

1.1 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON H. F. No. 2073

1.2 A bill for an act

1.3 relating to higher education; providing funding and policy related changes for the
1.4 Office of Higher Education, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, the
1.5 University of Minnesota, and the Mayo Clinic; creating and modifying certain
1.6 scholarships and student aid programs; creating and modifying grant programs to
1.7 higher education institutions; establishing the Inclusive Higher Education Technical
1.8 Assistance Center; creating a direct admissions program; providing aid to
1.9 postsecondary institutions for unemployment insurance; establishing higher
1.10 education bonding policy; requiring financial review of nonprofit grant recipients;
1.11 requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections
1.12 136A.101, subdivisions 5a, 7; 136A.121, subdivisions 6, 9, 13; 136A.1241,
1.13 subdivision 5; 136A.125, subdivision 4; 136A.126, subdivision 4; 136A.1312;
1.14 136A.1791, subdivision 3a; 136A.246, subdivisions 4, 5, 6, 8; 136F.04, subdivision
1.15 1; 136F.38, subdivisions 3, 4, 5; 175.45, subdivision 1; 354B.23, subdivision 3;
1.16 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 135A; 136A; 268;
1.17 repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 136F.03; 136F.38, subdivision 2.

1.18 May 8, 2023

1.19 The Honorable Melissa Hortman
1.20 Speaker of the House of Representatives

1.21 The Honorable Bobby Joe Champion
1.22 President of the Senate

1.23 We, the undersigned conferees for H. F. No. 2073 report that we have agreed upon the
1.24 items in dispute and recommend as follows:

1.25 That the Senate recede from its amendments and that H. F. No. 2073 be further amended
1.26 as follows:

1.27 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.28 "ARTICLE 1

1.29 APPROPRIATIONS

1.30 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

2.1 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
 2.2 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,
 2.3 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.
 2.4 The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under
 2.5 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively.
 2.6 "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium"
 2.7 is fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
	<u>Available for the Year</u>	
	<u>Ending June 30</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>

2.12 **Sec. 2. MINNESOTA OFFICE OF HIGHER**
 2.13 **EDUCATION**

2.14 <u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>340,411,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>435,963,000</u>
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2.15 The amounts that may be spent for each
 2.16 purpose are specified in the following
 2.17 subdivisions.

2.18 <u>Subd. 2. State Grants</u>	<u>234,744,000</u>	<u>224,167,000</u>
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2.19 (a) If the appropriation in this subdivision for
 2.20 either year is insufficient, the appropriation
 2.21 for the other year is available for it.

2.22 (b) The base for this appropriation is
 2.23 \$225,066,000 for fiscal year 2026 and later.

2.24 <u>Subd. 3. Child Care Grants</u>	<u>6,694,000</u>	<u>6,694,000</u>
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2.25 <u>Subd. 4. State Work-Study</u>	<u>14,502,000</u>	<u>14,502,000</u>
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2.26 <u>Subd. 5. Interstate Tuition Reciprocity</u>	<u>8,500,000</u>	<u>8,500,000</u>
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2.27 If the appropriation in this subdivision for
 2.28 either year is insufficient, the appropriation
 2.29 for the other year is available to meet
 2.30 reciprocity contract obligations.

2.31 <u>Subd. 6. Safety Officer's Survivors</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
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2.32 This appropriation is to provide educational
 2.33 benefits under Minnesota Statutes, section
 2.34 299A.45, to eligible dependent children and

3.1 to the spouses of public safety officers killed
3.2 in the line of duty.

3.3 If the appropriation in this subdivision for
3.4 either year is insufficient, the appropriation
3.5 for the other year is available for it.

3.6 **Subd. 7. Indian Scholarships** 3,500,000 3,500,000

3.7 The commissioner must contract with or
3.8 employ at least one person with demonstrated
3.9 competence in American Indian culture and
3.10 residing in or near the city of Bemidji to assist
3.11 students with the scholarships under
3.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.126, and
3.13 with other information about financial aid for
3.14 which the students may be eligible. This
3.15 appropriation includes funding to administer
3.16 the American Indian scholarship program.

3.17 **Subd. 8. Tribal College Supplemental Assistance**
3.18 **Grants** 3,150,000 3,150,000

3.19 (a) For Tribal college assistance grants under
3.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1796.

3.21 (b) In addition to grants made pursuant to
3.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1796, the
3.23 commissioner shall use this appropriation to
3.24 make grants of \$1,000,000 each to Leech Lake
3.25 Tribal College, White Earth Tribal College,
3.26 and Red Lake Nation Tribal College, to be
3.27 used for the Tribal colleges' general operations
3.28 and maintenance expenses. A Tribal college
3.29 must use grant funds received under this
3.30 section to supplement, not supplant, any
3.31 existing funding. By September 30, 2024, each
3.32 Tribal college receiving a grant under this
3.33 paragraph must submit a report to the
3.34 commissioner of the Office of Higher
3.35 Education and to the chairs and ranking

4.1 minority members of the legislative
 4.2 committees with jurisdiction over higher
 4.3 education finance and policy. The report must
 4.4 include an accurate and detailed account of
 4.5 how the funds were spent, and a copy of the
 4.6 college's most recent audit report.

4.7 (c) The commissioner may use no more than
 4.8 three percent of this appropriation to
 4.9 administer the program grants.

4.10	<u>Subd. 9. Intervention for College Attendance</u>		
4.11	<u>Program Grants</u>	<u>1,942,000</u>	<u>1,142,000</u>

4.12 For the intervention for college attendance
 4.13 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
 4.14 136A.861.

4.15 \$300,000 in fiscal year 2024 is for providing
 4.16 onetime catalyst funding on a competitive
 4.17 basis to postsecondary institutions, nonprofit
 4.18 organizations, and local government
 4.19 organizations to create or enhance supports,
 4.20 navigation, and precollege services for
 4.21 students who were formerly incarcerated.

4.22 The commissioner may use no more than three
 4.23 percent of this appropriation to administer the
 4.24 intervention for college attendance program
 4.25 grants.

4.26	<u>Subd. 10. Student-Parent Information</u>	<u>122,000</u>	<u>122,000</u>
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4.27	<u>Subd. 11. Get Ready!</u>	<u>180,000</u>	<u>180,000</u>
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4.28	<u>Subd. 12. Minnesota Education Equity</u>		
4.29	<u>Partnership</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>

4.30	<u>Subd. 13. Midwest Higher Education Compact</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>115,000</u>
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4.31	<u>Subd. 14. United Family Medicine Residency</u>		
4.32	<u>Program</u>	<u>501,000</u>	<u>501,000</u>

4.33 For a grant to United Family Medicine
 4.34 residency program. This appropriation shall

5.1 be used to support up to 21 resident physicians
 5.2 each year in family practice at United Family
 5.3 Medicine residency programs and shall
 5.4 prepare doctors to practice family care
 5.5 medicine in underserved rural and urban areas
 5.6 of the state. It is intended that this program
 5.7 will improve health care in underserved
 5.8 communities, provide affordable access to
 5.9 appropriate medical care, and manage the
 5.10 treatment of patients in a cost-effective
 5.11 manner.

5.12 **Subd. 15. MnLINK Gateway and Minitex** 6,555,000 6,605,000

5.13 The base for this appropriation for fiscal year
 5.14 2026 is \$6,655,000 and for fiscal year 2027 is
 5.15 \$6,708,000.

5.16 **Subd. 16. Statewide Longitudinal Education**
 5.17 **Data System** 2,550,000 2,550,000

5.18 **Subd. 17. Hennepin Healthcare** 645,000 645,000

5.19 For transfer to Hennepin Healthcare for
 5.20 graduate family medical education programs
 5.21 at Hennepin Healthcare.

5.22 **Subd. 18. College Possible** 550,000 550,000

5.23 (a) This appropriation is for immediate transfer
 5.24 to College Possible to support programs of
 5.25 college admission and college graduation for
 5.26 low-income students through an intensive
 5.27 curriculum of coaching and support at both
 5.28 the high school and postsecondary levels.

5.29 (b) This appropriation must be used by College
 5.30 Possible only for programs supporting students
 5.31 who are residents of Minnesota and attending
 5.32 colleges or universities within Minnesota.

5.33 (c) By February 1 of each year, College
 5.34 Possible must report to the chairs and ranking

6.1 minority members of the legislative
 6.2 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
 6.3 over higher education and E-12 education on
 6.4 activities funded by this appropriation. The
 6.5 report must include but is not limited to
 6.6 information about the work of College
 6.7 Possible Minnesota throughout the state; the
 6.8 number of College Possible coaches hired; the
 6.9 number of existing partner high schools; the
 6.10 geographic distribution of participants; the
 6.11 number of high school and college students
 6.12 specifically supported by the appropriations
 6.13 funds; the percentages of students who applied
 6.14 to college, were admitted into college, and
 6.15 enrolled in college from the previous program
 6.16 year; the number of college graduates
 6.17 supported by the appropriation funding in the
 6.18 previous program year; and a list of all
 6.19 communities and partner institutions
 6.20 benefiting from coaching and support through
 6.21 College Possible programming.

6.22 (d) The base for this appropriation is \$0 for
 6.23 fiscal year 2026 and thereafter.

6.24 **Subd. 19. Spinal Cord Injury and Traumatic**
 6.25 **Brain Injury Research Grant Program**

3,000,000

3,000,000

6.26 For transfer to the spinal cord and traumatic
 6.27 brain injury grant account in the special
 6.28 revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes,
 6.29 section 136A.901, subdivision 1.

6.30 The commissioner may use no more than three
 6.31 percent of the amount transferred under this
 6.32 subdivision to administer the grant program.

6.33 **Subd. 20. Summer Academic Enrichment**
 6.34 **Program**

250,000

250,000

7.1 For summer academic enrichment grants under
 7.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.091.

7.3 The commissioner may use no more than three
 7.4 percent of this appropriation to administer the
 7.5 grant program under this subdivision.

7.6 **Subd. 21. Dual Training Competency Grants;**
 7.7 **Office of Higher Education** 8,020,000 4,632,000

7.8 For transfer to the Dual Training Competency
 7.9 Grants account in the special revenue fund
 7.10 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.246,
 7.11 subdivision 10. The base for this transfer is
 7.12 \$3,132,000 for fiscal year 2026 and thereafter.
 7.13 \$132,000 each year is for transfer to the
 7.14 Department of Labor and Industry.

7.15 **Subd. 22. Campus Sexual Assault Reporting** 25,000 25,000

7.16 For the sexual assault reporting required under
 7.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.15.

7.18 **Subd. 23. Campus Sexual Violence Prevention**
 7.19 **and Response Coordinator** 150,000 150,000

7.20 For the Office of Higher Education to staff a
 7.21 campus sexual violence prevention and
 7.22 response coordinator to serve as a statewide
 7.23 resource providing professional development
 7.24 and guidance on best practices for
 7.25 postsecondary institutions. \$50,000 each year
 7.26 is for administrative funding to conduct
 7.27 trainings and provide materials to
 7.28 postsecondary institutions.

7.29 **Subd. 24. Emergency Assistance for** \$3,579,000 \$3,579,000
 7.30 **Postsecondary Students**

7.31 (a) \$3,579,000 the first year and \$3,579,000
 7.32 the second year are for emergency assistance
 7.33 for postsecondary students. Of this
 7.34 appropriation:

8.1 (1) \$2,250,000 the first year and \$2,250,000
8.2 the second year are for the Minnesota State
8.3 Colleges and Universities for direct emergency
8.4 grants to students;

8.5 (2) \$779,000 the first year and \$779,000 the
8.6 second year are for the University of
8.7 Minnesota for direct emergency grants to
8.8 students;

8.9 (3) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
8.10 second year are for the Office of Higher
8.11 Education to allocate emergency grant funds
8.12 to Minnesota Tribal Colleges and eligible
8.13 nonprofit institutions as defined under
8.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.103, located
8.15 in Minnesota with a demonstrable homeless
8.16 student population. The Office of Higher
8.17 Education shall develop a plan to distribute
8.18 funds to institutions and provide guidance as
8.19 to how grants are disbursed to students. The
8.20 commissioner shall determine the application
8.21 process and the grant amounts; and

8.22 (4) \$50,000 per year may be used by the
8.23 commissioner for the administrative costs
8.24 associated with this section.

8.25 (b) The funds must be used for emergency
8.26 grants to students to meet immediate student
8.27 needs that could result in a student not
8.28 completing the term or their program
8.29 including, but not limited to, emergency
8.30 housing, food, and transportation. Institutions
8.31 shall minimize any negative impact on student
8.32 financial aid resulting from the receipt of
8.33 emergency funds.

9.1 (c) The commissioner must not distribute the
 9.2 funds under this section until the Office of
 9.3 Higher Education has worked with the
 9.4 institutions and approved their plans for the
 9.5 distribution of the grants to students and the
 9.6 method of their reporting requirements.

9.7 (d) At the end of each biennium, institutions
 9.8 must return any unused funds to the Office of
 9.9 Higher Education.

9.10 **Subd. 25. Grants to Student Teachers in**
 9.11 **Shortage Areas** 1,300,000 1,300,000

9.12 For grants to student teachers in shortage areas
 9.13 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1275.

9.14 The commissioner may use no more than three
 9.15 percent of the appropriation for administration
 9.16 of the program. The base for this appropriation
 9.17 is \$500,000 for fiscal year 2026 and thereafter.

9.18 **Subd. 26. Grants to Underrepresented Student**
 9.19 **Teachers** 1,925,000 1,925,000

9.20 For grants to underrepresented student teachers
 9.21 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1274.

9.22 The commissioner may use no more than three
 9.23 percent of the appropriation for administration
 9.24 of the program. The base for this appropriation
 9.25 is \$1,125,000 for fiscal year 2026 and
 9.26 thereafter.

9.27 **Subd. 27. Teacher Shortage Loan Repayment** 1,000,000 1,000,000

9.28 For transfer to the teacher shortage loan
 9.29 repayment account in the special revenue fund
 9.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1791,
 9.31 subdivision 8.

9.32 The commissioner may use no more than three
 9.33 percent of the amount transferred under this
 9.34 subdivision to administer the program. The

10.1	<u>base for this appropriation is \$200,000 for</u>		
10.2	<u>fiscal year 2026 and thereafter.</u>		
10.3	<u>Subd. 28. Large Animal Veterinarian Loan</u>		
10.4	<u>Forgiveness Program</u>	<u>375,000</u>	<u>375,000</u>
10.5	<u>For transfer to the large animal veterinarian</u>		
10.6	<u>loan forgiveness program account in the</u>		
10.7	<u>special revenue fund under Minnesota</u>		
10.8	<u>Statutes, section 136A.1795, subdivision 2.</u>		
10.9	<u>Subd. 29. Agricultural Educators Loan</u>		
10.10	<u>Forgiveness</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
10.11	<u>For transfer to the agricultural education loan</u>		
10.12	<u>forgiveness account in the special revenue</u>		
10.13	<u>fund under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
10.14	<u>136A.1794, subdivision 2.</u>		
10.15	<u>Subd. 30. Aviation Degree Loan Forgiveness</u>		
10.16	<u>Program</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
10.17	<u>For transfer to the aviation degree loan</u>		
10.18	<u>forgiveness program account in the special</u>		
10.19	<u>revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
10.20	<u>section 136A.1789, subdivision 2.</u>		
10.21	<u>Subd. 31. Grants for Students with Intellectual</u>		
10.22	<u>and Developmental Disabilities</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
10.23	<u>For grants for students with intellectual and</u>		
10.24	<u>developmental disabilities under Minnesota</u>		
10.25	<u>Statutes, section 136A.1215.</u>		
10.26	<u>Subd. 32. Loan Repayment Assistance Program</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>
10.27	<u>For a grant to the Loan Repayment Assistance</u>		
10.28	<u>Program of Minnesota to provide education</u>		
10.29	<u>debt relief to attorneys with full-time</u>		
10.30	<u>employment providing legal advice or</u>		
10.31	<u>representation to low-income clients or support</u>		
10.32	<u>services for this work.</u>		
10.33	<u>Subd. 33. Minnesota Independence College and</u>		
10.34	<u>Community</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>

11.1	<u>For a grant to Minnesota Independence</u>		
11.2	<u>College and Community for need-based</u>		
11.3	<u>scholarships and tuition reduction. Beginning</u>		
11.4	<u>with students first enrolled in the fall of 2019,</u>		
11.5	<u>eligibility is limited to resident students as</u>		
11.6	<u>defined in Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
11.7	<u>136A.101, subdivision 8. This is a onetime</u>		
11.8	<u>appropriation and is available until June 30,</u>		
11.9	<u>2027.</u>		
11.10	<u>Subd. 34. Student Loan Debt Counseling</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
11.11	<u>For student loan debt counseling under</u>		
11.12	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1788.</u>		
11.13	<u>The Office of Higher Education may use no</u>		
11.14	<u>more than three percent of the appropriation</u>		
11.15	<u>to administer the student loan debt counseling</u>		
11.16	<u>program.</u>		
11.17	<u>Subd. 35. Hunger-Free Campus Grants</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
11.18	<u>For the Hunger-Free Campus program under</u>		
11.19	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.137. Of this</u>		
11.20	<u>amount, up to \$500,000 the first year is for</u>		
11.21	<u>grants not to exceed \$25,000 to institutions</u>		
11.22	<u>for equipment necessary to operate an</u>		
11.23	<u>on-campus food pantry. The commissioner</u>		
11.24	<u>shall establish an application and process for</u>		
11.25	<u>distributing the grant funds. This appropriation</u>		
11.26	<u>is available until June 30, 2026.</u>		
11.27	<u>Subd. 36. Fostering Independence Higher</u>		
11.28	<u>Education Grants</u>	<u>4,247,000</u>	<u>4,416,000</u>
11.29	<u>\$4,247,000 the first year and \$4,416,000 the</u>		
11.30	<u>second year are for grants to eligible students</u>		
11.31	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1241.</u>		
11.32	<u>The Office of Higher Education may use no</u>		
11.33	<u>more than three percent of the appropriation</u>		
11.34	<u>to administer grants.</u>		

12.1	<u>Subd. 37. Concurrent Enrollment Grants</u>	<u>340,000</u>	<u>340,000</u>
12.2	<u>For concurrent enrollment grants under</u>		
12.3	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.91.</u>		
12.4	<u>Subd. 38. Student Parent Support Initiative</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>
12.5	<u>For grants to support student parents under</u>		
12.6	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1251. Of</u>		
12.7	<u>this amount, up to \$338,000 each year is for</u>		
12.8	<u>administrative and promotional costs.</u>		
12.9	<u>Subd. 39. Director of Tribal Relations</u>	<u>134,000</u>	<u>143,000</u>
12.10	<u>Subd. 40. Direct Admissions Program</u>	<u>650,000</u>	<u>650,000</u>
12.11	<u>For the direct admissions program under</u>		
12.12	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.84.</u>		
12.13	<u>Subd. 41. American Indian Scholars</u>	<u>8,500,000</u>	<u>8,500,000</u>
12.14	<u>To support implementation of Minnesota</u>		
12.15	<u>Statutes, section 135A.121.</u>		
12.16	<u>\$4,032,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$4,032,000</u>		
12.17	<u>in fiscal year 2025 are for transfer to the Board</u>		
12.18	<u>of Regents of the University of Minnesota.</u>		
12.19	<u>\$4,468,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$4,468,000</u>		
12.20	<u>in fiscal year 2025 are for transfer to the Board</u>		
12.21	<u>of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges</u>		
12.22	<u>and Universities.</u>		
12.23	<u>Subd. 42. Next Generation Nursing Initiative</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
12.24	<u>For transfer to the Board of Trustees of the</u>		
12.25	<u>Minnesota State Colleges and Universities for</u>		
12.26	<u>HealthForce Minnesota to coordinate and</u>		
12.27	<u>implement the Next Generation Nursing</u>		
12.28	<u>Assistant Training Program for the recruitment</u>		
12.29	<u>and training of students to become certified</u>		
12.30	<u>nursing assistants. The program must use a</u>		
12.31	<u>"free up-front" model for covering the student</u>		
12.32	<u>costs. This appropriation may also be used for</u>		

13.1	<u>marketing and outreach across the state and</u>		
13.2	<u>covering the cost for retraining, retesting, and</u>		
13.3	<u>refresher courses. This appropriation is</u>		
13.4	<u>available until June 30, 2025.</u>		
13.5	<u>Subd. 43. Higher Education Public Service</u>		
13.6	<u>Feasibility Study</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
13.7	<u>For the commissioner of the Office of Higher</u>		
13.8	<u>Education to conduct a feasibility study on</u>		
13.9	<u>creating and implementing a Minnesota</u>		
13.10	<u>service initiative. By October 31, 2023, the</u>		
13.11	<u>commissioner shall report to the chairs and</u>		
13.12	<u>ranking minority members of the legislative</u>		
13.13	<u>committees with jurisdiction over higher</u>		
13.14	<u>education on the feasibility of creating and</u>		
13.15	<u>implementing a Minnesota service initiative</u>		
13.16	<u>to increase student civic engagement. The</u>		
13.17	<u>report must include but is not limited to</u>		
13.18	<u>information about the program design,</u>		
13.19	<u>implementation challenges and</u>		
13.20	<u>recommendations, outcomes, and the</u>		
13.21	<u>feasibility of scaling the program over time.</u>		
13.22	<u>Subd. 44. Inclusive Higher Education</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
13.23	<u>(a) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the</u>		
13.24	<u>second year are to enter into a contract</u>		
13.25	<u>establishing the Inclusive Higher Education</u>		
13.26	<u>Technical Assistance Center under Minnesota</u>		
13.27	<u>Statutes, section 135A.161.</u>		
13.28	<u>(b) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the</u>		
13.29	<u>second year are transferred from the general</u>		
13.30	<u>fund to the inclusive higher education grant</u>		
13.31	<u>account under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
13.32	<u>135A.162, subdivision 4. Up to five percent</u>		
13.33	<u>of the transfer can be used for administrative</u>		
13.34	<u>expenses.</u>		
13.35	<u>Subd. 45. Paramedic Scholarship Program</u>	<u>3,200,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>

- 14.1 For the paramedic scholarship program under
- 14.2 article 2, section 31. Of this amount:
- 14.3 (1) \$3,000,000 is for awarding 600 student
- 14.4 scholarships;
- 14.5 (2) \$100,000 is for promotion of the program
- 14.6 and student recruitment efforts; and
- 14.7 (3) \$100,000 is for administering the program.

14.8 This appropriation is available until expended
14.9 or until June 30, 2026, whichever occurs first.

14.10 **Subd. 46. Addiction Medicine Graduate Medical**
14.11 **Education Fellowship**

270,000

270,000

- 14.12 (a) For a grant to Hennepin County Medical
- 14.13 Center to support up to six physicians enrolled
- 14.14 in an addiction medicine fellowship program.
- 14.15 If the appropriation for either year is
- 14.16 insufficient, the appropriation for the other
- 14.17 year is available for it.

- 14.18 (b) Each year, in order to receive funds under
- 14.19 this subdivision, Hennepin County Medical
- 14.20 Center must certify to the commissioner the
- 14.21 number of physicians actually enrolled in an
- 14.22 addiction medicine fellowship for that year.
- 14.23 The commissioner shall transfer to Hennepin
- 14.24 County Medical Center \$90,000 for each
- 14.25 physician enrolled in an addiction medicine
- 14.26 fellowship subject to the total funds
- 14.27 appropriated by this subdivision.

- 14.28 (c) This appropriation shall be used to prepare
- 14.29 fellows to practice addiction medicine in rural
- 14.30 and underserved areas of the state, and to train
- 14.31 fellows in: diagnostic interviewing;
- 14.32 motivational interviewing; addiction
- 14.33 counseling; recognition and care of common
- 14.34 acute withdrawal syndromes and

15.1	<u>complications; pharmacotherapies of addictive</u>		
15.2	<u>disorders; epidemiology and pathophysiology</u>		
15.3	<u>of addiction; identification and treatment of</u>		
15.4	<u>addictive disorders in special populations;</u>		
15.5	<u>secondary interventions; the use of screening</u>		
15.6	<u>and diagnostic instruments; inpatient care; and</u>		
15.7	<u>working within a multidisciplinary team.</u>		
15.8	<u>Subd. 47. Unemployment Insurance Aid</u>	<u>158,000</u>	<u>158,000</u>
15.9	<u>For unemployment insurance aid to Tribal</u>		
15.10	<u>colleges under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
15.11	<u>268.193. Of the amount appropriated, \$24,000</u>		
15.12	<u>each year is for administration of the</u>		
15.13	<u>unemployment insurance aid.</u>		
15.14	<u>Subd. 48. Foster Care Grant</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
15.15	<u>\$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the</u>		
15.16	<u>second year are for a grant to the Foster</u>		
15.17	<u>Advocates Nonprofit Organization for an</u>		
15.18	<u>education support and wraparound service</u>		
15.19	<u>program that provides assistance and support</u>		
15.20	<u>to individuals who were in foster care at the</u>		
15.21	<u>age of 13 or later, and for individuals who are</u>		
15.22	<u>transitioning from foster care to adulthood, up</u>		
15.23	<u>to age 27, to improve the likelihood of</u>		
15.24	<u>completing a degree and securing a stable</u>		
15.25	<u>career. The program shall provide one-on-one</u>		
15.26	<u>mentoring, leadership development, and</u>		
15.27	<u>additional resources to support each student's</u>		
15.28	<u>education journey through high school</u>		
15.29	<u>graduation and institutions of higher</u>		
15.30	<u>education. This is a onetime appropriation.</u>		
15.31	<u>Subd. 49. North Star Promise</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>117,226,000</u>
15.32	<u>\$117,226,000 the second year is transferred</u>		
15.33	<u>from the general fund to the account in the</u>		
15.34	<u>special revenue fund under Minnesota</u>		

16.1	<u>Statutes, section 136A.1465, subdivision 6.</u>		
16.2	<u>The base for the transfer is \$49,500,000 in</u>		
16.3	<u>fiscal year 2026 and thereafter.</u>		
16.4	<u>Subd. 50. North Star Promise; Administrative</u>		
16.5	<u>Costs</u>	<u>496,000</u>	<u>202,000</u>
16.6	<u>For administrative and promotion expenses to</u>		
16.7	<u>implement and direct the scholarship awards</u>		
16.8	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1465.</u>		
16.9	<u>Subd. 51. Postsecondary Student Basic Needs</u>		
16.10	<u>Working Group</u>	<u>44,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
16.11	<u>\$44,000 the first year is to administer the</u>		
16.12	<u>postsecondary student basic needs working</u>		
16.13	<u>group under article 2, section 33, and provide</u>		
16.14	<u>stipends to participants of the working group</u>		
16.15	<u>who are students. A student participant must</u>		
16.16	<u>receive a stipend, as determined by the</u>		
16.17	<u>commissioner, for each meeting the student</u>		
16.18	<u>attends. This is a onetime appropriation.</u>		
16.19	<u>Subd. 52. Report on Minnesota State Colleges</u>		
16.20	<u>and Universities Course Placement Practices</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
16.21	<u>\$250,000 the first year is for the purposes of</u>		
16.22	<u>creating a report on Minnesota State Colleges</u>		
16.23	<u>and Universities placement practice under</u>		
16.24	<u>article 2, section 34. This is a onetime</u>		
16.25	<u>appropriation.</u>		
16.26	<u>Subd. 53. Agency Administration</u>	<u>6,498,000</u>	<u>6,724,000</u>
16.27	<u>The base for this appropriation is \$6,096,000</u>		
16.28	<u>in fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.</u>		
16.29	<u>Subd. 54. Balances Forward</u>		
16.30	<u>A balance in the first year under this section</u>		
16.31	<u>does not cancel, but is available for the second</u>		
16.32	<u>year.</u>		
16.33	<u>Subd. 55. Transfers</u>		

17.1 The commissioner of the Office of Higher
17.2 Education may transfer unencumbered
17.3 balances from the appropriations in this
17.4 section to the state grant appropriation, the
17.5 interstate tuition reciprocity appropriation, the
17.6 child care grant appropriation, the Indian
17.7 scholarship appropriation, the state work-study
17.8 appropriation, the get ready appropriation, the
17.9 intervention for college attendance
17.10 appropriation, the student-parent information
17.11 appropriation, the summer academic
17.12 enrichment program appropriation, the public
17.13 safety officers' survivors appropriation, and
17.14 the fostering independence higher education
17.15 grant program. The commissioner may transfer
17.16 unencumbered balances from the hunger-free
17.17 campus appropriations to the emergency
17.18 assistance for postsecondary students grant.
17.19 To the extent there is a projected surplus in
17.20 the appropriation for either the student
17.21 teachers in shortage areas grant program or
17.22 the underrepresented student teacher grant
17.23 program, the commissioner may transfer
17.24 unencumbered balances between the two
17.25 programs as needed to meet demand. Transfers
17.26 from the child care, state work-study, or the
17.27 hunger-free campus appropriations may only
17.28 be made to the extent there is a projected
17.29 surplus in the appropriation. A transfer may
17.30 be made only with prior written notice to the
17.31 chairs and ranking minority members of the
17.32 senate and house of representatives
17.33 committees with jurisdiction over higher
17.34 education finance.

18.1 **Sec. 3. BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**
 18.2 **MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND**
 18.3 **UNIVERSITIES**

18.4 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 948,896,000** **\$ 923,232,000**

18.5 The amounts that may be spent for each
 18.6 purpose are specified in the following
 18.7 subdivisions.

18.8 **Subd. 2. Central Office and Shared Services**
 18.9 **Unit** **35,401,000** **36,401,000**

18.10 For the Office of the Chancellor and the
 18.11 Shared Services Division.

18.12 **Subd. 3. Operations and Maintenance** **909,380,000** **882,716,000**

18.13 (a) This appropriation includes \$25,000,000
 18.14 in fiscal year 2024 and \$50,000,000 in fiscal
 18.15 year 2025 for student tuition relief. The Board
 18.16 of Trustees may not set the tuition rates in any
 18.17 undergraduate degree-granting program for
 18.18 the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 academic years
 18.19 at a rate greater than the 2022-2023 academic
 18.20 year rates. The student tuition relief may not
 18.21 be offset by increases in mandatory fees,
 18.22 charges, or other assessments to the student.
 18.23 Colleges and universities are permitted to
 18.24 increase differential tuition charges in fiscal
 18.25 years 2024 and 2025 where costs for course
 18.26 or program delivery have increased due to
 18.27 extraordinary circumstances beyond the
 18.28 control of the college or university. Rates and
 18.29 rationale must be approved by the Board of
 18.30 Trustees. The base for this appropriation in
 18.31 fiscal year 2026 and later is \$37,500,000,
 18.32 which must be used for student tuition relief.

18.33 (b) This appropriation includes \$50,000,000
 18.34 in fiscal year 2024 for onetime campus
 18.35 support. The Board of Trustees must allocate

19.1 this amount to all colleges and universities
19.2 based upon each institution's estimated tuition
19.3 revenue loss due to declines in enrollment
19.4 from fiscal year 2019 to fiscal year 2023,
19.5 except that no institution shall receive an
19.6 allocation less than \$300,000. This is a
19.7 onetime appropriation. The base for this
19.8 appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and later is
19.9 \$0.

19.10 (c) \$5,700,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
19.11 \$5,700,000 in fiscal year 2025 are to provide
19.12 supplemental aid for operations and
19.13 maintenance to the president of each two-year
19.14 institution in the system with at least one
19.15 campus that is not located in a metropolitan
19.16 county, as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
19.17 section 473.121, subdivision 4. The board
19.18 shall transfer at least \$158,000 for each
19.19 campus not located in a metropolitan county
19.20 in each year to the president of each institution
19.21 that includes such a campus.

19.22 (d) The Board of Trustees is requested to help
19.23 Minnesota close the attainment gap by funding
19.24 activities which improve retention and
19.25 completion for students of color.

19.26 (e) \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
19.27 \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for
19.28 workforce development scholarships under
19.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.38. The base
19.30 for this appropriation is \$4,500,000 in fiscal
19.31 year 2026 and each year thereafter.

19.32 (f) \$300,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$300,000
19.33 in fiscal year 2025 are for transfer to the Cook
19.34 County Higher Education Board to provide
19.35 educational programming, workforce

20.1 development, and academic support services
20.2 to remote regions in northeastern Minnesota.
20.3 The Cook County Higher Education Board
20.4 shall continue to provide information to the
20.5 Board of Trustees on the number of students
20.6 served, credit hours delivered, and services
20.7 provided to students.

20.8 (g) \$40,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$40,000
20.9 in fiscal year 2025 to implement the sexual
20.10 assault policies required under Minnesota
20.11 Statutes, section 135A.15.

20.12 (h) \$9,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
20.13 \$9,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for
20.14 enterprise-wide technology, including
20.15 upgrading the Integrated Statewide Record
20.16 System and maintaining enterprise-wide
20.17 technology services.

20.18 (i) \$1,050,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
20.19 \$1,050,000 in fiscal year 2025 are to reduce
20.20 students' out-of-pocket costs by expanding
20.21 free offerings in course materials and
20.22 resources, including through open educational
20.23 resources, open textbooks, and implementation
20.24 of Z-Degrees under Minnesota Statutes,
20.25 section 136F.305. The base for this
20.26 appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and later is
20.27 \$50,000.

20.28 (j) \$3,158,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
20.29 \$3,158,000 in fiscal year 2025 are to expand
20.30 student support services. This appropriation
20.31 provides funding to campuses to address basic
20.32 needs insecurity, mental health, and other
20.33 high-need student support services by
20.34 increasing the amount of available resources
20.35 to students. In addition, this funding provides

21.1 systemwide resources and coordination,
21.2 including electronic connections for peer
21.3 support and professional clinical support for
21.4 mental health. These systemwide resources
21.5 must be available online 24 hours a day, seven
21.6 days a week.

21.7 (k) \$6,750,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
21.8 \$6,750,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for
21.9 upgrades to college and university equipment
21.10 and learning environments. The amount
21.11 appropriated in fiscal year 2025 must be
21.12 matched with cash or in-kind contributions
21.13 from nonstate sources. Up to 1.5 percent of
21.14 the appropriation may be used for
21.15 administration of the program. This is a
21.16 onetime appropriation. The base for this
21.17 appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and later is
21.18 \$0.

21.19 (l) \$6,750,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
21.20 \$6,750,000 in fiscal year 2025 are to develop
21.21 and expand industry sector programming to
21.22 build capacity and support new and redesigned
21.23 curricular options with an emphasis on
21.24 offering students work-based learning
21.25 experiences. The amount appropriated in fiscal
21.26 year 2025 must be matched with cash or
21.27 in-kind contributions from nonstate sources.
21.28 Up to 1.5 percent of the appropriation may be
21.29 used for administration of the program. This
21.30 is a onetime appropriation. The base for this
21.31 appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and later is
21.32 \$0.

21.33 (m) \$861,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$872,000
21.34 in fiscal year 2025 are for costs associated
21.35 with the increased employer contribution rates

22.1	<u>for the higher education individual retirement</u>		
22.2	<u>account plan under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
22.3	<u>354B.23, subdivision 3. The base for fiscal</u>		
22.4	<u>year 2026 is \$883,000 and for fiscal year 2027</u>		
22.5	<u>is \$894,000.</u>		
22.6	<u>(n) \$482,000 the first year and \$282,000 the</u>		
22.7	<u>second year are to pay the cost of supplies and</u>		
22.8	<u>equipment necessary to provide access to</u>		
22.9	<u>menstrual products for purposes of Minnesota</u>		
22.10	<u>Statutes, section 135A.1365.</u>		
22.11	<u>(o) \$809,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$809,000</u>		
22.12	<u>in fiscal year 2025 are for unemployment</u>		
22.13	<u>insurance aid under Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
22.14	<u>section 268.193, to institutions within the</u>		
22.15	<u>system.</u>		
22.16	<u>(p) \$475,000 in fiscal year 2024 is to develop</u>		
22.17	<u>a transparent pathway for current child</u>		
22.18	<u>development associate credential holders to</u>		
22.19	<u>be awarded academic credit that aligns with</u>		
22.20	<u>related academic certificate, diploma, and</u>		
22.21	<u>degree programs. Money must be used to</u>		
22.22	<u>develop curriculum at eight colleges and</u>		
22.23	<u>universities, develop training and advising</u>		
22.24	<u>tools for those institutions, and form a</u>		
22.25	<u>statewide advisory committee to advise the</u>		
22.26	<u>project development.</u>		
22.27	<u>(q) The total operations and maintenance base</u>		
22.28	<u>for fiscal year 2026 is \$833,227,000 and for</u>		
22.29	<u>fiscal year 2027 and later is \$833,238,000.</u>		
22.30	<u>Subd. 4. Learning Network of Minnesota</u>	<u>4,115,000</u>	<u>4,115,000</u>
22.31	<u>Sec. 4. BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE</u>		
22.32	<u>UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA</u>		
22.33	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$ 759,153,000</u>	<u>\$ 748,889,000</u>

23.1	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
23.2	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
23.3	<u>General</u>	<u>756,996,000</u> <u>746,732,000</u>
23.4	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>2,157,000</u> <u>2,157,000</u>

23.5 The amounts that may be spent for each
 23.6 purpose are specified in the following
 23.7 subdivisions.

23.8	<u>Subd. 2. Operations and Maintenance</u>	<u>686,558,000</u>	<u>676,294,000</u>
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23.9 (a) \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
 23.10 \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are to: (1)
 23.11 increase the medical school's research
 23.12 capacity; (2) improve the medical school's
 23.13 ranking in National Institutes of Health
 23.14 funding; (3) ensure the medical school's
 23.15 national prominence by attracting and
 23.16 retaining world-class faculty, staff, and
 23.17 students; (4) invest in physician training
 23.18 programs in rural and underserved
 23.19 communities; and (5) translate the medical
 23.20 school's research discoveries into new
 23.21 treatments and cures to improve the health of
 23.22 Minnesotans.

23.23 (b) \$7,800,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
 23.24 \$7,800,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for health
 23.25 training restoration. This appropriation must
 23.26 be used to support all of the following: (1)
 23.27 faculty physicians who teach at eight residency
 23.28 program sites, including medical resident and
 23.29 student training programs in the Department
 23.30 of Family Medicine; (2) the Mobile Dental
 23.31 Clinic; and (3) expansion of geriatric
 23.32 education and family programs.

23.33 (c) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
 23.34 \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for the
 23.35 Minnesota Discovery, Research, and

- 24.1 InnoVation Economy funding program for
24.2 cancer care research.
- 24.3 (d) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000
24.4 in fiscal year 2025 are for the University of
24.5 Minnesota, Morris branch, to cover the costs
24.6 of tuition waivers under Minnesota Statutes,
24.7 section 137.16.
- 24.8 (e) \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
24.9 \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for
24.10 systemwide safety and security measures on
24.11 University of Minnesota campuses. The base
24.12 amount for this appropriation is \$1,000,000
24.13 in fiscal year 2026 and later.
- 24.14 (f) \$366,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$366,000
24.15 in fiscal year 2025 are for unemployment
24.16 insurance aid under Minnesota Statutes,
24.17 section 268.193.
- 24.18 (g) \$10,000,000 the first year is for programs
24.19 at the University of Minnesota Medical School
24.20 Campus on the CentraCare Health System
24.21 Campus in St. Cloud. This appropriation may
24.22 be used for tuition support, a residency
24.23 program, a rural health research program, a
24.24 program to target scholarships to students from
24.25 diverse backgrounds, and a scholarship
24.26 program targeted at students who will practice
24.27 in rural areas. This appropriation is available
24.28 until June 30, 2027, and must be spent on the
24.29 CentraCare Health System Campus in the
24.30 greater St. Cloud area. This is a onetime
24.31 appropriation.
- 24.32 (h) \$374,000 the first year and \$110,000 the
24.33 second year are to pay the cost of supplies and
24.34 equipment necessary to provide access to

- 25.1 menstrual products for purposes of article 2,
25.2 section 2.
- 25.3 (i) The total operations and maintenance base
25.4 for fiscal year 2026 and later is \$672,294,000.
- 25.5 **Subd. 3. Primary Care Education Initiatives** 2,157,000 2,157,000
- 25.6 This appropriation is from the health care
25.7 access fund.
- 25.8 **Subd. 4. Special Appropriations**
- 25.9 **(a) Agriculture and Extension Service** 42,922,000 42,922,000
- 25.10 For the Agricultural Experiment Station and
25.11 the Minnesota Extension Service:
- 25.12 (1) the agricultural experiment stations and
25.13 Minnesota Extension Service must convene
25.14 agricultural advisory groups to focus research,
25.15 education, and extension activities on producer
25.16 needs and implement an outreach strategy that
25.17 more effectively and rapidly transfers research
25.18 results and best practices to producers
25.19 throughout the state;
- 25.20 (2) this appropriation includes funding for
25.21 research and outreach on the production of
25.22 renewable energy from Minnesota biomass
25.23 resources, including agronomic crops, plant
25.24 and animal wastes, and native plants or trees.
- 25.25 The following areas should be prioritized and
25.26 carried out in consultation with Minnesota
25.27 producers, renewable energy, and bioenergy
25.28 organizations:
- 25.29 (i) biofuel and other energy production from
25.30 perennial crops, small grains, row crops, and
25.31 forestry products in conjunction with the
25.32 Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI);

- 26.1 (ii) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping
26.2 systems; and
- 26.3 (iii) biofuel coproducts used for livestock feed;
- 26.4 (3) this appropriation includes funding for the
26.5 College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural
26.6 Resources Sciences to establish and provide
26.7 leadership for organic agronomic,
26.8 horticultural, livestock, and food systems
26.9 research, education, and outreach and for the
26.10 purchase of state-of-the-art laboratory,
26.11 planting, tilling, harvesting, and processing
26.12 equipment necessary for this project;
- 26.13 (4) this appropriation includes funding for
26.14 research efforts that demonstrate a renewed
26.15 emphasis on the needs of the state's agriculture
26.16 community. The following areas should be
26.17 prioritized and carried out in consultation with
26.18 Minnesota farm organizations:
- 26.19 (i) vegetable crop research with priority for
26.20 extending the Minnesota vegetable growing
26.21 season;
- 26.22 (ii) fertilizer and soil fertility research and
26.23 development;
- 26.24 (iii) soil, groundwater, and surface water
26.25 conservation practices and contaminant
26.26 reduction research;
- 26.27 (iv) discovering and developing plant varieties
26.28 that use nutrients more efficiently;
- 26.29 (v) breeding and development of turf seed and
26.30 other biomass resources in all three Minnesota
26.31 biomes;

- 27.1 (vi) development of new disease-resistant and
- 27.2 pest-resistant varieties of turf and agronomic
- 27.3 crops;
- 27.4 (vii) utilizing plant and livestock cells to treat
- 27.5 and cure human diseases;
- 27.6 (viii) the development of dairy coproducts;
- 27.7 (ix) a rapid agricultural response fund for
- 27.8 current or emerging animal, plant, and insect
- 27.9 problems affecting production or food safety;
- 27.10 (x) crop pest and animal disease research;
- 27.11 (xi) developing animal agriculture that is
- 27.12 capable of sustainably feeding the world;
- 27.13 (xii) consumer food safety education and
- 27.14 outreach;
- 27.15 (xiii) programs to meet the research and
- 27.16 outreach needs of organic livestock and crop
- 27.17 farmers; and
- 27.18 (xiv) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping
- 27.19 systems; and growing, harvesting, and
- 27.20 transporting biomass plant material; and
- 27.21 (5) by February 1, 2025, the Board of Regents
- 27.22 must submit a report to the legislative
- 27.23 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
- 27.24 over agriculture and higher education finance
- 27.25 on the status and outcomes of research and
- 27.26 initiatives funded in this paragraph.
- 27.27 **(b) Health Sciences**
- 27.28 \$346,000 each year is to support up to 12
- 27.29 resident physicians in the St. Cloud Hospital
- 27.30 family practice residency program. The
- 27.31 program must prepare doctors to practice
- 27.32 primary care medicine in rural areas of the

9,204,000

9,204,000

28.1 state. The legislature intends this program to
 28.2 improve health care in rural communities,
 28.3 provide affordable access to appropriate
 28.4 medical care, and manage the treatment of
 28.5 patients in a more cost-effective manner. The
 28.6 remainder of this appropriation is for the rural
 28.7 physicians associates program; the Veterinary
 28.8 Diagnostic Laboratory; health sciences
 28.9 research; dental care; the Biomedical
 28.10 Engineering Center; and the collaborative
 28.11 partnership between the University of
 28.12 Minnesota and Mayo Clinic for regenerative
 28.13 medicine, research, clinical translation, and
 28.14 commercialization.

28.15 **(c) College of Science and Engineering** 1,140,000 1,140,000

28.16 For the geological survey and the talented
 28.17 youth mathematics program.

28.18 **(d) System Special** 9,181,000 9,181,000

28.19 (1) For general research, the Labor Education
 28.20 Service, Natural Resources Research Institute,
 28.21 Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, Bell
 28.22 Museum of Natural History, and the
 28.23 Humphrey exhibit. The base for this
 28.24 appropriation is \$7,181,000 for fiscal year
 28.25 2026 and each year thereafter.

28.26 (2) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
 28.27 \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for the
 28.28 Natural Resources Research Institute to invest
 28.29 in applied research in natural resource
 28.30 stewardship and economic development to
 28.31 attract and retain top talent; provide matching
 28.32 funds for federal grants; upgrade facilities,
 28.33 equipment, and training; and expand
 28.34 entrepreneurial support and outreach efforts.

29.1 The base for this appropriation for fiscal year
 29.2 2026 and each year thereafter is \$2,000,000.
 29.3 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 29.4 2027.

29.5 **(e) University of Minnesota and Mayo**
 29.6 **Foundation Partnership** 7,991,000 7,991,000

29.7 This appropriation is for the following
 29.8 activities:

29.9 (1) \$7,491,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
 29.10 \$7,491,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for the
 29.11 direct and indirect expenses of the
 29.12 collaborative research partnership between the
 29.13 University of Minnesota and the Mayo
 29.14 Foundation for research in biotechnology and
 29.15 medical genomics. An annual report on the
 29.16 expenditure of these funds must be submitted
 29.17 to the governor and the chairs of the legislative
 29.18 committees responsible for higher education
 29.19 finance by June 30 of each fiscal year.

29.20 (2) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000
 29.21 in fiscal year 2025 are to award competitive
 29.22 grants to conduct research into the prevention,
 29.23 treatment, causes, and cures of Alzheimer's
 29.24 disease and other dementias.

29.25 **Subd. 5. Academic Health Center**

29.26 The appropriation for Academic Health Center
 29.27 funding under Minnesota Statutes, section
 29.28 297F.10, is estimated to be \$22,250,000 each
 29.29 year.

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29.31 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 1,799,000** **\$ 1,799,000**

29.32 The amounts that may be spent are specified
 29.33 in the following subdivisions.

30.1	<u>Subd. 2. Medical School</u>	<u>665,000</u>	<u>665,000</u>
30.2	<u>The state must pay a capitation each year for</u>		
30.3	<u>each student who is a resident of Minnesota.</u>		
30.4	<u>The appropriation may be transferred between</u>		
30.5	<u>each year of the biennium to accommodate</u>		
30.6	<u>enrollment fluctuations. It is intended that</u>		
30.7	<u>during the biennium the Mayo Clinic use the</u>		
30.8	<u>capitation money to increase the number of</u>		
30.9	<u>doctors practicing in rural areas in need of</u>		
30.10	<u>doctors.</u>		
30.11	<u>Subd. 3. Family Practice and Graduate</u>		
30.12	<u>Residency Program</u>	<u>1,134,000</u>	<u>1,134,000</u>
30.13	<u>The state must pay stipend support for up to</u>		
30.14	<u>42 residents each year.</u>		

30.15 **ARTICLE 2**

30.16 **HIGHER EDUCATION PROVISIONS**

30.17 Section 1. **[135A.121] AMERICAN INDIAN SCHOLARS.**

30.18 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The American Indian Scholars program is established
30.19 to provide a first-dollar tuition and fee free pathway for eligible Minnesota American Indian
30.20 students to complete an undergraduate education.

30.21 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** To be eligible each year for the program a student must:

30.22 (1) be enrolled in an undergraduate certificate, diploma, or degree program at the
30.23 University of Minnesota or a Minnesota state college or university;

30.24 (2) be either (i) a Minnesota resident for resident tuition purposes who is an enrolled
30.25 member or citizen of a federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Canadian First Nation,
30.26 or (ii) an enrolled member or citizen of a Minnesota Tribal Nation, regardless of resident
30.27 tuition status; and

30.28 (3) have not (i) obtained a baccalaureate degree, or (ii) been enrolled for 180 credits or
30.29 the equivalent, excluding courses taken that qualify as developmental education or below
30.30 college-level.

30.31 Subd. 3. **Administration.** Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must and the
30.32 University of Minnesota is requested to provide a full tuition and fee waiver to a student

31.1 eligible under subdivision 2. Funds appropriated with reference to this section may be used
31.2 to offset the institutional costs of the waivers; fund existing waivers, scholarships, or grant
31.3 programs for students eligible under subdivision 2; provide student supports for eligible
31.4 students; and administer these programs.

31.5 Subd. 4. **Reports.** (a) Each institution receiving funds under this section must annually
31.6 report to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education the following:

31.7 (1) how the systems or institutions have administered, distributed, and awarded the
31.8 funds;

31.9 (2) enrollment and graduation data for all eligible students, including applicants and
31.10 recipients of funds; and

31.11 (3) the aggregate awarded financial aid information for all recipients of funds under this
31.12 program.

31.13 (b) Using the data submitted to the office by institutions pursuant to paragraph (a), as
31.14 well as other data available to the office, the office shall provide the following on its website
31.15 by placing a prominent link on its website home page:

31.16 (1) information made available in a searchable database, including but not limited to
31.17 persistence and completion, debt of graduates, employment and wage information, and other
31.18 relevant data for each institution subject to paragraph (a); and

31.19 (2) other information and links that are useful to students and parents who are in the
31.20 process of selecting a college or university.

31.21 **Sec. 2. [135A.1365] ACCESS TO MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS.**

31.22 The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities shall, and the
31.23 Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota is requested to, provide students with
31.24 access to menstrual products at no charge. The products must be available in restrooms used
31.25 by students. For purposes of this section, "menstrual products" means pads, tampons, or
31.26 other similar products used in connection with the menstrual cycle.

31.27 **Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 135A.137, subdivision 2, is amended to read:**

31.28 **Subd. 2. **Designation approval.** (a) ~~The statewide student associations representing the~~
31.29 ~~state community and technical colleges and the state universities~~ student advisory council
31.30 under section 136A.031 shall create an application process and an award for institutions
31.31 applying for grant funds. The student advisory council shall review applications and provide**

32.1 make recommendations to the commissioner. The commissioner shall have final approval
32.2 for the designation at each state college and university, respectively and the award amount.

32.3 ~~(b) The University of Minnesota Student Association at each institution shall create an~~
32.4 ~~application process and an award and provide final approval for the designation at each~~
32.5 ~~University of Minnesota institution.~~

32.6 ~~(c) The Minnesota Association of Private College Students and the Student Advisory~~
32.7 ~~Council member representing Tribal colleges pursuant to section 136A.031, subdivision 3,~~
32.8 ~~shall create an application process and an award and provide final approval for the designation~~
32.9 ~~at each nonprofit degree-granting institution.~~

32.10 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 135A.137, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

32.11 Subd. 3. **Competitive grant.** (a) Institutions eligible for a grant under this subdivision
32.12 include public postsecondary institutions, nonprofit private postsecondary institutions, and
32.13 Tribal colleges.

32.14 (b) The commissioner shall establish a competitive grant program to distribute grants
32.15 to eligible institutions to meet and maintain the requirements under subdivision 1, paragraph
32.16 (a). Initial grants shall be made to institutions that have not earned the designation and
32.17 demonstrate a need for funding to meet the hunger-free campus designation requirements.
32.18 Sustaining grants shall be made to institutions that have earned the designation and
32.19 demonstrate both a partnership with a local food bank or organization that provides regular,
32.20 on-campus food distributions and a need for funds to maintain the requirements under
32.21 subdivision 1, paragraph (a).

32.22 (c) The commissioner shall give preference to applications for initial grants and to
32.23 applications from institutions with the highest number of federal Pell Grant eligible students
32.24 enrolled. The commissioner shall consider the head count at the institution when awarding
32.25 grants. The maximum grant award for an initial institution designation is ~~\$8,000~~ \$25,000.
32.26 The maximum grant award for sustaining an institution designation is ~~\$5,000~~ \$15,000.

32.27 (d) The commissioner, in collaboration with student associations representing eligible
32.28 institutions, shall create an application process and establish selection criteria for awarding
32.29 the grants.

32.30 (e) No more than 20 percent of the total grant awards each fiscal year shall be for grants
32.31 to nonprofit private postsecondary institutions.

33.1 Sec. 5. [135A.161] INCLUSIVE HIGHER EDUCATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
33.2 CENTER.

33.3 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section and section 135A.162, the
33.4 following terms have the meanings given.

33.5 (b) "Center" means the Inclusive Higher Education Technical Assistance Center.

33.6 (c) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education.

33.7 (d) "Comprehensive transition and postsecondary program for students with intellectual
33.8 disabilities" means a degree, certificate, or nondegree program that is offered by an institution
33.9 of higher education for students with intellectual disabilities and approved by the United
33.10 States Department of Education.

33.11 (e) "Director" means the director of the Inclusive Higher Education Technical Assistance
33.12 Center.

33.13 (f) "Inclusive higher education" means institution-approved access to higher education
33.14 for students with an intellectual disability that allows for the same rights, privileges,
33.15 experiences, benefits, and outcomes that result from a college experience the same as a
33.16 matriculating student, resulting in a meaningful credential conferred by the institution of
33.17 higher education. Inclusive higher education includes:

33.18 (1) academic access and inclusive instruction;

33.19 (2) person-centered planning;

33.20 (3) career development;

33.21 (4) campus engagement;

33.22 (5) self-determination;

33.23 (6) paid internships and employment;

33.24 (7) on- or off-campus living, when available to other students;

33.25 (8) campus community clubs, events, and activity participation;

33.26 (9) peer mentors and support; and

33.27 (10) a degree, certificate, or nondegree credential.

33.28 (g) "National Coordinating Center" means the federally funded National Coordinating
33.29 Center, as identified in United States Code, title 20, section 1140q, that provides training

34.1 and technical assistance supporting evidence-based and student-centered research and
34.2 practice for inclusive higher education initiatives for students with intellectual disabilities.

34.3 (h) "Office" means the Office of Higher Education.

34.4 (i) "Student with an intellectual disability" means a student with an intellectual disability
34.5 as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 668.231.

34.6 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The commissioner must contract with the Institute on
34.7 Community Integration at the University of Minnesota to establish the Inclusive Higher
34.8 Education Technical Assistance Center. The purpose of the center is to increase access to
34.9 self-sustaining postsecondary education options across Minnesota for students with an
34.10 intellectual disability to earn meaningful credentials through degree, certificate, and
34.11 nondegree initiatives leading to competitive integrated employment, genuine community
34.12 membership, and more independent living. The center must:

34.13 (1) coordinate and facilitate the statewide initiative to expand and enhance inclusive
34.14 higher education opportunities;

34.15 (2) provide expertise in inclusive higher education for students with an intellectual
34.16 disability;

34.17 (3) provide technical assistance:

34.18 (i) to Minnesota institutions of higher education;

34.19 (ii) to local education agencies; and

34.20 (iii) as requested by the commissioner; and

34.21 (4) provide information to students with intellectual disabilities and their families.

34.22 Subd. 3. **Director; advisory committee.** (a) The center must name a director.

34.23 (b) The center must make hiring decisions based on the Institute on Community
34.24 Integration's values of diversity and inclusion of staff with disabilities.

34.25 (c) The director must appoint an advisory committee and seek the committee's review
34.26 and recommendations on broad programmatic direction. The advisory committee must be
34.27 composed of 50 percent students with an intellectual disability. The remaining positions
34.28 must be filled by family members, key stakeholders, and allies. The director must convene
34.29 the advisory committee at least quarterly. The advisory committee shall:

34.30 (1) review and recommend inclusive higher education offerings;

34.31 (2) review and recommend updates to state policy and practice;

35.1 (3) document existing and potential funding sources; and

35.2 (4) identify obstacles and barriers to students with an intellectual disability to access
35.3 inclusive higher education opportunities.

35.4 Subd. 4. **Responsibilities.** (a) The center must advise and offer technical assistance to
35.5 all Minnesota institutions of higher education planning or offering an inclusive higher
35.6 education initiative to operate in accordance with federal requirements, the model Program
35.7 Accreditation Standards for Postsecondary Education Programs for Students with Intellectual
35.8 Disabilities, and guiding principles for inclusive higher education as developed by the
35.9 National Coordinating Center.

35.10 (b) The center must monitor federal and state law related to inclusive higher education
35.11 and notify the governor, the legislature, and the Office of Higher Education of any change
35.12 in law which may impact inclusive higher education.

35.13 (c) The center must provide technical assistance to institutions of higher education,
35.14 administrators, faculty, and staff by:

35.15 (1) offering institution faculty and staff training and professional development to start,
35.16 operate, or enhance their inclusive higher education initiative;

35.17 (2) providing faculty and staff with information, training, and consultation on the
35.18 comprehensive transition and postsecondary program requirements, model Program
35.19 Accreditation Standards for Postsecondary Education Programs for Students with Intellectual
35.20 Disabilities, and guiding principles;

35.21 (3) organizing and offering learning community events, an annual inclusive higher
35.22 education conference and community of practice events to share best practices, provide
35.23 access to national experts, and address challenges and concerns;

35.24 (4) assisting institutions of higher education with identifying existing or potential funding
35.25 sources for the institution of higher education, student financial aid, and funding for students
35.26 with an intellectual disability; and

35.27 (5) advising faculty and staff with an inclusive higher education option of specific grant
35.28 applications and funding opportunities.

35.29 (d) The center must disseminate information to students with an intellectual disability,
35.30 their parents, and local education agencies, including but not limited to information about:

35.31 (1) postsecondary education options, services, and resources that are available at inclusive
35.32 institutions of higher education;

- 36.1 (2) technical assistance and training provided by the center, the National Coordinating
36.2 Center, and key stakeholder organizations and agencies; and
36.3 (3) mentoring, networking, and employment opportunities.

36.4 **Sec. 6. [135A.162] INCLUSIVE HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS.**

36.5 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** (a) The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education
36.6 in collaboration with the director of the Inclusive Higher Education Technical Assistance
36.7 Center must establish a competitive grant program for Minnesota institutions of higher
36.8 education to develop new or enhance existing inclusive higher education initiatives to enroll
36.9 or increase enrollment of students with an intellectual disability. The commissioner and
36.10 director must collaborate to establish the grant program framework, including:

- 36.11 (1) minimum grant requirements;
36.12 (2) application format;
36.13 (3) criteria for evaluating applications;
36.14 (4) grant selection process;
36.15 (5) milestones and accountability; and
36.16 (6) reporting.

36.17 (b) The commissioner must send a description of the competitive grants, including
36.18 materials describing the grant purpose and goals, an application, compliance requirements,
36.19 and available funding to each institution of higher education that meets the requirements
36.20 of subdivision 2, clauses (1) and (2).

36.21 Subd. 2. **Eligible grantees.** A public or nonprofit postsecondary two-year or four-year
36.22 institution is eligible to apply for a grant under this section if the institution:

- 36.23 (1) is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission; and
36.24 (2) meets the eligibility requirements under section 136A.103.

36.25 Subd. 3. **Application.** (a) Applications must be made to the commissioner on a form
36.26 developed and provided by the commissioner. The commissioner must, to the greatest extent
36.27 possible, make the application form as short and simple to complete as is reasonably possible.
36.28 The commissioner must establish a schedule for applications and grants. The application
36.29 must include without limitation a written plan to develop or enhance a sustainable inclusive
36.30 higher education initiative that:

37.1 (1) offers the necessary supports to students with an intellectual disability to access the
37.2 same rights, privileges, experiences, benefits, and outcomes of a typically matriculating
37.3 student;

37.4 (2) includes the development of a meaningful credential for students with an intellectual
37.5 disability to attain upon successful completion of the student's postsecondary education;

37.6 (3) adopts admission standards that do not require a student with an intellectual disability
37.7 to complete a curriculum-based, achievement college entrance exam that is administered
37.8 nationwide;

37.9 (4) ensures that students with an intellectual disability:

37.10 (i) have access and choice in a wide array of academic courses to enroll in for credit or
37.11 audit that align with the student's interest areas and are attended by students without
37.12 disabilities;

37.13 (ii) have the option to live on or off campus in housing that is available to typically
37.14 matriculating students;

37.15 (iii) have access and support for genuine membership in campus life, including events,
37.16 social activities and organizations, institution facilities, and technology; and

37.17 (iv) are able to access and utilize campus resources available to typical matriculating
37.18 students;

37.19 (5) provides students with an intellectual disability with the supports and experiences
37.20 necessary to seek and sustain competitive integrated employment;

37.21 (6) develops and promotes the self-determination skills of students with an intellectual
37.22 disability;

37.23 (7) utilizes peer mentors who support enrolled students with an intellectual disability in
37.24 academic, campus engagement, residence life, employment, and campus clubs and
37.25 organizations;

37.26 (8) provides professional development and resources for university professors and
37.27 instructors to utilize universal design for learning and differentiated instruction that supports
37.28 and benefits all students; and

37.29 (9) presents a ten-year plan including student enrollment projections for sustainability
37.30 of an initiative that is financially accessible and equitable for all interested students with an
37.31 intellectual disability.

38.1 (b) Eligible institutions of higher education may apply for funding in subsequent years
38.2 for up to a total of ten years of funding.

38.3 (c) Receipt of grant funds does not preclude nor replace the provision of accommodation
38.4 for enrolled students with disabilities.

38.5 Subd. 4. **Grant account.** An inclusive higher education grant account is created in the
38.6 special revenue fund for depositing money appropriated to or received by the commissioner
38.7 for the program. Money deposited in the account is appropriated to the commissioner, does
38.8 not cancel, and is continuously available for grants under this section. The commissioner
38.9 may use up to five percent of the amount deposited into the account for the administration
38.10 of this section.

38.11 Subd. 5. **Grant awards.** (a) The commissioner must award grants to eligible institutions
38.12 of higher education on a competitive basis using criteria established in collaboration with
38.13 the center. The commissioner must consider and prioritize applicants that have submitted
38.14 for or received a comprehensive transition and postsecondary program designation, or
38.15 applicants with documented progress or intent toward submitting for federal approval. An
38.16 eligible institution of higher education may apply annually for and receive up to \$200,000
38.17 per year for four years and \$100,000 in subsequent years pending performance and the
38.18 funding limitation in subdivision 3, paragraph (b).

38.19 (b) A grant recipient must:

38.20 (1) adopt the model Program Accreditation Standards for Postsecondary Education
38.21 Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities and the inclusive higher education
38.22 guiding principles as developed by the National Coordinating Center;

38.23 (2) provide a 25 percent match for the grant funds, either monetary or in-kind; and

38.24 (3) collaborate with the Office of Higher Education, the center, and key stakeholders in
38.25 the development of the inclusive higher education initiative.

38.26 Subd. 6. **Grantee reporting.** By August 1 and January 1 following a fiscal year in which
38.27 a grant was received and for five years thereafter, the grantee must submit a report to the
38.28 director that includes the status and outcomes of the initiative funded. The report must
38.29 include performance indicators and information deemed relevant by the director and
38.30 commissioner. The report must include the following performance indicators:

38.31 (1) student recruitment and number of students enrolled;

38.32 (2) student retainment effort and retention rate;

39.1 (3) initiative goals and outcomes;

39.2 (4) student attainment rate;

39.3 (5) graduated student employment rates and salary levels at year one and year five after
39.4 completion; and

39.5 (6) additional performance indicators or information established under subdivision 1,
39.6 paragraph (a), clauses (5) and (6).

39.7 Subd. 7. **Reporting.** The director must evaluate the development and implementation
39.8 of the Minnesota inclusive higher education initiatives receiving a grant under this section.
39.9 The director must submit an annual report by October 1 on the progress to expand Minnesota
39.10 inclusive higher education options for students with intellectual disabilities to the
39.11 commissioner and chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
39.12 jurisdiction over higher education policy and finance. The report must include statutory and
39.13 budget recommendations.

39.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023, except that the reporting
39.15 requirements under subdivision 7 are effective July 1, 2024.

39.16 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.031, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

39.17 Subd. 3. **Student Advisory Council.** (a) A Student Advisory Council (SAC) to the
39.18 office is established. The members of SAC shall include: the chair of the University of
39.19 Minnesota student senate; the state chair of the Minnesota State University Student
39.20 Association; the president of the Minnesota State College Student Association and an officer
39.21 of the Minnesota State College Student Association, one in a community college course of
39.22 study and one in a technical college course of study; a student who is enrolled in a private
39.23 nonprofit postsecondary institution, to be elected by students enrolled in Minnesota Private
39.24 College Council institutions; a student who is enrolled in a private career school, to be
39.25 elected by students enrolled in Minnesota private career schools; and a student who is
39.26 enrolled in a Minnesota tribal college to be elected by students enrolled in Minnesota tribal
39.27 colleges. If students from the private career schools or tribal colleges do not elect a
39.28 representative, the commissioner must appoint a student representative. If students from
39.29 the Minnesota Private College Council institutions do not elect a representative, the
39.30 Minnesota Private College Council must appoint the private nonprofit representative. A
39.31 member may be represented by a student designee who attends an institution from the same
39.32 system that the absent member represents. The SAC shall select one of its members to serve
39.33 as chair.

40.1 (b) The office shall inform the SAC of all matters related to student issues under
40.2 consideration. The SAC shall report to the office quarterly and at other times that the SAC
40.3 considers desirable. The SAC shall determine its meeting times, but it shall also meet with
40.4 the office within 30 days after the commissioner's request for a meeting.

40.5 (c) The SAC shall:

40.6 (1) bring to the attention of the office any matter that the SAC believes needs the attention
40.7 of the office;

40.8 (2) fulfill the requirements under section 135A.137, subdivision 2;

40.9 (3) make recommendations to the office as it finds appropriate; and

40.10 ~~(3)~~ (4) approve student appointments by the office for each advisory group as provided
40.11 in subdivision 4.

40.12 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.101, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

40.13 Subd. 5a. **Assigned family responsibility.** "Assigned family responsibility" means the
40.14 amount of a family's contribution to a student's cost of attendance, as determined by a federal
40.15 need analysis. For dependent students, the assigned family responsibility is 79 percent of
40.16 the parental contribution. If the parental contribution is less than \$0, the assigned family
40.17 responsibility is 100 percent of the parental contribution. For independent students with
40.18 dependents other than a spouse, the assigned family responsibility is 71 percent of the student
40.19 contribution. For independent students without dependents other than a spouse, the assigned
40.20 family responsibility is 35 percent of the student contribution. If the student contribution is
40.21 less than \$0, the assigned family responsibility is 100 percent of the student contribution.
40.22 For a student registering for less than full time, the office shall prorate the assigned family
40.23 responsibility using the ratio of the number of credits the student is enrolled in to the number
40.24 of credits for full-time enrollment.

40.25 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.101, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

40.26 Subd. 7. **Student.** "Student" means a person who is enrolled for at least ~~three credits~~
40.27 one credit per term, in a program or course of study that applies to a degree, diploma, or
40.28 certificate. Credit equivalencies assigned by an institution that are applicable to federal Pell
40.29 grant calculations shall be counted as part of a student's credit load.

41.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.121, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

41.2 Subd. 6. **Cost of attendance.** (a) The recognized cost of attendance consists of: (1) an
41.3 allowance specified in law for living and miscellaneous expenses, and (2) an allowance for
41.4 tuition and fees equal to the lesser of the average tuition and fees charged by the institution,
41.5 or a tuition and fee maximum if one is established in law. If no living and miscellaneous
41.6 expense allowance is established in law, the allowance is equal to ~~109~~ 115 percent of the
41.7 federal poverty guidelines for a one person household in Minnesota for nine months. If no
41.8 tuition and fee maximum is established in law, the allowance for tuition and fees is equal
41.9 to the lesser of: (1) the average tuition and fees charged by the institution, and (2) for
41.10 two-year programs, an amount equal to the highest tuition and fees charged at a public
41.11 two-year institution, or for four-year programs, an amount equal to the highest tuition and
41.12 fees charged at a public university.

41.13 (b) For a student registering for less than full time, the office shall prorate the cost of
41.14 attendance ~~to the actual number of credits for which the student is enrolled~~ using the ratio
41.15 of the number of credits the student is enrolled in to the number of credits for full-time
41.16 enrollment.

41.17 (c) The recognized cost of attendance for a student who is confined to a Minnesota
41.18 correctional institution shall consist of the tuition and fee component in paragraph (a), with
41.19 no allowance for living and miscellaneous expenses.

41.20 (d) For the purpose of this subdivision, "fees" include only those fees that are mandatory
41.21 and charged to full-time resident students attending the institution. Fees do not include
41.22 charges for tools, equipment, computers, or other similar materials where the student retains
41.23 ownership. Fees include charges for these materials if the institution retains ownership. Fees
41.24 do not include optional or punitive fees.

41.25 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.121, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

41.26 Subd. 9. **Awards.** An undergraduate student who meets the office's requirements is
41.27 eligible to apply for and receive a grant in any year of undergraduate study unless the student
41.28 has obtained a baccalaureate degree or ~~previously has been enrolled full time or the equivalent~~
41.29 ~~for eight semesters or the equivalent~~ previously has received a state grant award for 180
41.30 credits or the equivalent, excluding (1) courses taken from a Minnesota school or
41.31 postsecondary institution which is not participating in the state grant program and from
41.32 which a student transferred no credit, and (2) courses taken that qualify as developmental
41.33 education or below college-level. A student enrolled in a two-year program at a four-year

42.1 institution is only eligible for the tuition and fee maximums established by law for two-year
42.2 institutions.

42.3 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.121, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

42.4 Subd. 13. **Deadline.** The deadline for the office to accept applications for state grants
42.5 for a term is ~~30 days after the start of that term~~ June 30 of the fiscal year for which the
42.6 student applies for a grant.

42.7 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.121, subdivision 19, is amended to read:

42.8 Subd. 19. **Reporting.** By November 1 and February 15, the office must provide, to the
42.9 committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over higher education finance and policy,
42.10 updated ~~state grant~~ spending projections for the state grant and the North Star Promise,
42.11 taking into account the most current and projected enrollment and tuition and fee information,
42.12 economic conditions, and other relevant factors. Before submitting state grant spending
42.13 projections, the office must meet and consult with representatives of public and private
42.14 postsecondary institutions, the Department of Management and Budget, the Governor's
42.15 Office, legislative staff, and financial aid administrators.

42.16 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.1241, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

42.17 Subd. 5. **Foster grant amount; payment; opt-out.** (a) Each student shall be awarded
42.18 a foster grant based on the federal need analysis. Applicants are encouraged to apply for all
42.19 other sources of financial aid. The amount of the foster grant must be equal to the applicant's
42.20 recognized cost of attendance after ~~deducting~~ accounting for:

- 42.21 (1) the ~~student aid index as calculated by~~ results of the federal need analysis;
- 42.22 (2) the amount of a federal Pell Grant award for which the applicant is eligible;
- 42.23 (3) the amount of the state grant;
- 42.24 (4) the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant;
- 42.25 (5) the sum of all Tribal scholarships;
- 42.26 (6) the amount of any other state and federal gift aid;
- 42.27 (7) the Education and Training Voucher Program;
- 42.28 (8) extended foster care benefits under section 260C.451;

43.1 (9) the amount of any private grants or scholarships, excluding grants and scholarships
43.2 provided by the private institution of higher education in which the eligible student is
43.3 enrolled; and

43.4 (10) for public institutions, the sum of all institutional grants, scholarships, tuition
43.5 waivers, and tuition remission amounts.

43.6 (b) The foster grant shall be paid directly to the eligible institution where the student is
43.7 enrolled.

43.8 (c) An eligible private institution may opt out of participating in the foster grant program
43.9 established under this section. To opt out, the institution shall provide notice to the office
43.10 by September 1 for the next academic year.

43.11 (d) An eligible private institution that does not opt out under paragraph (c) and accepts
43.12 the student's application to attend the institution must provide institutional grants,
43.13 scholarships, tuition waivers, or tuition remission in an amount equal to the difference
43.14 between:

43.15 (1) the institution's cost of attendance as calculated under subdivision 4, paragraph (b),
43.16 clause (1); and

43.17 (2) the sum of the foster grant under this subdivision and the sum of the amounts in
43.18 paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (9).

43.19 (e) An undergraduate student who is eligible may apply for and receive a foster grant
43.20 in any year of undergraduate study unless the student has obtained a baccalaureate degree
43.21 or previously has been enrolled full time as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision 7a,
43.22 or the equivalent for eight semesters or the equivalent, or received a foster grant for five
43.23 years, whichever occurs first. A foster grant must not be awarded to a student for more than
43.24 three years for a two-year degree, certificate, or diploma, or five years for a four-year
43.25 undergraduate degree.

43.26 (f) Foster grants may be awarded to an eligible student for four quarters, three semesters,
43.27 or the equivalent during the course of a single fiscal year. In calculating the award amount,
43.28 the office must use the same calculation it would for any other term.

43.29 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.125, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

43.30 Subd. 4. **Amount and length of grants.** (a) The maximum award to the applicant shall
43.31 be \$6,500 for each eligible child per academic year, except that the campus financial aid

44.1 officer may apply to the office for approval to increase grants by up to ten percent to
44.2 compensate for higher market charges for infant care in a community.

44.3 (b) Applicants with ~~expected family~~ contributions at or below the qualifying ~~expected~~
44.4 ~~family~~ contribution as determined by the federal need analysis for the federal Pell Grant,
44.5 as determined by the commissioner, qualify for the maximum award. Applicants with
44.6 ~~expected family~~ contributions as determined by the federal need analysis exceeding that
44.7 threshold but less than 200 percent of the qualifying ~~expected family~~ contribution receive
44.8 an amount proportional to their ~~expected family~~ contribution as determined by the
44.9 commissioner.

44.10 (c) The academic year award amount must be disbursed by academic term using the
44.11 following formula:

44.12 (1) the academic year amount described in paragraph (a);

44.13 (2) divided by the number of terms in the academic year; and

44.14 (3) multiplied by the applicable enrollment factor:

44.15 (i) 1.00 for undergraduate students enrolled in 12 or more semester credits or the
44.16 equivalent or for graduate students enrolled in six or more semester credits or the equivalent;

44.17 (ii) 0.75 for undergraduate students enrolled in nine, ten, or 11 semester credits or the
44.18 equivalent or for graduate students enrolled in five semester credits or the equivalent;

44.19 (iii) 0.50 for undergraduate students enrolled in six, seven, or eight semester credits or
44.20 the equivalent or for graduate students enrolled in three or four semester credits or the
44.21 equivalent; and

44.22 (iv) 0.25 for undergraduate students enrolled in at least one but less than six semester
44.23 credits or the equivalent or for graduate students enrolled in one or two semester credits or
44.24 the equivalent.

44.25 (d) Payments shall be made each academic term to the student or to the child care
44.26 provider, as determined by the institution. Institutions may make payments more than once
44.27 within the academic term.

44.28 **Sec. 16. [136A.1251] STUDENT-PARENT SUPPORT INITIATIVE.**

44.29 Subdivision 1. Grants. (a) To address the needs and support the educational goals of
44.30 expectant and parenting college students across Minnesota, the commissioner shall award
44.31 grants and provide support services to institutions and partnering entities that assist expectant
44.32 parents and parents or legal guardians of young children. Grants shall be awarded to

45.1 postsecondary institutions, professional organizations, community-based organizations, or
45.2 other applicants deemed appropriate by the commissioner. Grants must be used to offer
45.3 services to support the academic goals, health, and well-being of student parents. Services
45.4 and costs eligible for grant funding include but are not limited to:

45.5 (1) program development costs;

45.6 (2) costs related to the start-up of on-campus child care;

45.7 (3) evaluation and data collection; and

45.8 (4) direct assistance to student parents including:

45.9 (i) scholarships;

45.10 (ii) basic needs support; and

45.11 (iii) expenses related to child care.

45.12 (b) Postsecondary institutions may act as the fiscal agents in partnership with a local
45.13 nongovernmental agency, child care center, or other organization that serves student parents.

45.14 Subd. 2. **Application process.** The commissioner shall develop a grant application
45.15 process. The commissioner shall support projects in a manner that attempts to ensure eligible
45.16 students throughout the state have access to program services.

45.17 Subd. 3. **Postsecondary institution reporting.** Each postsecondary institution shall
45.18 allow students to identify whether the student is a parent, a legal guardian, acting as a parent,
45.19 or an expectant parent on an annual basis on a form used to collect demographic data from
45.20 students. The postsecondary institution shall provide the information to the commissioner
45.21 annually on a date and in a manner prescribed by the commissioner.

45.22 Subd. 4. **Health-related supports.** The commissioner, in partnership with the Department
45.23 of Health, shall provide health-related supports. Activities for health-related supports include:

45.24 (1) ensuring programs, services, and materials are medically accurate, age appropriate,
45.25 culturally and linguistically appropriate, and inclusive of all populations;

45.26 (2) working with community health care providers and other service support organizations
45.27 that serve the target population for this program; and

45.28 (3) providing technical assistance and training for institutional parent support center
45.29 staff on how to conduct screenings and referrals for the health concerns of student parents,
45.30 including alcohol misuse, substance use disorders, depression, anxiety, intimate partner
45.31 violence, tobacco and nicotine, and other health concerns.

46.1 Subd. 5. Report and evaluation. By August 1 of each odd-numbered year, the
46.2 commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
46.3 legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education finance regarding the grant
46.4 recipients and their activities. The report shall include information about the students served,
46.5 the organizations providing services, program activities, program goals, and outcomes.

46.6 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.126, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

46.7 Subd. 4. **Award amount.** (a) Each student shall be awarded a scholarship based on the
46.8 federal need analysis. Applicants are encouraged to apply for all other sources of financial
46.9 aid. The amount of the award must not exceed the applicant's cost of attendance, as defined
46.10 in subdivision 3, after ~~deducting~~ accounting for:

46.11 (1) ~~the expected family contribution as calculated by~~ results of the federal need analysis;

46.12 (2) the amount of a federal Pell Grant award for which the applicant is eligible;

46.13 (3) the amount of the state grant;

46.14 (4) the federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant;

46.15 (5) the sum of all institutional grants, scholarships, tuition waivers, and tuition remission
46.16 amounts;

46.17 (6) the sum of all Tribal scholarships;

46.18 (7) the amount of any other state and federal gift aid; and

46.19 (8) the amount of any private grants or scholarships.

46.20 (b) The award shall be paid directly to the postsecondary institution where the student
46.21 receives federal financial aid.

46.22 (c) Awards are limited as follows:

46.23 (1) the maximum award for an undergraduate is \$4,000 per academic year;

46.24 (2) the maximum award for a graduate student is \$6,000 per academic year; and

46.25 (3) the minimum award for all students is \$100 per academic year.

46.26 (d) Scholarships may not be given to any Indian student for more than three years of
46.27 study for a two-year degree, certificate, or diploma program or five years of study for a
46.28 four-year degree program at the undergraduate level and for more than five years at the
46.29 graduate level. Students may acquire only one degree per level and one terminal graduate

47.1 degree. Scholarships may not be given to any student for more than ten years including five
47.2 years of undergraduate study and five years of graduate study.

47.3 (e) Scholarships may be given to an eligible student for four quarters, three semesters,
47.4 or the equivalent during the course of a single fiscal year. In calculating the award amount,
47.5 the office must use the same calculation it would for any other term.

47.6 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.1312, is amended to read:

47.7 **136A.1312 FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTRATOR, PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT.**

47.8 Nothing in this chapter or in the office's rules shall be interpreted as limiting the ability
47.9 of student financial aid administrators, on the basis of adequate documentation, to ~~make~~
47.10 ~~necessary adjustments to the cost of attendance and expected family contribution~~
47.11 ~~computations~~ adjust a student's dependency status or elements of a student's cost of attendance
47.12 for federal needs analysis calculation to allow for treatment of individual students with
47.13 special circumstances, with the exception of the cost of attendance defined under section
47.14 136A.121, subdivision 6. In addition, nothing in this chapter or in the office's rules shall be
47.15 interpreted as limiting the ability of the student financial aid administrator to use
47.16 supplementary information about the financial status of eligible applicants with special
47.17 circumstances in selecting recipients of state financial aid and determining the amount of
47.18 awards. Nothing in this section precludes a financial aid administrator from establishing an
47.19 appeals process for other extenuating circumstances.

47.20 Sec. 19. **136A.1465] NORTH STAR PROMISE.**

47.21 Subdivision 1. Definitions. The following terms have the meanings given:

47.22 (1) "eligible student" means a resident student under section 136A.101, subdivision 8,
47.23 who is enrolled in any public postsecondary educational institution or Tribal college;

47.24 (2) "gift aid" means all financial aid designated for the student's educational expenses,
47.25 including a grant, scholarship, tuition waiver, fellowship stipend, or other third-party
47.26 payment, that is not a loan or pursuant to a work-study program;

47.27 (3) "office" means the Office of Higher Education;

47.28 (4) "public postsecondary educational institution" means an institution operated by this
47.29 state, the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, or a Tribal college;

47.30 (5) "scholarship" means funds to pay 100 percent of tuition and fees remaining after
47.31 deducting grants and other scholarships;

48.1 (6) "Tribal college" means a college defined in section 136A.1796, subdivision 1,
48.2 paragraph (c); and

48.3 (7) "tuition and fees" means the actual tuition and fees charged by an institution.

48.4 Subd. 2. **Conditions for eligibility.** A scholarship may be awarded to an eligible student
48.5 who:

48.6 (1) has completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the state
48.7 aid application;

48.8 (2) has a family adjusted gross income below \$80,000;

48.9 (3) has not earned a baccalaureate degree at the time the scholarship is awarded;

48.10 (4) is enrolled in at least one credit per fall, spring, or summer semester; and

48.11 (5) is meeting satisfactory academic progress as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision
48.12 10.

48.13 Subd. 3. **Scholarship.** (a) Beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year, scholarships shall
48.14 be awarded to eligible students in an amount not to exceed 100 percent of tuition and fees
48.15 after grants and other scholarships are deducted.

48.16 (b) For the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 academic years, if funds remain after
48.17 scholarships are awarded under paragraph (a), grants shall be awarded to eligible students
48.18 in an amount equal to 100 percent of tuition and fees plus, subject to available funds, up to
48.19 50 percent of the amount of a Pell grant the student would receive based on household size,
48.20 family adjusted gross income, and results of the federal needs analysis after other gift aid
48.21 is deducted. The commissioner may adjust the grant amount based on the availability of
48.22 funds.

48.23 Subd. 3a. **Maintain current levels of institutional assistance.** (a) Commencing with
48.24 the 2024-2025 academic year, a public postsecondary educational institution shall not reduce
48.25 the institutional gift aid offered or awarded to a student who is eligible to receive funds
48.26 under this program unless the student's gift aid exceeds the student's annual cost of
48.27 attendance.

48.28 (b) The public postsecondary educational institution may reduce the institutional gift
48.29 aid offer of a student who is eligible to receive funds under this program by no more than
48.30 the amount of the student's gift aid that is in excess of the student's annual cost of attendance.

49.1 (c) The public postsecondary educational institution shall not consider receipt or
49.2 anticipated receipt of funds under this program when considering a student for qualification
49.3 for institutional gift aid.

49.4 (d) To ensure financial aid is maximized, a public postsecondary educational institution
49.5 is encouraged to implement efforts to avoid scholarship displacement through consultation
49.6 with the Office of Higher Education and students to avoid situations where institutional gift
49.7 aid can only be used for specific purposes.

49.8 **Subd. 4. Duration of scholarship authorized; scholarship paid to institution. (a)**
49.9 Each scholarship is for a period of one semester. A scholarship may be renewed provided
49.10 that the eligible student continues to meet the conditions of eligibility.

49.11 (b) Scholarships may be provided to an eligible student for up to 60 credits for the
49.12 completion of a certificate or an associate degree and up to 120 credits for the completion
49.13 of a bachelor's degree. The maximum credits for which a student is eligible is a total of 120
49.14 credits.

49.15 (c) The commissioner shall determine a time frame by which the eligible student must
49.16 complete the credential.

49.17 (d) The scholarship must be paid directly to the eligible institution where the student is
49.18 enrolled.

49.19 **Subd. 5. Termination of scholarship authorized.** A scholarship is terminated upon
49.20 occurrence of:

49.21 (1) failure to meet satisfactory academic progress as defined in section 136A.101,
49.22 subdivision 10; or

49.23 (2) substantial noncompliance by the eligible student with the requirements of the
49.24 program.

49.25 **Subd. 5a. Institutions administering certain financial aid programs.** Public
49.26 postsecondary institutions and Tribal colleges administering institutional financial aid
49.27 programs for students with a family adjusted gross income below \$80,000 that provide
49.28 student awards for up to or more than 100 percent of tuition, 100 percent of tuition and fees,
49.29 or 100 percent of the cost of attendance, shall provide the Office of Higher Education with
49.30 student level data on the recipients of those awards and the program funds awarded per
49.31 term. The information under this subdivision is necessary for the office to accurately complete
49.32 reporting requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.121, subdivision 19.

50.1 Subd. 6. **Account established; appropriation.** An account is created in the special
50.2 revenue fund for receiving money to provide scholarship awards. Money deposited in the
50.3 account is appropriated to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education for scholarship
50.4 awards.

50.5 Subd. 7. **Office administration.** The office is authorized to administer the program. If
50.6 funds are insufficient, the office shall determine the scholarship amount or number of
50.7 scholarships awarded. If a student withdraws or is no longer enrolled during a semester in
50.8 which a scholarship was awarded, the office may determine how this will affect the
50.9 scholarship.

50.10 Subd. 8. **Report.** The commissioner of higher education shall submit a preliminary
50.11 report by September 1, 2025, and an annual report beginning February 15, 2026, to the
50.12 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over
50.13 higher education, on the details of the program, including the:

50.14 (1) status of the scholarship fund; and

50.15 (2) North Star Promise participation data aggregated for each eligible institution to show
50.16 the:

50.17 (i) number of eligible students who received scholarships in the prior academic year;

50.18 (ii) average and total award amounts;

50.19 (iii) summary demographic data on award recipients;

50.20 (iv) total number of students enrolled in eligible institutions in the prior academic year;

50.21 (v) retention rates of participating students; and

50.22 (vi) number of eligible students who graduated with a degree and, for each eligible
50.23 student, the number of consecutive semesters and nonconsecutive semesters attended prior
50.24 to graduation.

50.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

50.26 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.1791, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

50.27 Subd. 3a. **Eligibility.** To be eligible for a disbursement under this section, a teacher must
50.28 belong to a racial or ethnic group underrepresented in the Minnesota teacher workforce;
50.29 To the extent that funds are available, eligibility extends to teachers who teach in a rural
50.30 school district; or teach in a license shortage area.

51.1 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.246, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

51.2 Subd. 4. **Application.** Applications must be made to the commissioner on a form provided
51.3 by the commissioner. The commissioner must, to the extent possible, make the application
51.4 form as short and simple to complete as is reasonably possible. The commissioner shall
51.5 establish a schedule for applications and grants. The application must include, without
51.6 limitation:

51.7 (1) the projected number of employee trainees;

51.8 (2) the competency standard for which training will be provided;

51.9 (3) the credential the employee will receive upon completion of training;

51.10 (4) the name and address of the eligible training provider;

51.11 (5) the period of the training; and

51.12 (6) the cost of the training charged by the eligible training provider. The cost of training
51.13 includes tuition, fees, and required and recommended books and materials.

51.14 An application may be made for training of employees of multiple employers either by
51.15 the employers or by an organization on their behalf.

51.16 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.246, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

51.17 Subd. 5. **Grant criteria.** (a) The commissioner shall make at least an approximately
51.18 equal dollar amount of grants for training for employees whose work site is projected to be
51.19 outside the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, as for employees
51.20 whose work site is projected to be within the metropolitan area.

51.21 (b) In determining the award of grants, the commissioner must consider, among other
51.22 factors:

51.23 (1) the aggregate state and regional need for employees with the competency to be
51.24 trained;

51.25 (2) the competency standards developed by the commissioner of labor and industry as
51.26 part of the Minnesota ~~PIPELINE Project~~ dual-training pipeline program;

51.27 (3) the per employee cost of training;

51.28 (4) the additional employment opportunities for employees because of the training;

51.29 (5) the on-the-job training the employee receives;

52.1 (6) the employer's demonstrated ability to recruit, train, and retain employees who are
52.2 recent high school graduates or who recently passed high school equivalency tests;

52.3 (7) projected increases in compensation for employees receiving the training; ~~and~~

52.4 (8) the amount of employer training cost match, if required, on both a per employee and
52.5 aggregate basis; and

52.6 (9) the employer's demonstrated ability to recruit, train, and retain employees who are
52.7 employees of color, American Indian employees, and employees with disabilities.

52.8 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.246, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

52.9 Subd. 6. **Employer match.** A large employer must pay for at least 25 percent of the
52.10 ~~eligible training provider's charge for the eligible training to the provider~~ cost of training.

52.11 For the purpose of this subdivision, a "large employer" means a business with more than

52.12 \$25,000,000 in annual gross revenue in the previous calendar year.

52.13 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.246, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

52.14 Subd. 8. **Grant amounts.** (a) The maximum grant for an application for the cost of
52.15 training is \$150,000. The maximum grant for an application for trainee support is ten percent
52.16 of the grant amount for the cost of training. The maximum total grant per application is
52.17 \$165,000. A grant may not exceed \$6,000 per year for a maximum of ~~four years~~ \$24,000
52.18 per employee.

52.19 (b) An employee who is attending an eligible training provider that is an institution under
52.20 section 136A.103 must apply for Pell and state grants as a condition of payment for training
52.21 that employee under this section.

52.22 Sec. 25. **[136A.84] DIRECT ADMISSIONS PROGRAM.**

52.23 Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** The commissioner shall administer the direct admissions
52.24 program in consultation with stakeholders, including Minnesota State Colleges and
52.25 Universities, the University of Minnesota, the Student Advisory Council under section
52.26 136A.031, the Minnesota Department of Education, the Minnesota Association of Secondary
52.27 School Principals, and the Minnesota School Board Association, to automatically offer
52.28 conditional admission into an eligible public or nonprofit institution as defined under section
52.29 136A.103, paragraph (a), located in Minnesota, to Minnesota high school seniors based on
52.30 a student's high school grade point average, high school and college transcript information,
52.31 standardized tests, statewide assessments, and other measures as determined by stakeholders.

53.1 Subd. 2. **Implementation.** The program shall establish and, to the extent feasible,
53.2 implement a process for leveraging existing kindergarten through grade 12 and higher
53.3 education student information systems to automate the admissions process for students. The
53.4 program must specifically evaluate the impact this process has on outcomes for students
53.5 with lower levels of college knowledge, low-income students, and students from populations
53.6 underserved in higher education. The office shall attempt to achieve statewide representation
53.7 and may prioritize program participants to include high schools with a significant number
53.8 of students of color, low-income students, or both.

53.9 Subd. 3. **Information.** The commissioner shall provide information about the Minnesota
53.10 state grant program and the North Star Promise and encourage students to determine their
53.11 eligibility for financial aid based on FAFSA and state financial aid application completion.

53.12 Subd. 4. **Report.** Annually, by February 1, the Office of Higher Education shall report
53.13 to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education
53.14 finance and policy and higher education on activities occurring under this section. The report
53.15 must include but is not limited to information about implementation, recommendations, and
53.16 outcomes.

53.17 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136F.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

53.18 Subdivision 1. **Responsibility.** ~~Notwithstanding section 136F.03,~~ The State University
53.19 Student Association and the State College Student Association shall each have the
53.20 responsibility for recruiting, screening, and recommending qualified candidates for their
53.21 student members of the board.

53.22 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136F.38, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

53.23 Subd. 3. **Program eligibility.** (a) Scholarships shall be awarded only to a student eligible
53.24 for resident tuition, as defined in section 135A.043, who is enrolled in any of the following
53.25 programs of study or certification: (1) advanced manufacturing; (2) agriculture; (3) health
53.26 care services; (4) information technology; (5) early childhood; (6) transportation; ~~or~~ (7)
53.27 construction; (8) education; (9) public safety; or (10) a program of study under paragraph
53.28 (b).

53.29 (b) Each institution may add one additional area of study or certification, based on a
53.30 workforce shortage for full-time employment requiring postsecondary education that is
53.31 unique to the institution's specific region, as reported in the most recent Department of
53.32 Employment and Economic Development job vacancy survey data for the economic
53.33 development region in which the institution is located. A workforce shortage area is one in

54.1 which the job vacancy rate for full-time employment in a specific occupation in a region is
54.2 higher than the state average vacancy rate for that same occupation. The institution may
54.3 change the area of study or certification based on new data once every two years.

54.4 (c) The student must be enrolled for at least nine credits in a two-year college in the
54.5 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system to be eligible for first- and second-year
54.6 scholarships.

54.7 (d) The student is eligible for a one-year transfer scholarship if the student transfers from
54.8 a two-year college after two or more terms, and the student is enrolled for at least nine
54.9 credits in a four-year university in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.

54.10 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 175.45, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

54.11 Subdivision 1. **Duties; goal.** The commissioner of labor and industry shall convene
54.12 industry representatives, identify occupational competency standards, and provide technical
54.13 assistance to develop dual-training programs. The competency standards shall be identified
54.14 for employment in occupations in advanced manufacturing, health care services, information
54.15 technology, ~~and~~ agriculture, transportation, and child care. Competency standards are not
54.16 rules and are exempt from the rulemaking provisions of chapter 14, and the provisions in
54.17 section 14.386 concerning exempt rules do not apply.

54.18 Sec. 29. **[268.193] POSTSECONDARY UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AID.**

54.19 Subdivision 1. **Postsecondary institutions.** For the purposes of this section, "eligible
54.20 postsecondary institution" means:

54.21 (1) the University of Minnesota;

54.22 (2) a postsecondary institution governed by the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State
54.23 Colleges and Universities; or

54.24 (3) a Tribal college, which includes Leech Lake Tribal College, White Earth Tribal
54.25 College, or Red Lake Nation Tribal College.

54.26 Subd. 2. **Unemployment insurance aid.** Eligible postsecondary institutions are eligible
54.27 to receive unemployment insurance aid under this section. For each fiscal year, an eligible
54.28 entity's aid is the difference between fiscal year 2022's unemployment insurance costs and
54.29 the current year's unemployment insurance costs, as reflected in the unemployment insurance
54.30 employer accounts maintained by the state. If the total eligible unemployment insurance
54.31 aid for a fiscal year is greater than the annual appropriation for that year, the Board of
54.32 Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities or the commissioner of the Office

55.1 of Higher Education, as applicable, must proportionately reduce the aid payment to each
55.2 eligible entity.

55.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for aid beginning in fiscal year 2024.

55.4 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 354B.23, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

55.5 Subd. 3. **Employer contribution rate.** The employer contribution rate on behalf of
55.6 participants in the individual retirement account plan is ~~six~~ 8.75 percent of salary.

55.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
55.8 applies at the beginning of the next full pay period.

55.9 Sec. 31. **PARAMEDIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

55.10 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education
55.11 shall establish a program to provide up to 600 scholarships to students entering paramedic
55.12 programs by 2026.

55.13 Subd. 2. **Eligible students.** (a) To be eligible for a scholarship under this section, a
55.14 student must:

55.15 (1) apply in the form and manner specified by the commissioner;

55.16 (2) be a resident student, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.101, subdivision
55.17 8;

55.18 (3) attend an eligible institution, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.101,
55.19 subdivision 4;

55.20 (4) be enrolled in a nationally accredited, degree- or diploma-awarding paramedic
55.21 program at that institution; and

55.22 (5) submit to the commissioner a completed affidavit, prescribed by the commissioner,
55.23 affirming the student's intent to work as a paramedic in Minnesota after graduation.

55.24 (b) An eligible student may receive a scholarship under this section no more than two
55.25 times.

55.26 Subd. 3. **Administration; award amount.** (a) The commissioner must establish an
55.27 application process and other guidelines for implementing the paramedic scholarship
55.28 program. The first set of scholarships must be awarded for the 2024-2025 academic year.

55.29 (b) The amount of a scholarship awarded under this section is \$5,000. The scholarship
55.30 must be paid in a lump sum directly to the institution where the recipient is enrolled.

56.1 Subd. 4. **Reporting.** By February 1, 2025, and again by February 1, 2026, the
56.2 commissioner must submit a report on the program to the chairs and ranking minority
56.3 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education finance and
56.4 policy. The report must include the following information and any other information the
56.5 commissioner considers relevant:

56.6 (1) information about all postsecondary programs giving rise to eligibility for a
56.7 scholarship under this section, including the programs' locations, costs, enrollment capacities,
56.8 acceptance rates, and other relevant information;

56.9 (2) available data on the current and forecasted demand for paramedics in Minnesota;
56.10 and

56.11 (3) the total number of scholarships issued, disaggregated by:

56.12 (i) year of award;

56.13 (ii) postsecondary institution attended; and

56.14 (iii) relevant and available demographic data about award recipients.

56.15 Subd. 5. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, 2026.

56.16 **Sec. 32. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AID REPORTS.**

56.17 By January 15 of each year, the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, the
56.18 Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, and the Office of Higher
56.19 Education, in consultation with the Department of Employment and Economic Development,
56.20 must each report to the higher education committees of the legislature the balances in
56.21 unemployment insurance aid accounts and information about the annual changes in
56.22 reimbursable costs for higher education workers receiving unemployment insurance benefits.
56.23 To the extent possible, the report must break out the costs by campus and major job classes.
56.24 The report must be filed according to Minnesota Statutes, section 3.195.

56.25 **Sec. 33. POSTSECONDARY STUDENT BASIC NEEDS WORKING GROUP;**
56.26 **REPORT.**

56.27 Subdivision 1. **Direction.** By September 1, 2023, the commissioner of the Office of
56.28 Higher Education shall convene a working group on postsecondary student basic needs.
56.29 The commissioner shall invite representatives from Minnesota State Colleges and
56.30 Universities, the University of Minnesota, nonprofit private colleges, Tribal colleges and
56.31 universities, student organizations, faculty and staff bargaining units, state agencies, and

57.1 other interested parties as determined by the commissioner to participate in the working
57.2 group. The working group sunsets on September 1, 2026.

57.3 Subd. 2. **Duties.** The working group must review, assess, and make specific
57.4 recommendations on strategies to meet the basic needs of higher education students. The
57.5 report must include a comprehensive plan on how to identify, assess, and support students
57.6 who are experiencing housing and food insecurity. The report may also include proposals
57.7 for substantive and technical amendments to Minnesota Statutes, chapters 135A to 137, and
57.8 any other laws that relate to higher education. The working group may also make specific
57.9 recommendations with regard to policy changes for the Office of Higher Education and
57.10 postsecondary institutions.

57.11 Subd. 3. **Report to legislature.** The commissioner of higher education shall submit a
57.12 report detailing the working group's findings and recommendations to the chairs and ranking
57.13 minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over higher education
57.14 policy and finance by September 1, 2024.

57.15 Sec. 34. **REPORT ON MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**
57.16 **COURSE PLACEMENT PRACTICES.**

57.17 Subdivision 1. **Review.** (a) The Office of Higher Education shall document, review, and
57.18 analyze college admission and course placement policies, practices, and assessments used
57.19 by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. The review shall seek to determine
57.20 if policies, practices, and assessments used have:

57.21 (1) adverse consequences for a student and their family, including burdensome economic
57.22 and related costs of delaying their degree plans;

57.23 (2) hindered the participation of students;

57.24 (3) hindered the placement, retention, or timely college graduation of students; and

57.25 (4) excluded students from admission thereby hindering their full participation in higher
57.26 education.

57.27 (b) The review must consider impacts for various student communities, including but
57.28 not limited to Indigenous students, English as a second language (ESL) students, and students
57.29 of color.

57.30 Subd. 2. **Determination.** Utilizing the review conducted under subdivision 1, the
57.31 commissioner shall determine whether:

57.32 (1) students, including Indigenous students, ESL students, and students of color, are:

- 58.1 (i) denied admission;
58.2 (ii) disproportionately assigned to enroll in developmental courses; or
58.3 (iii) delayed or deterred in their educational progress; and
58.4 (2) policies, practices, and instruments:
58.5 (i) are disproportionately reliant on test scores;
58.6 (ii) impose barriers for students in terms of enrollment, retention, and completion; and
58.7 (iii) may be culturally biased.

58.8 Subd. 3. **Recommendation.** The commissioner shall recommend changes based on the
58.9 information obtained in subdivisions 1 and 2 to existing measures, instruments, and placement
58.10 practices. By February 1, 2024, the commissioner shall provide a preliminary report and
58.11 by February 1, 2025, report the recommendations and findings to the chairs and ranking
58.12 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education.
58.13 The commissioner shall seek external advice and expertise to address the above reviews,
58.14 determinations, findings, and recommendations.

58.15 **Sec. 35. REPEALER.**

58.16 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136F.03, is repealed."

58.17 Delete the title and insert:

58.18 "A bill for an act
58.19 relating to higher education; providing funding and policy related changes for the
58.20 Office of Higher Education, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, the
58.21 University of Minnesota, and the Mayo Clinic; creating and modifying certain
58.22 scholarships and student aid programs; creating and modifying grant programs to
58.23 higher education institutions; establishing the North Star Promise tuition free
58.24 program; establishing the Inclusive Higher Education Technical Assistance Center;
58.25 creating a direct admissions program; providing aid to postsecondary institutions
58.26 for unemployment insurance; establishing a student basic needs working group;
58.27 requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections
58.28 135A.137, subdivisions 2, 3; 136A.031, subdivision 3; 136A.101, subdivisions
58.29 5a, 7; 136A.121, subdivisions 6, 9, 13, 19; 136A.1241, subdivision 5; 136A.125,
58.30 subdivision 4; 136A.126, subdivision 4; 136A.1312; 136A.1791, subdivision 3a;
58.31 136A.246, subdivisions 4, 5, 6, 8; 136F.04, subdivision 1; 136F.38, subdivision
58.32 3; 175.45, subdivision 1; 354B.23, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law
58.33 in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 135A; 136A; 268; repealing Minnesota Statutes
58.34 2022, section 136F.03."

59.1 We request the adoption of this report and repassage of the bill.

59.2 House Conferees:

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59.4 Gene Pelowski Jr. Dan Wolgamott

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59.6 Marion O'Neill

59.7 Senate Conferees:

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59.11 Aric Putnam