

# FACT SHEET | Jobs Bill: Investing in Higher Education

*Building a Better Minnesota*

Over 27 percent of the jobs bill signed by Governor Dayton is focused on making critical investments in higher education. Major improvements to education infrastructure will help ensure Minnesota students have access to world-class labs, classrooms, and training for the jobs of the future.

Governor Dayton knows that education is closely linked with good jobs and economic growth. Since 2011, Minnesota has gained more than 145,000 new jobs – fully recovering all the jobs lost during the Great Recession. This is great progress for Minnesota. Governor Dayton remains focused on growing our economy, supporting the creation of more jobs, and continuing the work of building a Better Minnesota.

## Critical Investments in Minnesota Students

- **Investing in Basic Infrastructure.** The Minnesota jobs bill signed by Governor Dayton makes improvements to essential infrastructure such as plumbing, heating and cooling, and fire alarm systems. More than 500,000 Minnesota college students across the state will benefit from investments that keep campus buildings safe and well maintained.
- **Preparing Students for Great Jobs.** Governor Dayton is committed to ensuring that every Minnesotan has access to the job training they need. This Minnesota jobs bill invests in education facilities at Minnesota State College and University campuses, where students will develop skills for careers in science, health care, engineering, and high-tech manufacturing.
- **World-Class Research and Teaching Buildings.** Good jobs and economic growth require educating and training a world-class workforce in first-rate science research centers. That is why the Governor made investments that support the development of modern science research and teaching facilities at the University of Minnesota and University of Minnesota Duluth.
- **Improving Research and Laboratory Facilities.** Governor Dayton also signed into law funding for the maintenance and improvement of science labs. These new resources will help biology students conduct research on topics important to Minnesota such as aquatic invasive species and bees.

## Higher Education Jobs Bill – By the Numbers

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