

1.1 Senator ..... moves to amend S.F. No. 2406 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS; EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR**  
1.4 **POSTSECONDARY STUDENTS.**

1.5 Subdivision 1. **Appropriations.** (a) \$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,250,000 in  
1.6 fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from the general fund to the Board of Trustees of the  
1.7 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities for emergency assistance grants to students.

1.8 (b) \$779,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$779,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from  
1.9 the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for emergency  
1.10 assistance grants to students.

1.11 (c) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from  
1.12 the general fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education for allocation to  
1.13 nonprofit private postsecondary institutions and Tribal colleges to award emergency  
1.14 assistance grants to students.

1.15 Subd. 2. **Emergency assistance grant requirements.** (a) Postsecondary institutions  
1.16 must award emergency assistance grants directly to students to meet immediate needs that  
1.17 could interfere with the student completing the term or their program, including but not  
1.18 limited to emergency housing, food, and transportation. Institutions must minimize any  
1.19 negative impact on student financial aid resulting from the receipt of emergency funds.

1.20 (b) By February 1 of each year, the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota,  
1.21 the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, and the commissioner  
1.22 of the Office of Higher Education must each submit a report to the chairs and ranking  
1.23 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education on  
1.24 emergency assistance grants awarded to students using the funds appropriated to them in  
1.25 this section. The report must detail:

1.26 (1) how funding was distributed among institutions;

1.27 (2) the process by which students apply for emergency assistance grants and institutions  
1.28 make a determination about whether funds will be awarded;

1.29 (3) how many students received emergency assistance grants and the average award  
1.30 amount;

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

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

2.1        **Subd. 3. Additional requirements for allocations to nonprofit private postsecondary**  
2.2 **institutions and Tribal colleges.** (a) The commissioner must allocate the funds appropriated  
2.3 in subdivision 1, paragraph (c), to nonprofit private postsecondary institutions and Tribal  
2.4 colleges that are eligible under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.103, and that enroll a  
2.5 demonstrable homeless student population to award emergency assistance grants to students.  
2.6 The commissioner may use up to ten percent of the annual appropriation for administrative  
2.7 costs associated with this subdivision.

2.8        (b) The commissioner must establish processes for soliciting applications from  
2.9 institutions, selecting applicants to receive an allocation, and determining the funding amount  
2.10 allocated, and issue guidance regarding how institutions must award emergency assistance  
2.11 grants to students. Funds under this subdivision must not be distributed to selected applicants  
2.12 until the Office of Higher Education has approved their plans to award grants to students.

2.13        (c) At the end of each biennium, institutions must return any unused portion of the  
2.14 funding allocated to them under this subdivision to the Office of Higher Education."

2.15        Delete the title and insert:

2.16                                "A bill for an act  
2.17 relating to higher education; appropriating money for emergency assistance grants  
2.18 to students of postsecondary institutions; requiring a report."