

Policy Language Comparison

H.F. 4252 – Higher Education Supplemental Policy and Finance Conference Committee

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R1	N/A	2.2-2.11	<i>Senate only</i>	Paid blood donation. The Senate provides three hours of paid leave annually for Minnesota state employees to give blood.	
R1-2	N/A	2.12-3.27	<i>Senate only</i>	Higher education attainment goal. The Senate updates the higher education attainment goal. The Senate provides a goal for 75 percent of residents between the ages of 24 and 55 by the year 2040. The Senate also provides for additional reporting and changes the agencies which collaborate to estimate attainment.	
R2	N/A	3.28-3.32	<i>Senate only</i>	Athletic fees. The Senate prohibits Minnesota state institutions from charging fees or increasing tuition to pay compensation to student athletes, and requests the University of Minnesota consider adopting a similar policy.	
R2	2.2-2.10	N/A	<i>House only</i>	Developmental courses. The House creates a new statute requiring public postsecondary institutions to provide an explanation of the difference between developmental and credit-earning courses to a student prior to their enrollment in a developmental education course, and have the student sign a written acknowledgement.	
R2	2.11-2.23	4.1-4.13	<i>Same (minor technical differences)</i>	Eligibility for American Indian Scholars program. This language replaces the term “Minnesota resident for resident tuition purposes” with “student eligible for a resident tuition rate” for purposes of eligibility for the American Indian Scholars program. <i>Staff recommends the Senate language.</i>	
R3-6	5.1-5.13	7.10-7.22	<i>Senate only</i>	Pregnant and parenting discrimination. While the changes to these sections are largely the same, the Senate language adds a definition of “priority registration,” which has further considerations on R5.	
R6	N/A	7.24-7.27	<i>Senate only</i>	Requirements related to online program management companies. The Senate extends the exemption for amendments or addendums in contracts entered into between higher education institutions and online program management companies on or before July 1, 2023.	

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R6-7	5.14-6.14	8.1-9.1	Same	Consolidated student aid reporting. This language removes and adds to the list of student aid programs to the data reporting structure of § 136A.053. Among the added programs: the state grant program, grants for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, Indian scholarships, and underrepresented student teacher grants.	
R7	6.15-6.20	9.2-9.7	Same	Summer academic enrichment: Report. This section deletes existing language about report content requirements and directs the Office of Higher Education (OHE) to the data reporting structure of § 136A.053.	
R7-8	6.21-7.18	9.8-10.4	Same	State grant eligibility. This language replaces “resident of Minnesota” with the defined term “resident student.”	
R8	7.19-7.27	10.5-10.13	Same	Fraud; denial of funding. This language provides that applicants or recipients of student grant programs may be denied funding if they present false information, refuse to allow inspection or supply information requested by a school, or have been determined to have committed fraud.	
R8	7.28-8.5	10.14-10.22	Same	Grants for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This section deletes existing language about report content requirements and directs OHE to the data reporting structure of § 136A.053.	
R8-9	8.6-8.15	10.23-11.3	Same	Fostering independence higher education grants. This section deletes existing language about report content requirements and directs OHE to the data reporting structure of § 136A.053.	
R9	8.16-9.10	11.4-11.28	Same	Child care grants. This language replaces “resident of Minnesota” with the defined term “resident student.”	
R10	9.11-9.22	12.1-12.12	Same	Underrepresented student teacher grants. This section deletes existing language in favor of a reference to § 136A.053, and adds a requirement to report that information to the E-12 finance and policy committees.	

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R10	9.23-10.10	12.13-12.30	Same	Student teacher grants in shortage areas. This section deletes existing language in favor of a reference to § 136A.053, but keeps a specific requirement to collect information about student teacher licensure areas and school districts, and adds a requirement to report that information to the E-12 finance and policy committees.	
R10-11	10.11-10.27	13.1-13.17	Same	North Star Promise. This section deletes existing language about report content requirements and directs OHE to the data reporting structure of § 136A.053.	
R11-12	10.28-11.22	13.18-14.12	Same	Work study grants. This section removes the priority for work-study programs given to students enrolled for 12 credits or more, and eliminates other provisions relating to work-study students employed by public employers.	
R12	11.23-12.14	14.13-15.4	Same	Dual training competency grants. This section changes the definition of “eligible training” for purposes of dual training competency grants.	
R13	12.15-12.17	15.5-15.7	Same	Minnesota Private and Out-of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act: Definitions. This section adds a definition of “institution” to the Minnesota Private and Out-of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act.	
R13-14	12.18 - 13.22	15.8 -16.12	Same	Private and Out-of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act: Information required for registration. This section clarifies the schedule and types of data a school must submit to register with the Office of Higher Education under the Private and Out-of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act.	
R14	13.23-14.3	N/A	House only	Private and Out-of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act: Public information. The House strikes an exception of accreditation reports for allowable disclosures to law enforcement or in connection with litigation. See also the House-only addition to the Private Career School Act on R31.	
R14-15	14.4-15.16	16.13-17.28	Same	Private and Out-of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act: Approval of degrees and name; exemptions. These sections make technical and terminology changes.	
R15	15.17-15.25	17.29-18.5	Same	Private and Out-of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act: Student complaints. This section eliminates the requirement that a school have a net annual income of \$1,000,000 or greater to be eligible for costs and attorney fees in an administrative proceeding regarding a student complaint.	

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R16	15.26-16.7	18.6-18.19	Same	Private and Out-of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act: Risk analysis. This section makes technical changes.	
R16	16.8-16.23	18.20-19.4	Same	Private and Out-of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act: Institutional reporting schedules for audits and enrollment data. This section creates a new subdivision relating to institutional reports to OHE of audits and enrollment data. When enrollment data is submitted depends on the institution's program start dates.	
R17	16.24-18.19	23.5-24.32	Different	Private and Out-of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act: Registration fees. These sections are largely identical, but the Senate adds a provision requiring OHE to review registration fees collected and the administrative costs of registrations. This is analogous to the Senate-only language at R27 regarding initial license applications, and to the Senate language at R32. There is a minor technical difference between 23.11 of the Senate language and 16.28 of the House language. <i>Staff recommends the Senate language on that difference.</i>	
R18-19	18.20-18.31	19.5-19.16	Same	Private Career School Act; policy. This section makes terminology changes.	
R19-21	19.1-20.20	19.17-21.2, 25.1-26.16	Same	Private Career School Act: Definitions: Private career school. Removes an exemption specific to programs in the fine arts. Reorganizes an exception regarding participation in state financial aid and certain grant programs and funding. Makes other technical changes to terms. <i>For the Senate language, this side-by-side compares two sections from two different bills (S.F. 4059, the third engrossment, and H.F. 4252, the second unofficial engrossment). Taken together, the two Senate sections are identical to the House section.</i>	
R23-R26	21.28-23.34	22.10-24.13	Same (technical differences)	Private Career School Act; licensure; application. These sections are essentially identical, but the House language formats the financial document submission requirements as a table, which is not recommended by the Revisor of Statutes. <i>Staff recommends the Senate language.</i>	

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R26-27	23.35-24.35	24.14-25.19	<i>Same (technical differences)</i>	Private Career School Act: Licensure: Bond. These sections are essentially identical, with one minor grammatical difference. <i>Staff recommends the House language.</i>	
R27	N/A	26.17-26.25	<i>Senate only</i>	Private Career School Act; licensure; fees and terms of license. The Senate makes application fees under the Private Career School Act refundable, and directs OHE to review fees collected and administrative expenses covered by the fees at the end of its fiscal year.	
R27-28	25.20-26.32	25.1-26.12	<i>Same</i>	Private Career School Act; licensure; minimum standards. This section updates the criteria OHE uses to determine whether a private career school will receive a license, e.g., the school's courses must adequately prepare students based on minimum standards for employment in a given field.	
R28-29	27.1-27.18	26.13-28.8	<i>Same</i>	Private Career School Act; licensure; catalog, brochure, or electronic display. This section requires a private career school to provide OHE the same information the school is required to provide students in an enrollment agreement. The information must be provided prior to the issuance of a license to the school.	
R29-30	27.19-28.23	28.8-29.10	<i>Same</i>	Private Career School Act; licensure; permanent student records. This section makes changes to student record retention rules and provides an option for private career schools to send student records to OHE to reduce its duration of retention.	
R30-31	28.24-29.14	29.11-29.33	<i>Same</i>	Private Career School Act; licensure; limited license. This section alters how private career schools can fulfill the requirements to receive a limited license, and allows OHE to impose some requirements at its discretion.	
R31	29.15-29.21	30.1-30.10	<i>Similar – technical differences</i>	Private Career School Act: Data privacy / financial records. Both chambers add a subdivision regarding the disclosure of financial records and accreditation reports. The House adds a subdivision providing that OHE “not disclose” financial records or accreditation reports received as part of a license application, except as specified. The Senate instead classifies these records as nonpublic data under chapter 13. <i>Staff recommends the Senate language.</i>	

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R31	29.22-29.31	N/A	<i>House only</i>	Private Career School Act: Licensure: Public information. The House adds a subdivision regarding the public availability of information received by OHE. This aligns the Private Career School Act with the Private and Out-of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act, as amended in a House-only provision on R14.	
R32	30.1-30.15	26.26-26.33	<i>Different</i>	Private Career School Act: License renewal: Application. The House language provides a separate schedule for the submission of certain financial documents under § 136A.822, subd. 4, clause (7), as part of a renewal application, which the Senate does not include. The Senate strikes language making the renewal fee nonrefundable, while the House keeps it. The Senate adds a provision requiring OHE to review licensure fees collected and the administrative costs of renewal licensures. This is analogous to the Senate-only language at R27 regarding initial license applications, and to the Senate language at R17.	
R33	30.16-30.25	30.26-31.3	<i>Same</i>	Private Career School Act; change of ownership. This section broadens the definition of “change of ownership” in the context of mergers and acquisitions of private career schools.	
R33	30.26-31.15	27.1-27.21	<i>Same</i>	Private Career School Act; initial licensure fee. This section eliminates fees OHE can currently charge private career schools for initial licensure applications where the applications have been revised or corrected multiple times.	
R33-34	31.16-32.3	27.22-28.11	<i>Same</i>	Private Career School Act; renewal licensure fee. This section eliminates fees OHE can currently charge private career schools for renewal licensure applications where the applications have been revised or corrected multiple times.	
R34-35	32.4-33.9	31.4-32.9	<i>Same</i>	Private Career School Act: Information to students: Catalog, brochure, or electronic display. Adds specifications for contents of the catalog, brochure, or electronic display, which were stricken on R28-29.	
R35	33.10-33.14	32.10-32.14	<i>Same</i>	Private Career School Act: Refunds: Student. Clarifies the definition of “student” in this section.	
R35-36	33.15-34.16	32.15-33.16	<i>Same</i>	Private Career School Act: Refunds: Proration. Amends a requirement regarding the contents of a confirmation from the school after a student cancels their enrollment.	

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R36-37	34.17-35.15	33.17-34.15	Same	Private Career School Act: Prohibitions: Transcripts. Removes provisions related to the disbursement of student aid funds.	
R37-38	35.16-36.2	34.16-35.2	Same	Private Career School Act: Revocation of license or permit: Grounds. Increases ability of OHE to determine that a school has committed fraud and therefore to revoke its license.	
R38-39	36.3-37.32	35.3-36.32	Same	Private Career School Act: Revocation of license or permit: Powers and duties. Removes probationary licensure; shifts the requirements and restrictions for probationary licensure to conditional licensure; removes time restrictions for conditional licensure.	
R39-40	38.1-38.9	37.1-37.9	Same	Private Career School Act: Student complaints: Appeals. Removes a requirement for OHE to be able to recover costs and attorney fees in administrative proceedings.	
R40	38.10-38.22	37.11-37.22	Same	Private Career School Act: Inspection. Removes OHE's ability to require the submission of audited financial statements as part of an inspection.	
R40-41	38.23-39.14	37.23-38.14	Same	Private Career School Act: Exemptions: Application for exemptions. Clarifies when an exemption for a school or program expires.	
R41	28.12-28.23	39.15-39.26	Same	Private Career School Act: Exemptions: Exemption reasons. Removes a paragraph providing an exemption for certain schools based on the content of their programs.	
R41	39.27-40.4	38.15-38.22	Same	College savings plan: Definitions. Updates cross-references to the Internal Revenue Code.	
R41-42	40.10-40.16	28.28-39.3	Same	College savings plan: Data. Allows OHE to contact account owners about financial aid programs.	
R42	40.19-40.24	39.6-39.11	Same (minor technical differences)	College savings plan: Account distributions: Handling of uncashed distribution checks. Provides that uncashed distribution checks will be credited back to the owner's account. There is a minor grammatical difference. <i>Staff recommends the House language.</i>	

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R42	N/A	39.12-39.18	<i>Senate only</i>	UMN Regents: Governor appointments. The Senate requires the Governor to appoint a candidate to fill a vacancy on the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota who has been recommended by the joint legislative committee, if the legislature has not already elected a person to fill the vacancy.	
R42	N/A	39.19-39.25	<i>Senate only</i>	UMN: Prohibition on curriculum control. The Senate requests that the University of Minnesota prohibit for-profit entities from developing, managing, or otherwise controlling curriculum at the University's medical school.	
R42	N/A	39.26-40.5	<i>Senate only</i>	UMN: Medical school curriculum reporting. The Senate requires the University of Minnesota to submit a report about for-profit funds used to pay faculty salaries, or to support medical school courses or initiatives.	
R43	40.25-41.3	N/A	<i>House only</i>	Unemployment insurance aid. The House removes OHE, which distributes unemployment insurance aid to Tribal colleges, from a provision governing a response when the amount of the legislative appropriation for unemployment insurance aid is insufficient to cover the calculated amount of aid under the statute.	
R43-46	41.4-44-15	N/A	<i>House only</i>	MnState appropriation. The House amends MnState's appropriation from last year's budget act to add: (1) a new ongoing appropriation of \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 for an identity verification system to combat enrollment fraud, which also specifies that contracts for this system are subject to the Government Data Practices Act; and (2) \$5,000 in onetime funding for reforestation at Bemidji State University.	
R46	40.6-40.18	44.16-44.25	<i>Same</i>	Rochester Community and Technical College; city of Rochester lease agreement. This section creates a session law to permit Minnesota State and the city of Rochester to enter into a 50-year lease agreement for land owned by RCTC for construction of a sports facility. Leases of this type are generally limited to 30 years by § 136G.60, subd. 2, paragraph (c).	
R46	44.26-44.31	40.16-40.18, 28.24-28.28	<i>Same</i>	Repealers. This section repeals various sections and subdivisions of existing statute, e.g. repealers of limited exemptions for religious schools in the Private and Out-of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act and the Private Career School Act.	