

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 2481 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS; HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS.**

1.4 Subdivision 1. **Appropriations.** (a) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$200,000 in fiscal
1.5 year 2027 are appropriated from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University
1.6 of Minnesota for hunger-free campus activities on University of Minnesota campuses.

1.7 (b) \$600,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$600,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from
1.8 the general fund to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
1.9 for hunger-free campus activities on Minnesota State Colleges and Universities campuses.

1.10 (c) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$200,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from
1.11 the general fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education for competitive
1.12 grants to nonprofit private postsecondary institutions and Tribal colleges for hunger-free
1.13 campus activities.

1.14 Subd. 2. **Hunger-free campus requirements.** Funds appropriated under this section
1.15 must be used for public postsecondary institutions, nonprofit private postsecondary
1.16 institutions, and Tribal colleges to meet the following hunger-free campus requirements:

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

1.19 (2) provide information to students on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
1.20 (SNAP), the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), and other programs that reduce
1.21 food insecurity;

1.22 (3) notify students in work-study employment of their potential eligibility for SNAP
1.23 benefits and provide information to those students about eligibility criteria and how to apply
1.24 for benefits;

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

1.26 (5) provide emergency assistance grants to students; and

1.27 (6) establish a hunger task force that meets a minimum of three times per academic year
1.28 and that includes at least two students currently enrolled at the institution.

1.29 Subd. 3. **Additional requirements for public postsecondary institutions.** The Board
1.30 of Regents of the University of Minnesota and the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State
1.31 Colleges and Universities must each:

(1) match at least 50 percent of the amount appropriated to them in this section with either in-kind contributions or other resources; and

(2) by February 1 of each year, submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education on hunger-free campus activities performed using the funds appropriated to them in this section. The report must detail how hunger-free campus requirements were met and state the number of students served.

Subd. 4. Additional requirements for nonprofit private postsecondary institutions and Tribal colleges. The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education must establish a competitive grant program to distribute the funds appropriated in subdivision 1, paragraph (c), to nonprofit private postsecondary institutions and Tribal colleges registered with the Office of Higher Education under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.63. The competitive grant program must:

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

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

(3) give preference to applications from institutions with the highest number of federal Pell Grant eligible students enrolled; and

(4) require grant recipients to match at least 50 percent of the amount awarded with either in-kind contributions or other resources.

Sec. 2. REPEALER.

Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 135A.137, is repealed."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act
relating to higher education; appropriating money for hunger-free campus activities at postsecondary institutions; repealing the hunger-free campus designation; requiring a report; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 135A.137."