

House File 2090 Bill Summary, Representative Frazier

Overview

This bill strengthens Minnesota's commitment to college affordability and student success by making higher education more accessible and achievable for students by expanding support programs, improving outreach efforts, and ensuring that more students-especially those from underrepresented backgrounds-have the resources they need to enroll, persist, and graduate.

Key Provisions

- **Increase in State Grant Living Allowance:**
Adjust the living and miscellaneous expense allowance for state grant recipients to 121% of the federal poverty guidelines for a single-person household (up from 115%).
- **State Grant Plus Scholarship:**
The State Grant Plus Scholarship offers eligible students 25% of their state grant for up to eight semesters at qualifying Minnesota institutions.
- **FAFSA Completion Grants:**
Establishes competitive grants for nonprofits to increase the percentage of Minnesota's high school seniors who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is a one-time appropriation. [One-time funding]
- **Grants to Improve Pell-Eligible Student Retention & Graduation**
Provides competitive matching:
Provides competitive grants to institutions with high pell-eligible student populations. [One-time funding]
- **Multilingual & Culturally Relevant Educational Materials:**
Funds initiatives to expand access to higher education resources for non-English speakers and diverse populations in Minnesota. [One-time funding]
- **Minnesota Education Equity Partnership (MNEEP) Support:**
Fund allocation to the Office of Higher Education for MnEEP to continue promoting equity in education.
- **Working Group on Higher Education Financial Stability**
The Minnesota Office of Higher Education will establish a working group by July 2025 to develop long-term strategies for sustainable state funding of higher education. It will report its recommendations by July 2026.
- **Working Group Higher Education Attainment Goal Review:**
In fiscal year 2026, funding is appropriated to the Office of Higher Education to establish a working group that will recommend updates to Minnesota's higher education attainment goal, with a report due by January 15, 2026.

Supporting this bill means creating more skilled workers, strengthening Minnesota's workforce pipeline, and increasing student retention rates.

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