Sexual misconduct" means an incident of sexual violence, intimate partner  
 32.11 violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, nonconsensual distribution  
 32.12 of sexual images, sexual extortion, nonconsensual dissemination of a deepfake depicting  
 32.13 intimate parts or sexual acts, sex trafficking, or stalking.

32.14 ~~(n)~~ (o) "Stalking" has the meaning given in section 609.749.

32.15 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 135A.15, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

32.16 Subd. 2a. ~~Campus investigation and disciplinary hearing procedures~~ sexual  
 32.17 misconduct grievance process. (a) A postsecondary institution must establish a sexual  
 32.18 misconduct grievance process as outlined in this section. The postsecondary institution must  
 32.19 provide a reporting party an opportunity for an impartial, timely, and thorough investigation  
 32.20 of a report of sexual misconduct against a student. If an investigation reveals that sexual  
 32.21 misconduct has occurred, the postsecondary institution must take prompt and effective steps  
 32.22 reasonably calculated to end the sexual misconduct, prevent its recurrence, and, as  
 32.23 appropriate, remedy its effects. Remedial action may include any or all of the following:

32.24 (1) disciplinary action against the responding party;

32.25 (2) with the consent of the parties, alternative resolution options; and

32.26 (3) academic or residential supportive measures, as requested by the reporting party.

32.27 (b) Throughout any investigation or disciplinary proceeding, a postsecondary institution  
 32.28 must treat the reporting parties, responding parties, witnesses, and other participants in the  
 32.29 proceeding with dignity and respect.

32.30 ~~(c) If a postsecondary institution conducts a hearing, an advisor may provide opening~~  
 32.31 ~~and closing remarks on behalf of a party or assist with formulating questions to the other~~



33.1 ~~party or witnesses about related evidence or credibility.~~ A postsecondary institution must  
33.2 provide due process protections before imposing disciplinary action against a responding  
33.3 party who is a student. The responding party must be informed in writing of the allegations  
33.4 with sufficient details related to the allegations, including the alleged misconduct; the identity  
33.5 of the reporting party; and to the extent possible, the date, time, and location of the alleged  
33.6 sexual misconduct. The responding party must be provided with the campus code of conduct  
33.7 guidelines listing possible sanctions.

33.8 (d) A postsecondary institution must offer and coordinate, as needed, academic and  
33.9 residential supportive measures equitably to both reporting and responding parties  
33.10 participating in a campus sexual misconduct grievance process. Supportive measures must  
33.11 be determined on a case-by-case basis and may include but are not limited to exam or  
33.12 assignment extensions, excused class absence, change in on-campus residence, or schedule  
33.13 changes.

33.14 (e) A postsecondary institution must allow the reporting and responding parties to present  
33.15 and review relevant testimony by parties and witnesses and relevant evidence compiled in  
33.16 an investigative report.

33.17 (f) A postsecondary institution must hold a hearing related to disciplinary action under  
33.18 this section if requested by either the reporting or responding party.

33.19 (g) A hearing or other proceeding related to disciplinary action under this section is  
33.20 subject to the following requirements:

33.21 (1) the reporting and responding party must be given equal opportunity to:

33.22 (i) present relevant evidence and witnesses;

33.23 (ii) retain an advisor to serve as support to a reporting or responding party in any meeting,  
33.24 interview, or investigative, or disciplinary process, and any restriction of an advisor's role  
33.25 must be applied equally to the reporting and responding parties;

33.26 (iii) inspect, review, and respond to relevant evidence and testimony provided by either  
33.27 party and witnesses collected through an investigative report written by the postsecondary  
33.28 institution or designee; and

33.29 (iv) discuss the investigation and disciplinary proceedings with their advisor and parents  
33.30 or guardians;

33.31 (2) the postsecondary institution must:

34.1 (i) allow for the opportunity for both parties to question the credibility of the other party  
34.2 and witnesses through written remarks or by cross-examination if a postsecondary institution  
34.3 conducts a live hearing;

34.4 (ii) appoint a decision-maker or a panel of decision-makers who is not the investigator  
34.5 to assess credibility of the parties and witnesses;

34.6 (iii) allow an advisor to assist with formulating questions to the other party or witnesses  
34.7 about related evidence or credibility, if a postsecondary institution conducts a hearing;

34.8 (iv) if a postsecondary institution conducts a hearing, provide the reporting and responding  
34.9 parties with the equal opportunity to provide testimony without encountering the other party  
34.10 in person, and to review testimony provided by the other party in a similar manner. This  
34.11 may be done through video conference or closed-circuit television;

34.12 (v) proceed with the campus sexual misconduct grievance process, if requested by the  
34.13 reporting party, concurrently with a criminal investigation, except that a postsecondary  
34.14 institution may temporarily delay a campus proceeding if requested by law enforcement  
34.15 and if the campus proceeding may impede a criminal investigation; and

34.16 (vi) deliver the outcome of the grievance process simultaneously to the reporting and  
34.17 responding parties;

34.18 (3) if a postsecondary institution allows for cross-examination of witnesses and parties,  
34.19 neither the reporting party nor responding party may be permitted to personally cross-examine  
34.20 one another or other witnesses. Any cross-examination must be performed by an advisor.  
34.21 An adjudicator of the campus disciplinary proceeding may ask questions of any party or  
34.22 witness;

34.23 (4) information related to character, including character witnesses, questions or evidence  
34.24 about the sexual behavior or sexual preferences of the reporting party, or mental health  
34.25 records, must not be considered, except:

34.26 (i) information related to the sexual behavior of the reporting party may be considered  
34.27 if it substantiates that the misconduct may have occurred, and is deemed relevant by the  
34.28 decision maker;

34.29 (ii) mental health and medical information of the reporting party may be considered if  
34.30 a release is signed by the reporting party and nonrelevant information is redacted;

34.31 (iii) if a responding party is found responsible, a postsecondary institution may consider  
34.32 medical and mental health information of the reporting party to determine sanctions; and

(iv) questions and evidence regarding the sexual preferences or past sexual behavior of the reporting party may be considered if such evidence is offered to prove that someone other than the responding party committed the conduct alleged by the reporting party, or the evidence concerns specific incidents of the reporting party's prior sexual behavior with respect to the responding party and is offered to prove consent;

(5) to the extent possible, the postsecondary institution must:

(i) inform parties no later than 24 hours before a decision is rendered, and provide the timeline of the outcome's release;

(ii) offer community mental health resources and, if applicable, on-campus resources with the notice of outcome equitably to parties; and

(iii) not deliver the decision to the parties at the end of the day or during a weekend or holiday to ensure parties have the opportunity to arrange supportive services;

(6) in any grievance process arising from an alleged incident of sexual misconduct against a student, a postsecondary institution must apply, at a minimum, a preponderance of the evidence standard of proof; and

(7) a postsecondary institution must have a policy prohibiting retaliation, including what constitutes retaliation and possible actions for students and employees if retaliation is found to have occurred against a reporting party, responding party, or witness due to a person's participation in a campus sexual misconduct process.

(h) Notwithstanding any other applicable grievance process, including an employee grievance process, if a reporting party is a student at the postsecondary institution, the institution must use the grievance process provided in this subdivision.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 135A.1582, is amended to read:

**135A.1582 PROTECTIONS FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS.**

Subdivision 1. ~~Definition~~ **Definitions.** (a) For the purpose of this section, the following ~~term has~~ terms have the ~~meaning~~ meanings given.

(b) "Parenting student" means a student enrolled at a public college or university who is the parent or legal guardian of or can claim as a dependent a child under the age of 18.

(c) "Pregnancy or related conditions" means: (1) pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or lactation; (2) medical conditions related to pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or lactation; or (3) recovery from pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, lactation, or related medical conditions.

(d) "Postsecondary institution" means an institution governed by the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities or a private postsecondary institution that offers in-person courses on a campus located in Minnesota and that is an eligible institution as defined in section 136A.103. Institutions governed by the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota are requested to comply with this section.

Subd. 2. **Rights and protections.** (a) A ~~Minnesota state college or university~~ postsecondary institution may not require and the University of Minnesota is requested not to require a pregnant or parenting student, solely because of the student's status as a pregnant or parenting student or due to issues related to the student's pregnancy or parenting, to:

(1) take a leave of absence or withdraw from the student's degree or certificate program;

(2) limit the student's studies;

(3) participate in an alternative program;

(4) change the student's major, degree, or certificate program; or

(5) refrain from joining or cease participating in any course, activity, or program at the college or university.

(b) A ~~Minnesota state college or university~~ postsecondary institution shall provide and the University of Minnesota is requested to provide reasonable modifications to a pregnant student, including modifications that:

(1) would be provided to a student with a temporary medical condition; or

(2) are related to the health and safety of the student and the student's unborn child, such as allowing the student to maintain a safe distance from substances, areas, and activities known to be hazardous to pregnant women or unborn children.

(c) A ~~Minnesota state college or university~~ postsecondary institution must and the University of Minnesota is requested to, for reasons related to a student's pregnancy, childbirth, or any resulting medical status or condition:

(1) excuse the student's absence;

(2) allow the student to make up missed assignments or assessments;

(3) allow the student additional time to complete assignments in the same manner as the institution allows for a student with a temporary medical condition; and

(4) provide the student with access to instructional materials and video recordings of lectures for classes for which the student has an excused absence under this section to the

37.1 same extent that instructional materials and video recordings of lectures are made available  
37.2 to any other student with an excused absence.

37.3 (d) A ~~Minnesota state college or university~~ postsecondary institution must and the  
37.4 University of Minnesota is requested to allow a pregnant or parenting student to:

37.5 (1) take a leave of absence; and

37.6 (2) if in good academic standing at the time the student takes a leave of absence, return  
37.7 to the student's degree or certificate program in good academic standing without being  
37.8 required to reapply for admission.

37.9 (e) If a ~~public college or university~~ postsecondary institution provides early registration  
37.10 for courses or programs at the institution for any group of students, the ~~Minnesota state~~  
37.11 ~~college or university~~ postsecondary institution must provide and the University of Minnesota  
37.12 is requested to provide early registration for those courses or programs for pregnant or  
37.13 parenting students in the same manner.

37.14 Subd. 3. **Policy on discrimination.** Each ~~Minnesota state college or university~~  
37.15 postsecondary institution must adopt and the University of Minnesota is requested to adopt  
37.16 a policy for students on pregnancy and parenting discrimination. The policy must:

37.17 (1) include the contact information of the Title IX coordinator who is the designated  
37.18 point of contact for a student requesting each protection or modification under this section.  
37.19 Contact information must include the Title IX coordinator's name, phone number, email,  
37.20 and office;

37.21 (2) be posted in an easily accessible, straightforward format on the college or university's  
37.22 website; and

37.23 (3) be made available annually to faculty, staff, and employees of the college or  
37.24 university.

37.25 Subd. 4. **Administration.** The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education must,  
37.26 in consultation with the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities  
37.27 ~~and~~, the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, and other relevant stakeholders,  
37.28 establish guidelines, as necessary, to administer this section. The guidelines must establish  
37.29 minimum periods for which a pregnant or parenting student must be given a leave of absence  
37.30 under subdivision 2, paragraph (d). In establishing the minimum periods, the Office of  
37.31 Higher Education shall consider the maximum amount of time a student may be absent  
37.32 without significantly interfering with the student's ability to complete the student's degree  
37.33 or certificate program.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. **Treatment of appropriations.** Notwithstanding section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the office may retain up to five percent of competitively awarded grants if another amount is not already designated as administrative funding in the appropriation.

Sec. 8. **[136A.054] CONSOLIDATED COMPETITIVE GRANT AND STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM REPORTING.**

(a) The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education shall report annually by February 15 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education on the details of programs administered under sections 136A.1251, 136A.1788, 136A.1789, 136A.1791, 136A.1794, 136A.1795, 136A.861, and 136A.91 including the following, where applicable:

(1) organizations receiving grant awards;

(2) grant award amounts and utilization rates;

(3) grant program activities, goals, and outcomes;

(4) grant matching sources and funding levels;

(5) number and amount of loan repayment awards disbursed; and

(6) demographic data of loan repayment program participants.

(b) The commissioner must report any additional data and outcomes relevant to the evaluation of programs administered under sections 136A.1251, 136A.1788, 136A.1789, 136A.1791, 136A.1794, 136A.1795, 136A.861, and 136A.91 as evidenced by activities funded under each program.

Sec. 9. **[136A.0901] STANDARD FINANCIAL AID OFFER FORM FOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Citation.** Sections 136A.0901 to 136A.0905 may be cited as the "College Financing Literacy Act."

Subd. 2. **Standard format and terminology.** The commissioner must develop standard terminology and financial aid offer forms. The commissioner may develop separate financial aid offer forms for:

(1) undergraduate students;

39.1 (2) graduate students;

39.2 (3) first-time students; and

39.3 (4) returning students.

39.4 Subd. 3. **Consultation with stakeholders.** In developing the financial aid offer form,  
39.5 the commissioner must consult with and consider the recommendations of stakeholders,  
39.6 including the student loan advocate in the Department of Commerce, representatives of  
39.7 students, institutions of higher education, financial aid administrators and counselors, school  
39.8 counselors, and any other relevant stakeholders as determined by the commissioner. The  
39.9 commissioner must begin consulting with and soliciting recommendations from stakeholders  
39.10 by September 1, 2025. By September 1, 2026, the commissioner must publish on the  
39.11 department's website a draft of the form created under subdivision 2 and solicit feedback  
39.12 from stakeholders regarding the form.

39.13 Subd. 4. **Final form.** The commissioner must publish on the department's website the  
39.14 final financial aid offer form with sufficient time for institutions to implement use of the  
39.15 form for the 2028-2029 academic year.

39.16 Subd. 5. **Authority to modify.** The commissioner may update and modify the definitions,  
39.17 terms, formatting, and design of the financial aid offer form based on changes in laws, in  
39.18 process, or for purposes of clarity.

39.19 Subd. 6. **Use of standard financial aid offer forms and terms.** Beginning with the  
39.20 2028-2029 academic year, institutions of higher education that receive state grant aid must:

39.21 (1) use the financial aid offer form developed under this section in providing official  
39.22 and unofficial offers, including paper, mobile-optimized, or other electronic offers to all  
39.23 students who are accepted at the institution and apply for aid; and

39.24 (2) use the standard terminology and definitions developed by the commissioner for all  
39.25 communications from the institution related to financial aid offers.

39.26 Sec. 10. **[136A.0902] REQUIRED CONTENTS FOR FINANCIAL AID OFFER**  
39.27 **FORM.**

39.28 Subdivision 1. **General.** The financial aid offer form developed under section 136A.0901  
39.29 must be a form titled "Financial Aid Offer" which includes the required information under  
39.30 this section with costs listed first, followed by grants and scholarships clearly separated  
39.31 with separate headings, and the additional information under section 136A.0903 included  
39.32 last. The form must be in a consumer-friendly format that is simple to understand and must

40.1 allow for each institution to customize the form with the institution's own logo, branding,  
40.2 or other identifiers.

40.3 Subd. 2. **Cost information.** The financial aid offer form must contain information on  
40.4 the student's estimated cost of attendance including:

40.5 (1) total direct costs, including the totals for estimated tuition and fees charged by an  
40.6 institution, including differential tuition if applicable, college or university-sponsored  
40.7 housing, and food costs;

40.8 (2) total estimated other expenses, including estimated housing and food costs for students  
40.9 who reside off-campus, and for all students, costs for books, materials, supplies,  
40.10 transportation, and miscellaneous personal expenses;

40.11 (3) the academic period covered by the financial aid offer and an explanation that the  
40.12 financial aid offered may change for academic periods not covered by the aid offer or by  
40.13 program;

40.14 (4) whether cost and aid estimates are based on full-time or part-time enrollment;

40.15 (5) whether tuition and fees cover a set range of credits or are per credit hour; and

40.16 (6) whether the tuition and fees are estimated based on the previous year or are set for  
40.17 the academic period indicated in accordance with clause (3).

40.18 Subd. 3. **Grants and scholarships.** The financial aid offer form must include the  
40.19 aggregate amount of grants and scholarships itemized by source and type that the student  
40.20 does not have to repay, including grant aid:

40.21 (1) offered under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, United States Code, title  
40.22 20, section 1070, et seq.;

40.23 (2) offered through other federal programs;

40.24 (3) offered by the institution;

40.25 (4) offered by the state; and

40.26 (5) from an outside source to the student for the academic period, if known, including  
40.27 a disclosure that the grants and scholarships do not have to be repaid. If institutional aid is  
40.28 included, the form must also note:

40.29 (i) the conditions under which the student can expect to receive similar amounts of  
40.30 financial aid for each academic period the student is enrolled at the institution; and



(ii) whether the institutional aid offer may change if grants or scholarships from outside sources are applied after the student receives the financial aid offer form and how the institutional aid will change, if applicable.

Subd. 4. **Net price.** The financial aid offer form must include:

(1) the estimated net price that the student, or the student's family on behalf of the student, is estimated to have to pay for the student to attend the institution for the academic period, equal to the cost of attendance as described in subdivision 2, clauses (1) and (2), for the student for the period indicated in subdivision 2, clause (3), minus the amount of grant and scholarship aid described in subdivision 3 that is included in the financial aid offer form; and

(2) a disclosure that the estimated net price is an estimate of the total expenses for the year and not equivalent to the amount the student will owe directly to the institution.

Subd. 5. **Loans.** (a) The financial aid offer form must include:

(1) information on loans that are available to the student under part D or E of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, United States Code, title 20, sections 1087a, et seq., and 1087aa, et seq., except a Federal Direct PLUS Loan under part D of that act;

(2) information on other loans under this chapter for the academic period covered by the offer;

(3) a disclosure that the loans have to be repaid and a disclosure that the student can borrow a lesser or, if applicable, greater amount than the recommended loan amount;

(4) a disclosure that the interest rates and fees on the loans are set annually and affect total cost over time and a link to the Department of Education's and the Office of Higher Education's websites that includes current information on interest rates and fees; and

(5) a link to the Department of Education's repayment calculator website for students with instruction that the website contains customizable estimates of expected repayment costs under different loan repayment plans.

(b) The offer must clearly use the word "loan" to describe the recommended loan amounts and must clearly label subsidized and unsubsidized loans with a plain language explanation of the difference between the two.

Subd. 6. **Supplemental information on cost of attendance.** The financial aid offer form must contain information on how a student may request an adjustment to increase the

42.1 cost of attendance to accommodate the student's special circumstances or higher costs of  
42.2 housing, food, or other eligible expenses.

42.3 Subd. 7. **Supplemental information for students with dependents.** The financial aid  
42.4 offer form must contain information on resources available to students with dependents  
42.5 including:

42.6 (1) the dependent care allowance, including a disclosure that a student with a dependent  
42.7 child in paid child care may request a dependent care allowance as part of the student's  
42.8 financial aid calculation, which may result in a higher grant or loan amount; and

42.9 (2) information on the Minnesota child care grant program provided in section 136A.125  
42.10 and instructions on how to apply.

42.11 Subd. 8. **Process for accepting or declining aid.** The financial aid offer form must  
42.12 include:

42.13 (1) deadlines and a summary of the process for accepting the financial aid offered in the  
42.14 financial aid offer form, requesting higher loan amounts if recommended loan amounts  
42.15 were included, and declining aid offered in the form;

42.16 (2) information on when and how direct costs to the institution must be paid, including  
42.17 information on payment plans if available;

42.18 (3) a disclosure that verification of financial circumstances may require the student to  
42.19 submit further documentation; and

42.20 (4) information about where a student or the student's family can seek additional  
42.21 information regarding the financial aid offered, including contact information for the  
42.22 institution's financial aid office, the Department of Education's website on financial aid,  
42.23 and the Office of Higher Education's website.

42.24 Sec. 11. **[136A.0903] ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL**  
42.25 **AID OFFER FORM.**

42.26 Subdivision 1. **Repayment resources; private student loans; work study.** In addition  
42.27 to the information described in section 136A.0902, the financial aid offer form must, in a  
42.28 concise format determined by the commissioner, include:

42.29 (1) at the institution's discretion, additional options and potential resources for paying  
42.30 the amount listed in section 136A.0902, subdivision 4, such as tuition payment plans;

42.31 (2) the following information relating to private student loans:

(i) a statement that students considering borrowing to cover the cost of attendance should consider available federal and state student loans prior to applying for private student loans, including an explanation that federal and state student loans offer generally more favorable terms and beneficial repayment options than private student loans;

(ii) the impact of a proposed private student loan on the student's potential eligibility for other financial assistance, including federal financial assistance under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, United States Code, title 20, section 1070, et seq.; and

(iii) a statement explaining the student's ability to select a private educational lender of the student's choice; and

(3) information on work-study employment opportunities under section 136A.233, and work-study offered in accordance with part C of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, United States Code, title 20, section 1087-51, et seq., including a disclosure that the work-study aid offered is subject to the availability of qualified employment opportunities and is disbursed over time as earned by the student. Work-study employment opportunities must not be included in the category of financial aid described under section 136A.0902, subdivision 3.

Subd. 2. **Additional requirements.** The financial aid offer form must meet the requirements of this section and section 136A.0902 by:

(1) including, in addition to the requirements described in subdivision 1 and section 136A.0902, a concise summary in plain language of:

(i) the terms and conditions of financial aid under subdivision 1, clause (3), and section 136A.0902, subdivisions 3 and 5, and a method to provide students with additional information about the terms and conditions, such as links to the supplementary information; and

(ii) federal, state, or institutional conditions required to receive and renew financial aid and a method to provide students with additional information about these conditions, such as links to the supplementary information;

(2) clearly distinguishing between aid offered under subdivision 1, clause (3), and section 136A.0902, subdivisions 3 and 5, by including a subtotal for the aid offered and by refraining from commingling the different types of aid described;

(3) using standard terminology and definitions, as determined by the commissioner, and using plain language where possible;

44.1 (4) providing additional information on federal student loans, including the types and  
44.2 amounts for which the student is eligible in an attached document or web page, if an  
44.3 institution's recommended federal student loan aid offered under section 136A.0902,  
44.4 subdivision 5, is less than the federal maximum available to the student;

44.5 (5) including a delivery confirmation for electronic financial aid offer forms, except that  
44.6 receipt of the financial aid offer form shall not be considered an acceptance or rejection of  
44.7 aid by the student; and

44.8 (6) accompanying any reference to private education loans, with respect to dependent  
44.9 students, with:

44.10 (i) information about the availability of and terms and conditions associated with Federal  
44.11 Direct PLUS Loans under section 455 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, United States  
44.12 Code, title 20, section 1087e, for the student's parents regardless of family income; and

44.13 (ii) a notification of the student's increased eligibility for unsubsidized federal student  
44.14 loans under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, United States Code, title 20,  
44.15 section 1070, et seq., if the student's parents are rejected under the Federal Direct PLUS  
44.16 Loan program.

44.17 **Sec. 12. [136A.0904] SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION; REMOVAL OF**  
44.18 **INFORMATION.**

44.19 (a) Nothing in sections 136A.0901 to 136A.0903 precludes an institution from  
44.20 supplementing the financial aid offer form with additional information if the additional  
44.21 information supplements the financial aid offer form and is not located on the financial aid  
44.22 offer form and if the information utilizes the same standard terminology developed by the  
44.23 commissioner under this act.

44.24 (b) Nothing in sections 136A.0901 to 136A.0903 precludes an institution from omitting  
44.25 a required item in an individual offer form if that item is inapplicable to the student receiving  
44.26 the offer.

44.27 **Sec. 13. [136A.0905] SUPERSEDING FEDERAL LAW.**

44.28 Sections 136A.0901 to 136A.0904 are null and void upon the effective date of a federal  
44.29 law or regulation establishing a uniform financial aid offer form and requiring institutions  
44.30 of higher education to adopt it.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.101, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

Subd. 5a. **Assigned family responsibility.** "Assigned family responsibility" means the amount of a family's contribution to a student's cost of attendance, as determined by a federal need analysis. For dependent students, the assigned family responsibility is ~~79~~ 90 percent of the parental contribution. If the parental contribution is ~~less than~~ between \$0 and negative \$1,500, the assigned family responsibility is 100 percent of the parental contribution. If the parental contribution is less than negative \$1,500, the assigned family responsibility is negative \$1,500. For independent students with dependents other than a spouse, the assigned family responsibility is 71 percent of the student contribution. For independent students without dependents other than a spouse, the assigned family responsibility is 35 percent of the student contribution. If the student contribution is ~~less than~~ between \$0 and negative \$1,500, the assigned family responsibility is 100 percent of the student contribution. If the student contribution is less than negative \$1,500, the assigned family responsibility is negative \$1,500. For a student registering for less than full time, the office shall prorate the assigned family responsibility using the ratio of the number of credits the student is enrolled in to the number of credits for full-time enrollment.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.103, is amended to read:

**136A.103 INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**

Subdivision 1. Eligibility. (a) A postsecondary institution is eligible for state student aid and to receive state student aid on behalf of students under this chapter ~~136A~~ and sections 197.791 and 299A.45, if the institution is located in this state and:

(1) is operated by this state or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota; or

(2) is operated privately and, ~~as determined by the office,~~ meets the requirements of paragraph (b).

(b) A private institution must:

~~(1) maintain academic standards substantially equivalent to those of comparable institutions operated in this state;~~

~~(2)~~ (1) be licensed or registered as a postsecondary institution by the office; and

~~(3)(i) by July 1, 2010, participate in the federal Pell Grant program under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329, as amended; or~~

(2) meet one of the following criteria:

(i) the institution participates in the federal Pell Grant program under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329, as amended;

~~(ii) if an~~ the institution was participating in state student aid programs as of June 30, 2010, and the institution did but does not participate in the federal Pell Grant program by June 30, 2010, the institution must require every student who enrolls to sign a disclosure form, provided by the office, stating that the institution is not participating in the federal Pell Grant program. under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329, as amended; and

(A) the institution requires every student who enrolls to sign a disclosure form, provided by the office, stating that the institution is not participating in the federal Pell Grant program; and

(B) the institution has not had a change in ownership as defined in section 136A.63, subdivision 2; or

~~(e) An~~ (iii) the institution that offers only graduate-level degrees or graduate-level nondegree programs is an eligible institution if the institution is licensed or registered as a postsecondary institution by the office and participates in federal financial aid under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329, as amended.

~~(d) (c) An eligible institution under paragraph (b), clause (3), item (ii) (2), that changes ownership as defined in section 136A.63, subdivision 2, must participate in the federal Pell Grant program within four calendar years of the first ownership change to continue eligibility~~ remains eligible for state student aid for six months following the change in ownership.

~~(e) An institution that loses its eligibility for the federal Pell Grant program is not an eligible institution. The office may terminate an institution's eligibility to participate in state student aid programs effective the date of the loss of eligibility for the federal Pell Grant program.~~

~~(f) An institution must maintain adequate administrative and financial standards and compliance with all state statutes, rules, and administrative policies related to state financial aid programs.~~

~~(g) The office may terminate a postsecondary institution's eligibility to participate in state student aid programs if the institution is~~

Subd. 2. **Ineligibility.** A postsecondary institution otherwise eligible for state student aid under this chapter and sections 197.791 and 299A.45 becomes ineligible if the institution:

47.1 (1) fails to maintain adequate compliance with administrative and financial standards  
47.2 and compliance with all state statutes, rules, and administrative policies related to state  
47.3 financial aid programs; or

47.4 (2) has been terminated from participating in federal financial aid programs by the United  
47.5 States Department of Education for a violation of laws, regulations, or participation  
47.6 agreements governing federal financial aid programs.

47.7 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

47.8 Subd. 6. **Cost of attendance.** (a) The recognized cost of attendance consists of: (1) an  
47.9 allowance specified in law for living and miscellaneous expenses, and (2) an allowance for  
47.10 tuition and fees equal to the lesser of the average tuition and fees charged by the institution,  
47.11 or a tuition and fee maximum if one is established in law. If no living and miscellaneous  
47.12 expense allowance is established in law, the allowance is equal to ~~115~~ 110 percent of the  
47.13 federal poverty guidelines for a one person household in Minnesota for nine months. If no  
47.14 tuition and fee maximum is established in law, the allowance for tuition and fees is equal  
47.15 to the lesser of: (1) the average tuition and fees charged by the institution, and (2) for  
47.16 two-year programs, an amount equal to the highest tuition and fees charged at a public  
47.17 two-year institution, or for four-year programs, an amount equal to the highest tuition and  
47.18 fees charged at a public university.

47.19 (b) For a student registering for less than full time, the office shall prorate the cost of  
47.20 attendance using the ratio of the number of credits the student is enrolled in to the number  
47.21 of credits for full-time enrollment.

47.22 (c) The recognized cost of attendance for a student who is confined to a Minnesota  
47.23 correctional institution shall consist of the tuition and fee component in paragraph (a), with  
47.24 no allowance for living and miscellaneous expenses.

47.25 (d) For the purpose of this subdivision, "fees" include only those fees that are mandatory  
47.26 and charged to full-time resident students attending the institution. Fees do not include  
47.27 charges for tools, equipment, computers, or other similar materials where the student retains  
47.28 ownership. Fees include charges for these materials if the institution retains ownership. Fees  
47.29 do not include optional or punitive fees.

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **Insufficient appropriation.** (a) If the amount appropriated is determined by the office to be insufficient to make full awards to applicants under subdivision 5, awards must be reduced by:

(1) adding a surcharge to the applicant's assigned family responsibility, as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision 5a; and

(2) a percentage increase in the applicant's assigned student responsibility, as defined in subdivision 5.

(b) The reduction under paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), must be equal dollar amounts. The total assigned family responsibility after the addition of the surcharge may exceed 100 percent of the parental or student contribution, as applicable, assigned by the federal needs analysis. The commissioner must not adjust the surcharge under paragraph (a), clause (1), according to the student's status as a dependent student, an independent student with dependents other than a spouse, or an independent student without dependents other than a spouse. The commissioner must not use any methods other than those provided in this subdivision to reduce awards.

Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, subdivision 7a, is amended to read:

Subd. 7a. **Surplus appropriation.** (a) If the amount appropriated is determined by the office to be more than sufficient to fund projected grant demand in the second year of the biennium, the office may:

(1) increase the living and miscellaneous expense allowance in the second year of the biennium by up to an amount that retains sufficient appropriations to fund the projected grant demand; or

(2) assess the assigned family responsibility for students with a student or parent contribution that is less than negative \$1,500 at 100 percent of the parent or student contribution to a lower limit that is equal to the lowest student contribution provided under the federal needs analysis.

(b) ~~The adjustment~~ adjustments in paragraph (a) may be made one or more times. Each time the commissioner makes an adjustment under this subdivision, the commissioner must use any surplus to fully reassess assigned family responsibility under paragraph (a), clause (2), before increasing the living and miscellaneous expense allowance under paragraph (a), clause (1). In making the determination that there are more than sufficient funds, the office shall balance the need for sufficient resources to meet the projected demand for grants with



the goal of fully allocating the appropriation for state grants. An increase in the living and miscellaneous expense allowance or a modified assessment of assigned family responsibility under this subdivision does not carry forward into a subsequent biennium.

Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

Subd. 9. **Awards.** An undergraduate student who meets the office's requirements is eligible to apply for and receive a grant in any year of undergraduate study unless the student has obtained a baccalaureate degree or previously has received a state grant award for ~~180~~ 120 credits or the equivalent, excluding (1) courses taken from a Minnesota school or postsecondary institution which is not participating in the state grant program and from which a student transferred no credit, and (2) courses taken that qualify as developmental education or below college-level. A student enrolled in a two-year program at a four-year institution is only eligible for the tuition and fee maximums established by law for two-year institutions.

Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

Subd. 13. **Deadline.** The deadline for the office to accept applications for state grants for a term is ~~June 30 of the fiscal year for which the student applies for a grant~~ 30 days after the start of that term.

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1465, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** The following terms have the meanings given:

(1) "eligible student" means a resident student under section 136A.101, subdivision 8, who is enrolled in any public postsecondary educational institution or Tribal college and who meets the eligibility requirements in subdivision 2;

(2) "gift aid" includes:

(i) all federal financial aid that is not a loan or pursuant to a work-study program;

(ii) state financial aid, unless designated for other expenses, that is not a loan or pursuant to a work-study program;

(iii) institutional financial aid, including a grant, scholarship, tuition waiver, fellowship stipend, or other payment, unless designated for other expenses, that is not a loan or pursuant to a work-study program; and

(iv) all private financial aid that is not a loan or pursuant to a work-study program.

50.1 Financial aid from the state, public postsecondary educational institutions, and Tribal colleges  
 50.2 that is specifically designated for other expenses is not gift aid for purposes of the North  
 50.3 Star Promise scholarship.

50.4 (3) "other expenses" includes books, required supplies, child care, emergency assistance,  
 50.5 food, and housing;

50.6 (4) "public postsecondary educational institution" means an institution operated by this  
 50.7 state, or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota;

50.8 (5) "recognized cost of attendance" has the meaning given in United States Code, title  
 50.9 20, chapter 28, subchapter IV, part F, section 1087ll;

50.10 (6) "Tribal college" means a college defined in section 136A.1796, subdivision 1,  
 50.11 paragraph ~~(e)~~ (d); and

50.12 (7) "tuition and fees" means the ~~actual~~ eligible resident tuition and mandatory fees  
 50.13 charged by an institution.

50.14 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1465, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 50.15 to read:

50.16 Subd. 1a. **Resident tuition.** The Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota and  
 50.17 the Board of Trustees of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must adopt a policy to  
 50.18 charge resident tuition rates for all students eligible for North Star Promise.

50.19 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1465, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

50.20 Subd. 2. **Conditions for eligibility.** A scholarship may be awarded to an eligible student  
 50.21 who:

50.22 (1) has completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the state  
 50.23 aid application;

50.24 (2) has a family adjusted gross income below \$80,000;

50.25 (3) is a graduate of a secondary school or its equivalent, or is 17 years of age or over  
 50.26 and has met all requirements for admission as a student to an eligible college or university;

50.27 (4) has not ~~earned a~~ completed the degree requirements for the first baccalaureate degree  
 50.28 at the time the scholarship is awarded;

50.29 (5) is enrolled in at least one credit per fall, spring, or summer semester;

51.1 (6) is enrolled in a program or course of study that applies to a degree, diploma, or  
51.2 certificate;

51.3 (7) is not in default, as defined by the office, of any federal or state student educational  
51.4 loan;

51.5 (8) is not more than 30 days in arrears in court-ordered child support that is collected or  
51.6 enforced by the public authority responsible for child support enforcement or, if the applicant  
51.7 is more than 30 days in arrears in court-ordered child support that is collected or enforced  
51.8 by the public authority responsible for child support enforcement, but is complying with a  
51.9 written payment agreement under section 518A.69 or order for arrearages;

51.10 (9) has not been convicted of or pled nolo contendere or guilty to a crime involving  
51.11 fraud in obtaining federal Title IV funds within the meaning of Code of Federal Regulations,  
51.12 subtitle B, chapter VI, part 668, subpart C; and

51.13 (10) is meeting satisfactory academic progress as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision  
51.14 10.

51.15 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.155, is amended to read:

51.16 **136A.155 ADDITIONAL INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**

51.17 A postsecondary institution is an eligible institution for purposes of sections 136A.15  
51.18 to 136A.1702, if the institution:

51.19 (1) meets the eligibility requirements under section 136A.103; or

51.20 (2) is operated publicly or privately in another state, and is approved by the United States  
51.21 Secretary of Education, ~~and, as determined by the office, maintains academic standards~~  
51.22 ~~substantially equal to those of comparable institutions operated in this state.~~

51.23 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.162, is amended to read:

51.24 **136A.162 CLASSIFICATION OF DATA.**

51.25 (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), data on applicants for financial assistance  
51.26 collected and used by the office for student financial aid programs administered by that  
51.27 office are private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12.

51.28 (b) Data on applicants may be disclosed to the commissioner of children, youth, and  
51.29 families to the extent necessary to determine eligibility under section 136A.121, subdivision  
51.30 2, clause (5).

52.1 (c) The following data collected in the Minnesota supplemental loan program under  
 52.2 sections 136A.1701 and 136A.1704 may be disclosed to a consumer credit reporting agency  
 52.3 only if the borrower and the cosigner give informed consent, according to section 13.05,  
 52.4 subdivision 4, at the time of application for a loan:

52.5 (1) the lender-assigned borrower identification number;

52.6 (2) the name and address of borrower;

52.7 (3) the name and address of cosigner;

52.8 (4) the date the account is opened;

52.9 (5) the outstanding account balance;

52.10 (6) the dollar amount past due;

52.11 (7) the number of payments past due;

52.12 ~~(8) the number of late payments in previous 12 months;~~

52.13 ~~(9)~~ (8) the type of account;

52.14 ~~(10)~~ (9) the responsibility for the account; and

52.15 ~~(11)~~ (10) the status or remarks code.

52.16 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1796, is amended to read:

52.17 **136A.1796 TRIBAL COLLEGE SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT ASSISTANCE.**

52.18 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the  
 52.19 meanings given ~~them~~.

52.20 (b) "Beneficiary student" means a resident of Minnesota who is enrolled in a certificate,  
 52.21 diploma, or degree program in a Tribally controlled college and is an enrolled member of  
 52.22 a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

52.23 ~~(b)~~ (c) "Nonbeneficiary student" means a resident of Minnesota who is enrolled in a  
 52.24 certificate, diploma, or degree program in a Tribally controlled college but is not an enrolled  
 52.25 member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

52.26 ~~(e)~~ (d) "Tribally controlled college" means an accredited institution of higher education  
 52.27 located in this state that is formally controlled by or has been formally sanctioned or chartered  
 52.28 by the governing body of a federally recognized Indian Tribe, or a combination of federally  
 52.29 recognized Indian Tribes. Tribally controlled college does not include any institution or

campus subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota.

Subd. 2. **Eligibility; grant assistance.** (a) A Tribally controlled college is eligible to receive supplemental grant assistance from the office, as provided in this section, for beneficiary and nonbeneficiary student enrollment ~~if the college is not otherwise eligible to receive federal grant funding for those students under United States Code, title 25, section 1808~~ in the fall, spring, and summer terms.

(b) The office shall make grants to Tribally controlled colleges to defray the costs of education associated with the enrollment of beneficiary and nonbeneficiary students. Grants made pursuant to this section must be provided directly to the recipient college.

(c) The minimum annual grant amount for each eligible Tribally controlled college is \$1,000,000. The maximum annual grant amount for each eligible Tribally controlled college is \$1,050,000.

Subd. 3. **Grant application.** To receive a grant under this section, a Tribally controlled college must submit an application in the manner required by the office. Upon submission of a completed application indicating that the Tribally controlled college is eligible, the office shall distribute to the college, during each year of the biennium, a grant of \$5,300 for each beneficiary and nonbeneficiary student on a full-time equivalent basis. If the amount appropriated for grants under this section is insufficient to cover the total amount of grant eligibility, the office shall distribute a prorated amount per beneficiary and nonbeneficiary student on a full-time equivalent basis.

Subd. 4. **Reporting by recipient institutions.** Each Tribally controlled college receiving a grant under this section shall provide to the office, on an annual basis, an accurate and detailed account of the expenditures of the grant funds received by the college, and a copy of the college's most recent audit report and documentation of the enrollment status and ethnic status of each beneficiary and nonbeneficiary student for which grant assistance is sought under this section.

Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.246, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

Subd. 1a. **Definitions.** (a) The terms defined in this subdivision apply to this section.

(b) "Competency standard" has the meaning given in section 175.45, subdivision 2.

(c) "Eligible training" means training provided by an eligible training provider that:

(1) includes training to meet one or more identified competency standards;

54.1 (2) is instructor-led for a majority of the training; and

54.2 (3) results in the employee receiving an industry-recognized accredited degree, certificate,  
54.3 or credential.

54.4 (d) "Eligible training provider" means an institution:

54.5 (1) operated by the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities  
54.6 or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota;

54.7 (2) licensed or registered as a postsecondary institution by the office; or

54.8 (3) exempt from the provisions of section 136A.822 to 136A.834 or 136A.61 to 136A.71  
54.9 as approved by the office.

54.10 (e) "Industry-recognized accredited degrees, certificates, or credentials" means:

54.11 (1) certificates, diplomas, or degrees issued by ~~a~~ an accredited postsecondary institution;

54.12 (2) registered apprenticeship certifications or certificates;

54.13 (3) occupational licenses or registrations;

54.14 (4) certifications issued by, or recognized by, industry or professional associations; and

54.15 (5) other certifications as approved by the commissioner.

54.16 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.246, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

54.17 Subd. 3. **Eligible training provider.** The Office of Higher Education and the Department  
54.18 of Labor and Industry must cooperate in maintaining an inventory of accredited degree,  
54.19 certificate, and credential programs that provide training to meet competency standards.  
54.20 The inventory must be posted on each agency's website with contact information for each  
54.21 program. The postings must be updated periodically.

54.22 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.65, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

54.23 Subd. 4. **Criteria for approval.** (a) A school applying to be registered and to have its  
54.24 degree or degrees and name approved must substantially meet the following criteria:

54.25 (1) the school has an organizational framework with administrative and teaching personnel  
54.26 to provide the educational programs offered;

54.27 (2) the school has financial resources sufficient to meet the school's financial obligations,  
54.28 including refunding tuition and other charges consistent with its stated policy if the institution

55.1 is dissolved, or if claims for refunds are made, to provide service to the students as promised,  
55.2 and to provide educational programs leading to degrees as offered;

55.3 (3) the school operates in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles  
55.4 according to the type of school;

55.5 (4) the school provides an educational program leading to the degree it offers;

55.6 (5) the school provides appropriate and accessible library, laboratory, and other physical  
55.7 facilities to support the educational program offered;

55.8 (6) the school has a policy on freedom or limitation of expression and inquiry for faculty  
55.9 and students which is published or available on request;

55.10 (7) the school uses only publications and advertisements which are truthful and do not  
55.11 give any false, fraudulent, deceptive, inaccurate, or misleading impressions about the school,  
55.12 its personnel, programs, services, or occupational opportunities for its graduates for promotion  
55.13 and student recruitment;

55.14 (8) the school's compensated recruiting agents who are operating in Minnesota identify  
55.15 themselves as agents of the school when talking to or corresponding with students and  
55.16 prospective students;

55.17 (9) the school provides information to students and prospective students concerning:

55.18 (i) comprehensive and accurate policies relating to student admission, evaluation,  
55.19 suspension, and dismissal;

55.20 (ii) clear and accurate policies relating to granting credit for prior education, training,  
55.21 and experience and for courses offered by the school;

55.22 (iii) current schedules of fees, charges for tuition, required supplies, student activities,  
55.23 housing, and all other standard charges;

55.24 (iv) policies regarding refunds and adjustments for withdrawal or modification of  
55.25 enrollment status; and

55.26 (v) procedures and standards used for selection of recipients and the terms of payment  
55.27 and repayment for any financial aid program;

55.28 (10) the school must not withhold a student's official transcript because the student is  
55.29 in arrears or in default on any loan issued by the school to the student if the loan qualifies  
55.30 as an institutional loan under United States Code, title 11, section 523(a)(8)(b);

55.31 (11) the school has a process to receive and act on student complaints;

(12) if the school is unaccredited, the school includes a joint and several liability provision for torts and compliance with the requirements of sections 136A.61 to 136A.71 in any contract effective after July 1, 2026, with any individual, entity, or postsecondary school located in another state for the purpose of providing educational or training programs or awarding postsecondary credits or continuing education credits to Minnesota residents that may be applied to a degree program; and

(13) the school must not use nondisclosure agreements or other contracts restricting a student's ability to disclose information in connection with school actions or conduct that would be covered under section 136A.672.

(b) An application for degree approval must also include:

(i) title of degree and formal recognition awarded;

(ii) location where such degree will be offered;

(iii) proposed implementation date of the degree;

(iv) admissions requirements for the degree;

(v) length of the degree;

(vi) projected enrollment for a period of five years;

(vii) the curriculum required for the degree, including course syllabi or outlines;

(viii) statement of academic and administrative mechanisms planned for monitoring the quality of the proposed degree;

(ix) statement of satisfaction of professional licensure criteria, if applicable;

(x) documentation of the availability of clinical, internship, externship, or practicum sites, if applicable; and

(xi) statement of how the degree fulfills the institution's mission and goals, complements existing degrees, and contributes to the school's viability.

Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.653, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Higher Learning Commission accredited institutions in Minnesota.** (a) A postsecondary institution accredited by the Higher Learning Commission or its successor with its primary physical location in Minnesota is exempt from the provisions of sections 136A.61 to 136A.71, including related fees, when it creates new or modifies existing:



57.1 (1) program degree levels, program degree types, majors, minors, concentrations,  
 57.2 specializations, and areas of emphasis within approved degrees;

57.3 (2) nondegree programs ~~within approved degrees;~~

57.4 (3) underlying curriculum or courses;

57.5 (4) modes of delivery; ~~and~~

57.6 (5) locations; and

57.7 (6) course or term changes that do not impact the number of instructional hours.

57.8 (b) The institution must annually notify the commissioner of the exempt actions listed  
 57.9 in paragraph (a) and, upon the commissioner's request, must provide additional information  
 57.10 about the action.

57.11 (c) The institution must notify the commissioner within 60 days of a program closing.

57.12 (d) Nothing in this subdivision exempts an institution from the annual registration and  
 57.13 degree approval requirements of sections 136A.61 to 136A.71.

57.14 (e) Institutions under this provision may advertise, recruit, and enroll students while the  
 57.15 program is evaluated for an exemption. In the event the program is determined not to be  
 57.16 exempt, institutions must complete the full review application to the office within 60 days  
 57.17 of notification or cease advertisement, recruitment, and enrollment of students and will be  
 57.18 subject to the penalty provisions of sections 136A.65, subdivision 8; 136A.705; and 136A.71.

57.19 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.658, is amended to read:

57.20 **136A.658 EXEMPTION; STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY**  
 57.21 **AGREEMENT SCHOOLS.**

57.22 (a) The office may participate in an interstate reciprocity agreement regarding  
 57.23 postsecondary distance education if it determines that participation is in the best interest of  
 57.24 Minnesota postsecondary students.

57.25 (b) If the office decides to participate in an interstate reciprocity agreement, an institution  
 57.26 that meets the following requirements is exempt from the provisions of sections 136A.61  
 57.27 to 136A.71:

57.28 (1) the institution is situated in a state which is also participating in the interstate  
 57.29 reciprocity agreement;

(2) the institution has been approved to participate in the interstate reciprocity agreement by the institution's home state and other entities with oversight of the interstate reciprocity agreement; and

(3) the institution has elected to participate in and operate in compliance with the terms of the interstate reciprocity agreement.

(c) If the office participates in an interstate reciprocity agreement and the office is responsible for the administration of that interstate reciprocity agreement, which may include the approval of applications for membership of in-state institutions to participate in the interstate reciprocity agreement, the office shall collect reasonable fees sufficient to recover, but not exceed, its costs to administer the interstate reciprocity agreement. The office processing fees for approving an in-state institution application shall be as follows:

(1) ~~\$750~~ \$1,500 for institutions with ~~fewer than 2,500~~ or fewer full-time equivalent enrollment;

(2) ~~\$3,000~~ \$5,000 for institutions with 2,501 to ~~20,000~~ 12,500 full-time equivalent enrollment; and

(3) \$7,500 for institutions with greater than ~~20,001~~ 12,500 full-time equivalent enrollment.

Full-time equivalent enrollment is established using the previous year's full-time equivalent enrollment as established in the United States Department of Education Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System.

Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.69, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Registration fees.** (a) The office shall collect reasonable registration fees that are sufficient to recover, but do not exceed, its costs of administering the registration program. The office shall charge the fees listed in paragraphs (b) to (d) for new registrations.

(b) A new school ~~offering no more than one degree at each level during its first year~~ must pay registration fees ~~for each applicable level~~ based on the institution's total full-time equivalent enrollment in the following amounts:

<del>associate degree</del>	<del>\$2,000</del>
<del>baccalaureate degree</del>	<del>\$2,500</del>
<del>master's degree</del>	<del>\$3,000</del>
<del>doctorate degree</del>	<del>\$3,500</del>

(1) \$5,000 for institutions with 2,500 or fewer full-time equivalent enrollment;

(2) \$7,500 for institutions with 2,501 to 5,000 full-time equivalent enrollment;

- 59.1 (3) \$10,000 for institutions with 5,001 to 7,500 full-time equivalent enrollment;  
 59.2 (4) \$15,000 for institutions with 7,501 to 10,000 full-time equivalent enrollment; and  
 59.3 (5) \$20,000 for institutions with 10,001 or greater full-time equivalent enrollment, and  
 59.4 for institutions with no data on the previous year's full-time equivalent enrollment.

59.5 Full-time equivalent enrollment is established using the previous year's full-time equivalent  
 59.6 enrollment as established in the United States Department of Education Integrated  
 59.7 Postsecondary Education Data System.

59.8 (c) A new school ~~that will offer more than one degree per level during its first year~~ must  
 59.9 pay registration fees in an amount equal to the fee ~~for the first degree at each degree level~~  
 59.10 under paragraph (b), plus fees for each ~~additional~~ nondegree program or degree as follows:

59.11	nondegree program	\$250
59.12	<del>additional associate degree</del>	<del>\$250</del>
59.13	<del>additional baccalaureate degree</del>	<del>\$500</del>
59.14	<del>additional master's degree program</del>	<del>\$750</del>
59.15	<del>additional doctorate degree</del>	<del>\$1,000</del>

59.16 (d) In addition to the fees under paragraphs (b) and (c), a fee of \$600 must be paid for  
 59.17 an initial application that: (1) has had four revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or  
 59.18 application reminders for the same application or registration requirement; or (2) cumulatively  
 59.19 has had six revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application reminders for the  
 59.20 same license application and the school seeks to continue with the application process with  
 59.21 additional application submissions. If this fee is paid, the school may submit two final  
 59.22 application submissions for review prior to application denial under section 136A.65,  
 59.23 subdivision 8. This provision excludes from its scope nonrepetitive questions or clarifications  
 59.24 initiated by the school before the submission of the application, initial interpretation questions  
 59.25 or inquiries from the office regarding a completed application, and initial requests from the  
 59.26 office for verification or validation of a completed application.

59.27 (e) The annual renewal registration fee is ~~\$1,500~~, based on an institution's total full-time  
 59.28 equivalent enrollment in the following amounts:

- 59.29 (1) \$1,500 for institutions with 2,500 or fewer full-time equivalent enrollment;  
 59.30 (2) \$3,000 for institutions with 2,501 to 5,000 full-time equivalent enrollment;  
 59.31 (3) \$5,000 for institutions with 5,001 to 10,000 full-time equivalent enrollment; and  
 59.32 (4) \$7,500 for institutions with 10,001 or greater full-time equivalent enrollment, and  
 59.33 for institutions with no data on the previous year's full-time equivalent enrollment.

Full-time equivalent enrollment is established using the previous year's full-time equivalent enrollment as established in the United States Department of Education Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System.

(f) In addition to the fee under paragraph (e), a fee of \$600 must be paid for a renewal application that: (1) has had four revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application reminders for the same application or registration requirement; or (2) cumulatively has had six revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application reminders for the same license application and the school seeks to continue with the application process with additional application submissions. If this fee is paid, the school may submit two final application submissions for review prior to application denial under section 136A.65, subdivision 8. This provision excludes from its scope nonrepetitive questions or clarifications initiated by the school before the submission of the application, initial interpretation questions or inquiries from the office regarding a completed application, and initial requests from the office for verification or validation of a completed application.

Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Person.** "Person" means any individual, partnership, company, firm, society, trust, association, or corporation or any combination thereof. Person does not extend to:

(1) a government body;

(2) a public school as defined in section 120A.05, subdivisions 9, 11, 13, and 17; or

(3) a nonpublic school, religious organization, or home school as defined in section 120A.22, subdivision 4.

Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Private career school.** "Private career school" means a person who maintains a physical presence for any program at less than an associate degree level; ~~is not registered as a private institution under sections 136A.61 to 136A.71;~~ and is not specifically exempted by section 136A.833. Private career school does not extend to:

(1) public postsecondary institutions with a physical presence in Minnesota;

(2) postsecondary institutions registered under sections 136A.61 to 136A.71;

(3) postsecondary institutions exempt from registration under sections 136A.653, subdivisions 1b, 2, 3, and 3a; 136A.657; or 136A.658 due to the nature of the institution's programs;

61.1 (4) schools exclusively engaged in training physically or mentally disabled persons;

61.2 (5) courses taught to students in an apprenticeship program registered by the United  
61.3 States Department of Labor or Minnesota Department of Labor and taught by or required  
61.4 by a trade union in which students are not responsible for tuition, fees, or any other charges,  
61.5 regardless of payment or reimbursement method;

61.6 (6) programs contracted by persons or government agencies for the training of their own  
61.7 employees for which no fee is charged to the employee, regardless of whether that fee is  
61.8 reimbursed by the employer or a third party after the employee successfully completes the  
61.9 training, except institutions or programs required to obtain a limited license exclusively to  
61.10 receive the dual training grant;

61.11 (7) schools with no physical presence in Minnesota engaged exclusively in offering  
61.12 distance programs that are located in and approved by other states or jurisdictions if the  
61.13 distance education program does not include internships, externships, field placements, or  
61.14 clinical placements for residents of Minnesota;

61.15 (8) schools licensed or approved by other state boards or agencies authorized under  
61.16 Minnesota law to issue licenses for institutions or programs, except for institutions or  
61.17 programs required to be licensed exclusively to participate in state financial aid, be listed  
61.18 on the eligible training provider list, access WIOA funding, or receive the dual training  
61.19 grant;

61.20 (9) review classes, courses, or programs intended to prepare students to sit for  
61.21 undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate, or occupational licensing, certification, or entrance  
61.22 examinations;

61.23 (10) classes, courses, or programs conducted by a bona fide trade, professional, or  
61.24 fraternal organization, solely for that organization's membership and not available to the  
61.25 public. In making the determination that the organization is bona fide, the office may request  
61.26 the school provide three certified letters from persons that qualify as evaluators under section  
61.27 136A.828, subdivision 3, paragraph (1), that the organization is recognized in Minnesota;

61.28 (11) programs in the fine arts provided by organizations exempt from taxation under  
61.29 section 290.05 and registered with the attorney general under chapter 309. For purposes of  
61.30 this clause, "fine arts" means activities resulting in artistic creation or artistic performance  
61.31 of works of the imagination which are engaged in for the primary purpose of creative  
61.32 expression rather than commercial sale, vocational or career advancement, or employment;  
61.33 or

62.1 (12) classes, courses, or programs intended to fulfill the continuing education  
62.2 requirements for a bona fide licensure or certification in a profession that have been approved  
62.3 by a legislatively or judicially established board or agency responsible for regulating the  
62.4 practice of the profession or by an industry-specific certification entity and that are offered  
62.5 exclusively to individuals with the professional licensure or certification.

62.6 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision  
62.7 to read:

62.8 Subd. 21. **Vocational.** "Vocational" means education or training for skills used in the  
62.9 labor market.

62.10 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision  
62.11 to read:

62.12 Subd. 22. **Trade union.** "Trade union" means an organization of workers in a skilled  
62.13 occupation who act together to secure all members favorable wages, hours, or other working  
62.14 conditions.

62.15 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision  
62.16 to read:

62.17 Subd. 23. **Eligible training provider.** "Eligible training provider" has the meaning given  
62.18 in Code of Federal Regulations, title 20, section 680.410.

62.19 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision  
62.20 to read:

62.21 Subd. 24. **Eligible training provider list.** "Eligible training provider list" means the list  
62.22 of eligible training providers that the state must maintain under Code of Federal Regulations,  
62.23 title 20, section 680.430.

62.24 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision  
62.25 to read:

62.26 Subd. 25. **State financial aid** For the purposes of sections 136A.82 to 136A.834, "state  
62.27 financial aid" includes all financial aid that may be awarded under chapter 136A, with the  
62.28 exception of the dual training grant under section 136A.246.

63.1 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision  
63.2 to read:

63.3 Subd. 26. **WIOA funding.** "WIOA funding" means any money available through the  
63.4 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act under Code of Federal Regulations, title 20,  
63.5 section 680.

63.6 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision  
63.7 to read:

63.8 Subd. 27. **Dual training grant.** "Dual training grant" means any money awarded under  
63.9 section 136A.246.

63.10 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.822, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

63.11 Subd. 3. **Refunds.** If a contract is ~~deemed~~ determined by the office to be unenforceable  
63.12 under subdivision 2, a private career school must refund tuition, fees, and other charges  
63.13 received from a student or on behalf of a student within 30 days of receiving written  
63.14 notification and demand for refund from the office.

63.15 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.822, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

63.16 Subd. 6. **Bond.** (a) No license shall be issued to any private career school with a physical  
63.17 presence within the state of Minnesota for any program, unless the applicant files with the  
63.18 office a continuous corporate surety bond written by a company authorized to do business  
63.19 in Minnesota conditioned upon the faithful performance of all contracts and agreements  
63.20 with students made by the applicant.

63.21 (b)(4) The amount of the surety bond shall be ten percent of the preceding year's net  
63.22 revenue from student tuition, fees, and other required institutional charges collected, but in  
63.23 no event less than \$10,000, except that a private career school may deposit a greater amount  
63.24 at its own discretion. A private career school in each annual application for licensure must  
63.25 compute the amount of the surety bond and verify that the amount of the surety bond complies  
63.26 with this subdivision. A private career school that operates at two or more locations may  
63.27 combine net revenue from student tuition, fees, and other required institutional charges  
63.28 collected for all locations for the purpose of determining the annual surety bond requirement.  
63.29 The net revenue from tuition and fees used to determine the amount of the surety bond  
63.30 required for a private career school having a license for the sole purpose of recruiting students  
63.31 in Minnesota shall be only that paid to the private career school by the students recruited  
63.32 from Minnesota.

~~(2) A person required to obtain a private career school license due to the use of "academy," "institute," "college," or "university" in its name and which is also licensed by another state agency or board, except not including those schools licensed exclusively in order to participate in state grants or SELF loan financial aid programs, shall be required to provide a school bond of \$10,000.~~

(c) The bond shall run to the state of Minnesota and to any person who may have a cause of action against the applicant arising at any time after the bond is filed and before it is canceled for breach of any contract or agreement made by the applicant with any student. The aggregate liability of the surety for all breaches of the conditions of the bond shall not exceed the principal sum deposited by the private career school under paragraph (b). The surety of any bond may cancel it upon giving 60 days' notice in writing to the office and shall be relieved of liability for any breach of condition occurring after the effective date of cancellation.

(d) In lieu of bond, the applicant may deposit with the commissioner of management and budget a sum equal to the amount of the required surety bond in cash, an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a financial institution equal to the amount of the required surety bond, or securities as may be legally purchased by savings banks or for trust funds in an aggregate market value equal to the amount of the required surety bond.

(e) Failure of a private career school to post and maintain the required surety bond or deposit under paragraph (d) may result in denial, suspension, or revocation of the school's license.

Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.822, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Minimum standards.** A license shall be issued if the office first determines:

(1) that the applicant has a sound financial condition with sufficient resources available to:

(i) meet the private career school's financial obligations;

(ii) refund all tuition and other charges, within ~~a reasonable period of time~~ 60 days, in the event of dissolution of the private career school or in the event of any justifiable claims for refund against the private career school by the student body;

(iii) provide adequate service to its students and prospective students; and

(iv) maintain and support the private career school;



(2) that the applicant has satisfactory facilities with sufficient tools and equipment and the necessary number of work stations to prepare adequately the students currently enrolled, and those proposed to be enrolled;

(3) that the applicant employs a sufficient number of qualified teaching personnel to provide the educational programs contemplated;

(4) that the private career school has an organizational framework with administrative and instructional personnel to provide the programs and services it intends to offer;

(5) that the quality and content of each occupational course or program of study provides education and adequate preparation to enrolled students for entry level positions in the occupation for which prepared;

(6) that the premises and conditions where the students work and study and the student living quarters which are owned, maintained, recommended, or approved by the applicant are sanitary, healthful, and safe, as evidenced by certificate of occupancy issued by the municipality or county where the private career school is physically situated, a fire inspection by the local or state fire marshal, or another verification deemed acceptable by the office;

(7) that the contract or enrollment agreement used by the private career school complies with the provisions in section 136A.826;

(8) that contracts and agreements do not contain a wage assignment provision or a confession of judgment clause;

(9) that there has been no adjudication of fraud or misrepresentation in any criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding in any jurisdiction against the private career school or its owner, officers, agents, or sponsoring organization;

(10) that the private career school or its owners, officers, agents, or sponsoring organization has not had a license revoked under section 136A.829 or its equivalent in other states or has closed the institution prior to all students, enrolled at the time of the closure, completing their program within two years of the effective date of the revocation; and

(11) that the school includes a joint and several liability provision for torts and compliance with the requirements of sections 136A.82 to 136A.834 in any contract effective after July 1, 2026, with any individual, entity, or postsecondary school located in another state for the purpose of providing educational or training programs or awarding postsecondary credits to Minnesota residents that may be applied to a program.

Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.822, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

Subd. 13. ~~Private career schools licensed by another state agency or board~~ **Limited license.** Unless otherwise exempt under this act:

(1) a private career school, which is licensed by another state agency or board, is required to obtain a private career school limited license due to the use of "academy," "institute," "college," or "university" in its name or licensed for the purpose of participating participate in state financial aid under chapter 136A, and which is also licensed by another state agency or board;

(2) a private career school seeking exclusively to be listed on the eligible training provider list, access WIOA funding, or receive the dual training grant shall be required to obtain a limited license; and

(3) a private career school seeking a limited license under this subdivision is shall be required to satisfy only the requirements of subdivisions 4, clauses (1), (2), (3), (5), (7), (8), (9), and (10); 5, 6, paragraph (b), clause (2); 8, clauses (1), (4), (7), (8), and (9), and (10); 9; 10; 11; and 12. If a school is licensed to participate in state financial aid under this chapter, the school must follow the refund policy in section 136A.827, even if that section conflicts with the refund policy of the licensing agency or board. A distance education private career school located in another state, or a school licensed to recruit Minnesota residents for attendance at a school outside of this state, or a school licensed by another state agency as its primary licensing body, may continue to use the school's name as permitted by its home state or its primary licensing body.

Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.824, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Initial licensure fee.** (a) The office processing fee for an initial licensure application is:

(1) ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,730 for a private career school that will offer no more than one program during its first year of operation;

(2) ~~\$750~~ \$1,500 for a private career school licensed exclusively ~~due to the use of the term "college," "university," "academy," or "institute" in its name, or licensed exclusively in order to participate in state grant or SELF loan financial aid programs,~~ be listed on the eligible training provider list, access WIOA funding, or receive the dual training grant; and

(3) ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,730, plus \$500 for each additional program offered by the private career school, for a private career school during its first year of licensed operation.

(b) In addition to the fee under paragraph (a), a fee of \$600 must be paid for an initial application that: (1) has had four revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application reminders for the same application or licensure requirement; or (2) cumulatively has had six revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application reminders for the same license application and the private career school seeks to continue with the application process with additional application submissions. If this fee is paid, the private career school may submit two final application submissions for review prior to application denial under section 136A.829, subdivision 1, clause (2). This provision excludes from its scope nonrepetitive questions or clarifications initiated by the school before the submission of the application, initial interpretation questions or inquiries from the office regarding a completed application, and initial requests from the office for verification or validation of a completed application.

Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.824, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Renewal licensure fee; late fee.** (a) The office processing fee for a renewal licensure application is:

(1) for a private career school ~~that offers one program~~, the license renewal fee is ~~\$1,150~~ \$3,160; and

~~(2) for a private career school that offers more than one program, the license renewal fee is \$1,150, plus \$200 for each additional program with a maximum renewal licensing fee of \$2,000;~~

~~(3) for a private career school licensed exclusively due to the use of the term "college," "university," "academy," or "institute" in its name, the license renewal fee is \$750; and~~

~~(4)~~ (2) for a private career school licensed by another state agency and also licensed with the office exclusively in order to participate in state ~~student~~ financial aid programs, be listed on the eligible training provider list, access WIOA funding, or receive the dual training grant, the license renewal fee is ~~\$750~~ \$1,500.

(b) If a license renewal application is not received by the office by ~~the close of business at least 60 days before~~ the expiration of the current license, a late fee of \$100 per business day, not to exceed \$3,000, shall be assessed.

(c) In addition to the fee under paragraph (a), a fee of \$600 must be paid for a renewal application that: (1) has had four revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application reminders for the same application or licensure requirement; or (2) cumulatively has had six revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application reminders for the same license application and the private career school seeks to continue with the application process with

additional application submissions. If this fee is paid, the private career school may submit two final application submissions for review prior to application denial under section 136A.829, subdivision 1, clause (2). This provision excludes from its scope nonrepetitive questions or clarifications initiated by the school before the submission of the application, initial interpretation questions or inquiries from the office regarding a completed application, and initial requests from the office for verification or validation of a completed application.

Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.824, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Solicitor permit fee.** The solicitor permit fee is ~~\$350~~ \$500 and must be paid annually.

Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.824, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **Multiple location fee.** Private career schools wishing to operate at multiple locations must pay the greater of:

(1) ~~\$250~~ \$500 per location, ~~for locations two to five; and; or~~

(2) ~~an additional \$100 for each location over five;~~ the actual cost of travel expenses, lodging, and customary meals incurred for an in-person site visit, should the office determine one is necessary.

Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.833, is amended to read:

**136A.833 EXEMPTIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Application for exemptions.** (a) A school that seeks an exemption from the provisions of sections 136A.822 to 136A.834 for the school and all of its programs or some of its programs must apply to the office to establish that the school or program meets the requirements of an exemption. An exemption for the school or program expires two years from the date of approval or when a school adds a new program or makes a modification equal to or greater than 25 percent to an existing educational program. If a school is reapplying for an exemption, the application must be submitted to the office 90 days before the current exemption expires. If a school fails to apply within 90 days of expiration, the school is subject to fees and penalties under sections 136A.831 and 136A.832. This exemption shall not extend to any school that uses any publication or advertisement that is not truthful and gives any false, fraudulent, deceptive, inaccurate, or misleading impressions about the school or its personnel, programs, services, or occupational opportunities for its graduates for promotion and student recruitment. Exemptions denied under this section are subject to appeal under section 136A.829. If an appeal is initiated,

69.1 the denial of the exemption is not effective until the final determination of the appeal, unless  
69.2 immediate effect is ordered by the court.

69.3 (b) A school that meets any of the exemptions in this section and exclusively seeks to  
69.4 be listed on the eligible training provider list, access WIOA funding, or receive the dual  
69.5 training grant is exempt from sections 136A.822 to 136A.834, except that the school must  
69.6 satisfy the requirements of section 136A.822, subdivisions 4, clauses (1), (2), and (3); 8,  
69.7 clauses (9) and (10); 10, clause (8); and 12.

69.8 Subd. 2. **Exemption reasons.** Sections 136A.821 to 136A.832 shall not apply to the  
69.9 following:

69.10 ~~(1) public postsecondary institutions;~~

69.11 ~~(2) postsecondary institutions registered under sections 136A.61 to 136A.71;~~

69.12 ~~(3) postsecondary institutions exempt from registration under sections 136A.653,~~  
69.13 ~~subdivisions 1b, 2, 3, and 3a; 136A.657; and 136A.658;~~

69.14 ~~(4) private schools complying with the requirements of section 120A.22, subdivision 4;~~

69.15 ~~(5) courses taught to students in an apprenticeship program registered by the United~~  
69.16 ~~States Department of Labor or Minnesota Department of Labor and taught by or required~~  
69.17 ~~by a trade union. A trade union is an organization of workers in the same skilled occupation~~  
69.18 ~~or related skilled occupations who act together to secure all members favorable wages,~~  
69.19 ~~hours, and other working conditions;~~

69.20 ~~(6) private career schools exclusively engaged in training physically or mentally disabled~~  
69.21 ~~persons;~~

69.22 ~~(7) private career schools licensed or approved by boards authorized under Minnesota~~  
69.23 ~~law to issue licenses for training programs except private career schools required to obtain~~  
69.24 ~~a private career school license due to the use of "academy," "institute," "college," or~~  
69.25 ~~"university" in their names;~~

69.26 ~~(8) private career schools and educational programs, or training programs, contracted~~  
69.27 ~~for by persons, firms, corporations, government agencies, or associations, for the training~~  
69.28 ~~of their own employees, for which no fee is charged the employee, regardless of whether~~  
69.29 ~~that fee is reimbursed by the employer or third party after the employee successfully~~  
69.30 ~~completes the training;~~

69.31 ~~(9)~~ (1) private career schools engaged exclusively in the teaching of purely avocational  
69.32 programs that are engaged primarily for personal development, recreational recreation, or

remedial subjects that education, and are not advertised or maintained generally intended for vocational or career advancement, including adult basic education, exercise or fitness teacher programs, modeling, or acting, as determined by the office except private career schools required to obtain a private career school license due to the use of "college" or "university" in their names;

~~(10) classes, courses, or programs conducted by a bona fide trade, professional, or fraternal organization, solely for that organization's membership and not available to the public. In making the determination that the organization is bona fide, the office may request the school provide three certified letters from persons that qualify as evaluators under section 136A.828, subdivision 3, paragraph (1), that the organization is recognized in Minnesota;~~

~~(11) programs in the fine arts provided by organizations exempt from taxation under section 290.05 and registered with the attorney general under chapter 309. For the purposes of this clause, "fine arts" means activities resulting in artistic creation or artistic performance of works of the imagination which are engaged in for the primary purpose of creative expression rather than commercial sale, vocational or career advancement, or employment. In making this determination the office may seek the advice and recommendation of the Minnesota Board of the Arts;~~

~~(12) classes, courses, or programs intended to fulfill the continuing education requirements for a bona fide licensure or certification in a profession, that have been approved by a legislatively or judicially established board or agency responsible for regulating the practice of the profession or by an industry-specific certification entity, and that are offered exclusively to individuals with the professional licensure or certification. In making the determination that the licensure or certification is bona fide, the office may request the school provide three certified letters from persons that qualify as evaluators under section 136A.828, subdivision 3, paragraph (1), that the licensure and certification is recognized in Minnesota;~~

~~(13) review classes, courses, or programs intended to prepare students to sit for undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate, or occupational licensing, certification, or entrance examinations and does not include the instruction to prepare students for that license, occupation, certification, or exam;~~

~~(14)~~ (2) classes, courses, or programs providing ~~16~~ 40 or fewer clock hours of instruction; and

~~(15) classes, courses, or programs providing instruction in personal development that is not advertised or maintained for vocational or career advancement, modeling, or acting;~~

71.1 ~~(16) private career schools with no physical presence in Minnesota engaged exclusively~~  
 71.2 ~~in offering distance instruction that are located in and regulated by other states or jurisdictions~~  
 71.3 ~~if the distance education instruction does not include internships, externships, field~~  
 71.4 ~~placements, or clinical placements for residents of Minnesota; and~~

71.5 ~~(17)~~ (3) private career schools providing ~~exclusively~~ training, instructional programs,  
 71.6 or courses where tuition, fees, and any other charges, ~~regardless of payment or reimbursement~~  
 71.7 ~~method~~, for a student to participate do not exceed ~~\$100~~ \$500.

71.8 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.834, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

71.9 Subdivision 1. **Exemption.** (a) A program is exempt from the provisions of sections  
 71.10 136A.821 to 136A.832 if it is:

71.11 (1) offered by a ~~private career~~ school or any department or branch of a ~~private career~~  
 71.12 school that is substantially owned, operated, or supported by a bona fide church or religious  
 71.13 organization;

71.14 (2) primarily designed for, aimed at, and attended by persons who sincerely hold or seek  
 71.15 to learn the particular religious faith or beliefs of that church or religious organization; and

71.16 (3) primarily intended to prepare its students to become ministers of, to enter into some  
 71.17 other vocation closely related to, or to conduct their lives in consonance with the particular  
 71.18 faith of that church or religious organization.

71.19 (b) Any ~~private career~~ school or any department or branch of a ~~private career~~ school is  
 71.20 exempt from the provisions of sections 136A.821 to 136A.832 if all of its programs are  
 71.21 exempt under paragraph (a).

71.22 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.834, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

71.23 Subd. 5. **Application.** A school that seeks an exemption from the provisions of sections  
 71.24 136A.82 to 136A.834 must apply to the office to establish that the school meets the  
 71.25 requirements of an exemption. An exemption expires two years from the date of approval  
 71.26 or when a school adds a new program or makes a modification equal to or greater than 25  
 71.27 percent to an existing educational program. If a school is reapplying for an exemption, the  
 71.28 application must be submitted to the office 90 days before the current exemption expires.  
 71.29 If a school fails to apply within 90 days of expiration, the school is subject to the fees and  
 71.30 penalties under sections 136A.831 and 136A.832.

72.1 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.87, is amended to read:

72.2 **136A.87 PLANNING INFORMATION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.**

72.3 (a) The office shall make available to all residents beginning in 7th grade through  
72.4 adulthood information about planning and preparing for postsecondary opportunities.  
72.5 Information must be provided to all 7th grade students and their parents annually by  
72.6 September 30 about planning for their postsecondary education. The office may also provide  
72.7 information to high school students and their parents, to adults, and to out-of-school youth.

72.8 ~~(b) The office shall gather and share information with students and parents about the~~  
72.9 ~~dual credit acceptance policies of each Minnesota public and private college and university.~~  
72.10 ~~The office shall gather and share information related to the acceptance policies for concurrent~~  
72.11 ~~enrollment courses, postsecondary enrollment options courses, advanced placement courses,~~  
72.12 ~~and international baccalaureate courses. This information must be shared on the office's~~  
72.13 ~~website and included in the information under paragraph (a).~~

72.14 ~~(c)~~ (b) The information provided under paragraph (a) may include the following:

72.15 (1) the need to start planning early;

72.16 (2) the availability of assistance in educational planning from educational institutions  
72.17 and other organizations;

72.18 (3) suggestions for studying effectively during high school;

72.19 (4) high school courses necessary to be adequately prepared for postsecondary education;

72.20 (5) encouragement to involve parents actively in planning for all phases of education;

72.21 (6) information about postsecondary education and training opportunities existing in the  
72.22 state, their respective missions and expectations for students, their preparation requirements,  
72.23 admission requirements, and student placement;

72.24 (7) ways to evaluate and select postsecondary institutions;

72.25 (8) the process of transferring credits among Minnesota postsecondary institutions and  
72.26 systems;

72.27 (9) the costs of postsecondary education and the availability of financial assistance in  
72.28 meeting these costs, including specific information about the Minnesota Promise;

72.29 (10) the interrelationship of assistance from student financial aid, public assistance, and  
72.30 job training programs;

72.31 (11) financial planning for postsecondary education; and



73.1 (12) postsecondary education options for students with intellectual and developmental  
73.2 disabilities.

73.3 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.901, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

73.4 Subdivision 1. **Grant program.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a grant program  
73.5 to award grants to institutions in Minnesota for research into spinal cord injuries and traumatic  
73.6 brain injuries. Grants shall be awarded to conduct research into new and innovative treatments  
73.7 and rehabilitative efforts for the functional improvement of people with spinal cord and  
73.8 traumatic brain injuries. Research topics may include, but are not limited to, pharmaceutical,  
73.9 medical device, brain stimulus, and rehabilitative approaches and techniques. The  
73.10 commissioner, in consultation with the advisory council established under section 136A.902,  
73.11 shall award 50 percent of the grant funds for research involving spinal cord injuries and 50  
73.12 percent to research involving traumatic brain injuries. In addition to the amounts appropriated  
73.13 by law, the commissioner may accept additional funds from private and public sources.  
73.14 Amounts received from these sources are appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes  
73.15 of issuing grants under this section.

73.16 (b) Institutions that are eligible to apply for a grant under this section include  
73.17 postsecondary institutions, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit organizations.

73.18 ~~(b)~~ (c) A spinal cord and traumatic brain injury grant account is established in the special  
73.19 revenue fund. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner to make grants  
73.20 and to administer the grant program under this section. Appropriations to the commissioner  
73.21 for the program are for transfer to the account. Appropriations from the account do not  
73.22 cancel and are available until expended.

73.23 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 137.022, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

73.24 Subd. 3. **Endowed chair account.** (a) For purposes of this section, the permanent  
73.25 university fund has three accounts. The sources of the money in the endowed mineral  
73.26 research and endowed scholarship accounts are set out in paragraph (b) and subdivision 4.  
73.27 All money in the fund that is not otherwise allocated is in the endowed chair account. The  
73.28 income from the endowed chair account must be used, and capital gains allocated to that  
73.29 account may be used, to provide endowment support for professorial chairs in academic  
73.30 disciplines. The endowment support for the chairs from the income and the capital gains  
73.31 must not total more than six percent per year of the 36-month trailing average market value  
73.32 of the endowed chair account of the fund, as computed quarterly or otherwise as directed  
73.33 by the regents. The endowment support from the income and the capital gains must not

provide more than half the sum of the endowment support for all university chairs and professorships endowed, with nonstate sources providing the remainder. The endowment support from the income and the capital gains may provide more than half the endowment support of an individual chair.

(b) If any portion of the annual appropriation of the income is not used for the purposes specified in paragraph (a) or subdivision 4, that portion lapses and must be added to the principal of the three accounts of the permanent university fund in proportion to the market value of each account.

Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 137.022, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Mineral research; scholarships.** (a) All income credited after July 1, 1992, to the permanent university fund from royalties for mining under state mineral leases from and after July 1, 1991, must be allocated as provided in this subdivision.

(b)(1) Beginning January 1, 2026, 50 percent of the income must be allocated according to this paragraph.

~~One-half~~ (1) One-fourth of the income under this paragraph, up to ~~\$50,000,000~~ \$100,000,000, must be credited to the endowed mineral research account of the fund ~~to be allocated for the Natural Resources Research Institute-Duluth and Coleraine facilities, for mineral and mineral-related research, including mineral-related environmental research, at the Natural Resources Research Institute-Duluth and Coleraine facilities.~~

~~The other one-half~~ (2) One-fourth of the income under this paragraph, up to \$25,000,000, ~~is~~ must be credited to an endowment for ~~the costs of~~ operating mining, mineral, and mineral-related, degree programs or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) degree programs offered through the University of Minnesota at Minnesota North College and the University of Minnesota Duluth Swenson College of Science and Engineering ~~at Duluth~~ to support workforce development and collaborations benefiting regional academics, industry, and natural resources on the Iron Range in northeast Minnesota, and for providing scholarships for Minnesota students, prioritizing students in the Minnesota Economic Development Region 3, to attend the mining, mineral, mineral-related, or STEM degree programs. The maximum scholarship awarded to attend the degree programs funded under this paragraph cannot exceed 75 percent of current resident tuition rates per academic year and may be awarded a maximum of four academic years.

(3) One-fourth of the income under this paragraph must be credited to the Natural Resources Research Institute for general operating and research costs.

~~(2) The remainder of the income under paragraph (a)~~ (4) One-fourth of the income under this paragraph, plus the amount of any remainder of the income allocated under clause (1) after \$50,000,000 \$100,000,000 has been credited to the endowed mineral research account for the Natural Resources Research Institute and the amount of any income over the \$25,000,000 for the programming in clause (1) and the remainder of the income allocated under clause (2) after \$25,000,000 has been credited to an endowment for mining, mineral, mineral-related, or STEM degree programs and scholarships, must be credited to the endowed scholarship account of the fund for distribution annually for scholastic achievement as provided by the Board of Regents to undergraduates enrolled at the University of Minnesota who are resident students as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision 8.

(c) The annual distribution from the endowed scholarship account must be allocated to the various campuses of the University of Minnesota in proportion to the number of undergraduate resident students enrolled on each campus.

(d) The Board of Regents must report to the education committees of the legislature biennially at the time of the submission of its budget request on the disbursement of money from the endowed scholarship account and to the environment and natural resources committees on the use of the mineral research account.

(e) Capital gains and losses and portfolio income of the permanent university fund must be credited to its three accounts in proportion to the market value of each account.

(f) The endowment support from the income and capital gains of the endowed mineral research and endowed scholarship accounts of the fund must not total more than six percent per year of the 36-month trailing average market value of the account from which the support is derived.

Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 151.37, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

Subd. 12. **Administration of opiate antagonists for drug overdose.** (a) A licensed physician, a licensed advanced practice registered nurse authorized to prescribe drugs pursuant to section 148.235, or a licensed physician assistant may authorize the following individuals to administer opiate antagonists, as defined in section 604A.04, subdivision 1:

(1) an emergency medical responder registered pursuant to section 144E.27;

(2) a peace officer as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraphs (c) and (d);

(3) correctional employees of a state or local political subdivision;

(4) staff of community-based health disease prevention or social service programs;

(5) a volunteer firefighter;

(6) a nurse or any other personnel employed by, or under contract with, a postsecondary institution or a charter, public, or private school; and

(7) transit rider investment program personnel authorized under section 473.4075.

(b) For the purposes of this subdivision, opiate antagonists may be administered by one of these individuals only if:

(1) the licensed physician, licensed physician assistant, or licensed advanced practice registered nurse has issued a standing order to, or entered into a protocol with, the individual; and

(2) the individual has training in the recognition of signs of opiate overdose and the use of opiate antagonists as part of the emergency response to opiate overdose.

(c) Nothing in this section prohibits the possession and administration of naloxone pursuant to section 604A.04.

(d) Notwithstanding section 148.235, subdivisions 8 and 9, a licensed practical nurse is authorized to possess and administer according to this subdivision an opiate antagonist in a school setting.

Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 474A.061, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

Subd. 2b. **Small issue pool allocation.** Commencing on the second Tuesday in January and continuing on each Monday through the last Monday in June, the commissioner shall allocate available bonding authority from the small issue pool to applications received on or before the Monday of the preceding week for manufacturing projects and enterprise zone facility projects. From the second Tuesday in January through the last Monday in June, the commissioner shall reserve \$5,000,000 of the available bonding authority from the small issue pool for applications for agricultural development bond loan projects of the Minnesota Rural Finance Authority.

Beginning in calendar year ~~2002~~ 2026, on the second Tuesday in January through the last Monday in June, the commissioner shall reserve ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$25,000,000 of available bonding authority in the small issue pool for applications for student loan bonds of or on behalf of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education. The total amount of allocations for student loan bonds from the small issue pool may not exceed ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$25,000,000 per year.

The commissioner shall reserve \$10,000,000 until the day after the last Monday in February, \$10,000,000 until the day after the last Monday in April, and \$10,000,000 until the day after the last Monday in June in the small issue pool for enterprise zone facility projects and manufacturing projects. The amount of allocation provided to an issuer for a specific enterprise zone facility project or manufacturing project will be based on the number of points received for the proposed project under the scoring system under section 474A.045.

If there are two or more applications for manufacturing and enterprise zone facility projects from the small issue pool and there is insufficient bonding authority to provide allocations for all projects in any one week, the available bonding authority shall be awarded based on the number of points awarded a project under section 474A.045, with those projects receiving the greatest number of points receiving allocation first. If two or more applications receive an equal number of points, available bonding authority shall be awarded by lot unless otherwise agreed to by the respective issuers.

Sec. 59. Laws 2023, chapter 41, article 2, section 31, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education shall establish a program to provide up to 600 scholarships to students entering paramedic programs by 2026.

Sec. 60. Laws 2023, chapter 41, article 2, section 31, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Reporting.** By February 1, 2025, and again by February 1, 2026 each year, the commissioner must submit a report on the program to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education finance and policy. The report must include the following information and any other information the commissioner considers relevant:

(1) information about all postsecondary programs giving rise to eligibility for a scholarship under this section, including the programs' locations, costs, enrollment capacities, acceptance rates, and other relevant information;

(2) available data on the current and forecasted demand for paramedics in Minnesota; and

(3) the total number of scholarships issued, disaggregated by:

(i) year of award;

(ii) postsecondary institution attended; and

78.1 (iii) relevant and available demographic data about award recipients.

78.2 Sec. 61. **SURPLUS APPROPRIATION UNAVAILABLE.**

78.3 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.121, subdivision 7a, the commissioner  
78.4 of the Office of Higher Education must not apply the adjustments to grant awards provided  
78.5 in Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.121, subdivision 7a, in the fiscal years 2026 through  
78.6 2028.

78.7 Sec. 62. **MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ENROLLMENT**  
78.8 **FRAUD WORKING GROUP.**

78.9 The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must convene  
78.10 a working group to develop policies and procedures to prevent fraudulent enrollment in  
78.11 online courses for the purpose of gaining access to financial aid, campus information  
78.12 technology systems, and student support services. The board must submit a report to the  
78.13 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over  
78.14 higher education by January 15, 2026. No additional compensation will be provided for  
78.15 participation in this working group. The working group must include representatives from:

78.16 (1) the Minnesota State University Student Association;

78.17 (2) the Minnesota State College Student Association;

78.18 (3) the Minnesota State College Faculty;

78.19 (4) the Inter Faculty Organization;

78.20 (5) the Minnesota Association of Professional Employees;

78.21 (6) the Minnesota State University Association of Administrative and Service Faculty;

78.22 and

78.23 (7) others as deemed necessary by the working group.

78.24 Sec. 63. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

78.25 The revisor of statutes shall codify Laws 2023, chapter 41, article 2, section 31, as  
78.26 amended by this act, as a new section in Minnesota Statutes numbered section 136A.1278.

79.1       Sec. 64. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

79.2           Subdivision 1. **Student parent support.** The revisor of statutes must renumber Minnesota  
79.3 Statutes, section 136A.1251, as Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.915. The revisor must  
79.4 also make cross-reference changes consistent with the renumbering.

79.5           Subd. 2. **Inclusive higher education.** The revisor of statutes must renumber Minnesota  
79.6 Statutes, section 135A.161, as Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.921. The revisor of statutes  
79.7 must renumber Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.162, as Minnesota Statutes, section  
79.8 136A.922. The revisor must also make cross-reference changes consistent with the  
79.9 renumbering.

79.10       Sec. 65. **REPEALER.**

79.11           (a) Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 135A.137; 136A.69, subdivisions 3 and 5; and  
79.12 136A.824, subdivisions 3 and 5, are repealed.

79.13           (b) Laws 2023, chapter 41, article 2, section 31, subdivision 5, is repealed.

79.14           (c) Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 5.41, subdivision 2; 136A.057; 136A.1251,  
79.15 subdivision 5; 136A.1788, subdivision 5; 136A.1791, subdivision 9; 136A.861, subdivision  
79.16 7; and 136A.91, subdivision 3, are repealed.

79.17           (d) Minnesota Rules, part 4850.0014, subparts 1 and 2, are repealed.

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#### 5.41 STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS.

Subd. 2. **Report.** (a) A postsecondary institution must file by November 1 of each year a report on its programs with the secretary of state. The report must contain the following information from the previous academic year, including summer terms:

(1) deaths of program participants that occurred during program participation as a result of program participation;

(2) accidents and illnesses that occurred during program participation as a result of program participation and that required hospitalization; and

(3) country, primary program host, and program type for all incidents reported in clauses (1) and (2).

(b) For purposes of paragraph (a), "primary program host" is the institution or organization responsible for or in control of the majority of decisions being made on the program including, but not limited to, student housing, local transportation, and emergency response and support.

(c) Information reported under paragraph (a), clause (1), may be supplemented by a brief explanatory statement.

(d) A postsecondary institution must request, but not mandate, hospitalization and incident disclosure from students upon completion of the program.

(e) A postsecondary institution must report to the secretary of state annually by November 1 whether its program complies with health and safety standards set by the Forum on Education Abroad or a similar study abroad program standard setting agency.

#### 135A.137 HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS DESIGNATION.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** (a) A Hunger-Free Campus designation is established for public postsecondary institutions and for nonprofit degree-granting institutions physically located in Minnesota and registered with the Office of Higher Education under section 136A.63. In order to be awarded the designation, an institution must meet the following minimum criteria:

(1) have an established on-campus food pantry or partnership with a local food bank to provide regular, on-campus food distributions;

(2) provide information to students on SNAP, MFIP, and other programs that reduce food insecurity. The institution shall notify students in work-study employment of their potential eligibility for SNAP benefits and provide information to those students that includes eligibility criteria and how to apply for benefits;

(3) hold or participate in one hunger awareness event per academic year;

(4) have an established emergency assistance grant that is available to students; and

(5) establish a hunger task force that meets a minimum of three times per academic year. The task force must include at least two students currently enrolled at the institution.

(b) Each institution must reapply at least every four years to maintain the designation.

Subd. 2. **Designation approval.** The student advisory council under section 136A.031 shall create an application process for institutions applying for grant funds. The student advisory council shall review applications and make recommendations to the commissioner. The commissioner shall have final approval for the designation and the award amount.

Subd. 3. **Competitive grant.** (a) Institutions eligible for a grant under this subdivision include public postsecondary institutions, nonprofit private postsecondary institutions, and Tribal colleges.

(b) The commissioner shall establish a competitive grant program to distribute grants to eligible institutions to meet and maintain the requirements under subdivision 1, paragraph (a). Initial grants shall be made to institutions that have not earned the designation and demonstrate a need for funding to meet the hunger-free campus designation requirements. Sustaining grants shall be made to institutions that have earned the designation and demonstrate both a partnership with a local food bank or organization that provides regular, on-campus food distributions and a need for funds to maintain the requirements under subdivision 1, paragraph (a).

(c) The commissioner shall give preference to applications for initial grants and to applications from institutions with the highest number of federal Pell Grant eligible students enrolled. The

commissioner shall consider the head count at the institution when awarding grants. The maximum grant award for an initial institution designation is \$25,000. The maximum grant award for sustaining an institution designation is \$15,000.

(d) The commissioner, in collaboration with student associations representing eligible institutions, shall create an application process and establish selection criteria for awarding the grants.

(e) No more than 20 percent of the total grant awards each fiscal year shall be for grants to nonprofit private postsecondary institutions.

Subd. 4. **Grant requirements.** (a) An eligible institution that receives a grant under subdivision 3 must:

(1) use the grant funds to meet or maintain the minimum criteria of a hunger-free campus designation under subdivision 1; and

(2) match at least 50 percent of the grant amount awarded with funds or in-kind resources.

(b) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (a), in order to receive a sustaining grant, an institution must demonstrate a partnership with a local food bank or organization or other source of funding that ensures regular, on-campus distributions.

#### **136A.057 STUDENT TRANSFER REPORTING.**

(a) The commissioner must report on the office's website summary data on students who, within the most recent academic year, withdrew from enrollment without completing a degree or credential program at a public postsecondary institution in Minnesota. The summary data must include whether the students who withdrew transferred to another institution and the institutions transferred to and from.

(b) Summary data must be aggregated by postsecondary institution and degree or credential program. Summary data must be disaggregated by race, ethnicity, Pell eligibility, and age.

(c) The commissioner must post the initial data on the office's website on or before February 15, 2022, and must update the data at least annually thereafter.

#### **136A.1251 STUDENT-PARENT SUPPORT INITIATIVE.**

Subd. 5. **Report and evaluation.** By August 1 of each odd-numbered year, the commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education finance regarding the grant recipients and their activities. The report shall include information about the students served, the organizations providing services, program activities, program goals, and outcomes.

#### **136A.1788 STUDENT LOAN DEBT COUNSELING.**

Subd. 5. **Report to legislature.** By February 1 of the second year of each grant award, the commissioner must submit a report to the committees in the legislature with jurisdiction over higher education finance regarding grant program outcomes.

#### **136A.1791 TEACHER SHORTAGE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.**

Subd. 9. **Annual reporting.** By February 1 of each year, the commissioner must report to the chairs of the kindergarten through grade 12 and higher education committees of the legislature on the number of individuals who received loan repayment under this section, the race or ethnicity of the teachers participating in the program, the licensure areas and school districts in which the teachers taught, the average amount paid to a teacher participating in the program, and other summary data identified by the commissioner as outcome indicators.

#### **136A.69 FEES.**

Subd. 3. **Degree or nondegree program addition fee.** The office processing fees for adding a degree or nondegree program are as follows:

nondegree program that is part of existing degree	-0-
nondegree program that is not a part of an existing degree	\$250 each
majors, specializations, emphasis areas, concentrations, and other similar areas of emphasis	\$250 each

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associate degrees	\$500 each
baccalaureate degrees	\$500 each
master's degrees	\$750 each
doctorate degrees	\$2,000 each

Subd. 5. **Modification fee.** The fee for modification of any existing degree or nondegree program is \$100 and is due if there is:

(1) an increase or decrease of 25 percent or more from the original date of program approval, in clock hours, credit hours, or calendar length of an existing degree or nondegree program;

(2) a change in academic measurement from clock hours to credit hours or vice versa; or

(3) an addition or alteration of courses that represent a 25 percent change or more in the objectives, content, or methods of delivery.

**136A.824 FEES.**

Subd. 3. **Program addition fee.** The office processing fee for adding a program to those that are currently offered by the private career school is \$500 per program.

Subd. 5. **Modification fee.** The fee for modification of any existing program is \$100 and is due if there is:

(1) an increase or decrease of 25 percent or more, from the original date of program approval, in clock hours, credit hours, or calendar length of an existing program;

(2) a change in academic measurement from clock hours to credit hours or vice versa; or

(3) an addition or alteration of courses that represent a 25 percent change or more in the objectives, content, or methods of delivery.

**136A.861 INTERVENTION FOR COLLEGE ATTENDANCE PROGRAM GRANTS.**

Subd. 7. **Report.** By January 15 of each odd-numbered year, the office shall submit a report to the committees in the legislature with jurisdiction over higher education finance regarding the grant recipients and their activities. The report shall include information about the students served, the organizations providing services, program activities, program goals and outcomes, and program revenue sources and funding levels.

**136A.91 CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT GRANTS.**

Subd. 3. **Report.** By December 1 of each year, the office shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education regarding:

(1) the amount of funds granted under each clause of subdivision 1, paragraph (b);

(2) the courses developed by grant recipients and the number of students who enrolled in the courses under subdivision 1, paragraph (b), clause (1); and

(3) the programs expanded and the number of students who enrolled in programs under subdivision 1, paragraph (b), clause (2).

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Sec. 31. **PARAMEDIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

**Subd. 5. Expiration.** This section expires June 30, 2026.

**4850.0014 AMOUNT AND TERMS.**

Subpart 1. **Loan amounts.** The minimum SELF Loan amount is \$500.

Subp. 2. **Multiple loans at the same grade level.** A student may borrow up to the maximum amount twice in the same grade level, as long as:

- A. a total of seven months elapses from the beginning of the first loan period to the beginning of the second loan period;
  - B. the cumulative SELF Loan debt maximum for that grade level is not exceeded;
- and
- C. the amount approved is at least \$500.