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A bill for an act

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relating to higher education; making permanent the current paramedic scholarship

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program; appropriating money; amending Laws 2023, chapter 41, article 2, section

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31, subdivisions 1, 4; repealing Laws 2023, chapter 41, article 2, section 31,

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subdivision 5.

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

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

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Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education

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shall establish a program to annually provide up to 600 scholarships to students entering

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paramedic programs ~~by 2026~~.

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

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Subd. 4. **Reporting.** By February 1, ~~2025, and again by February 1, 2026~~ of each year,

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the commissioner must submit a report on the program to the chairs and ranking minority

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members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education finance and

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policy. The report must include the following information and any other information the

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commissioner considers relevant:

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(1) information about all postsecondary programs giving rise to eligibility for a

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scholarship under this section, including the programs' locations, costs, enrollment capacities,

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acceptance rates, and other relevant information;

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

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

- 2.1 (i) year of award;
- 2.2 (ii) postsecondary institution attended; and
- 2.3 (iii) relevant and available demographic data about award recipients.

2.4 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.5 \$3,200,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,200,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from
2.6 the general fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education for the paramedic
2.7 scholarship program under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1278. Of the amount
2.8 appropriated in each fiscal year:

- 2.9 (1) \$3,000,000 is for awarding up to 600 student scholarships;
- 2.10 (2) \$100,000 is for promotion of the program and student recruitment efforts; and
- 2.11 (3) \$100,000 is for administering the program.

2.12 Sec. 4. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

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

2.15 Sec. 5. **REPEALER.**

2.16 Laws 2023, chapter 41, article 2, section 31, subdivision 5, is repealed.

Laws 2023, chapter 41, article 2, section 31, subdivision 5

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

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