



S.F. No. 2482 – Certain higher education provisions modifications

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This bill contains policy changes proposed by the Office of Higher Education.

Section 1 modifies section 135A.15 to require postsecondary institutions to follow a sexual misconduct grievance process that complies with certain criteria. Current law requires postsecondary institutions to provide a party reporting sexual misconduct with an impartial, timely, and thorough investigation. This bill maintains that requirement and additionally requires the postsecondary institution to offer a grievance process that adheres to certain standards. This section has also been introduced as a standalone bill, S.F. 1035.

Section 2 amends section 135A.1582 to add definitions related to protections for pregnant postsecondary students to align with federal regulations, and extends the application of the protections afforded by section 135A.1582 to private postsecondary institutions. Current law covers students in the Minnesota State and University of Minnesota systems.

Section 3 combines aspects of certain reports that the Office of Higher Education is required by law to provide to the legislature. The proposed law would require one report that contained details related to the following programs:

- Hunger-Free Campus (section 135A.137)
- Student-Parent Support Initiative (section 136A.1251)
- Student Loan Debt Counseling (section 136A.1788)
- Aviation Degree Loan Forgiveness Program (section 136A.1789)
- Teacher Shortage Loan Repayment Program (section 136A.1791)
- Agricultural Education Loan Forgiveness Program (section 136A.1794)
- Large Animal Veterinarian Loan Forgiveness Program (section 136A.1795)
- Dual Training Competency Grants (section 136A.246)
- Intervention for College Attendance Program Grants (section 136A.861)
- Spinal Cord Injury and Traumatic Brain Injury Research Grant Program (section 136A.901)
- Concurrent Enrollment Grants (section 136A.91)

Sections 4 and 5 make technical corrections to section 136A.246 to clarify that the program requires participants to receive accredited degrees, certificates, and credentials.

Section 6 deletes a requirement that the Office of Higher Education share certain information with middle school and high school students.

Section 7 amends section 136A.901 to clarify that postsecondary institutions, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit organizations are eligible to receive grants under the Spinal Cord Injury and Traumatic Brain Injury Research Grant Program.

Section 8 contains technical instructions for the Revisor of Statutes.

Section 9 repeals certain statutes and rules.

Paragraph (a) repeals the statutory language requiring the individual reports combined in section 3, as well as language requiring reporting on study abroad programs (section 5.41), and related to student transfers (section 136A.057).

Paragraph (b) repeals a rule setting a \$500 minimum SELF loan amount and a rule regarding multiple SELF loans.



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