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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 3933

03/03/2022 Authored by Wolgamott The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; making nonprofit private postsecondary institutions
1.3 eligible for hunger-free campus grants; appropriating money; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 135A.137, subdivision 3; Laws 2021, First
1.5 Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 35.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 135A.137, subdivision 3, is
1.8 amended to read:

1.9 Subd. 3. Competitive grant. (a) Institutions eligible for a grant under this subdivision
1.10 include public postsecondary institutions, nonprofit private postsecondary institutions, and
1.11 Tribal colleges.

1.12 (b) The commissioner shall establish a competitive grant program to distribute grants
1.13 to eligible institutions to meet and maintain the requirements under subdivision 1, paragraph

1.14 (a). Initial grants shall be made to institutions that have not earned the designation and
1.15 demonstrate a need for funding to meet the hunger-free campus designation requirements.

1.16 Sustaining grants shall be made to institutions that have earned the designation and
1.17 demonstrate both a partnership with a local food bank or organization that provides regular,
1.18 on-campus food distributions and a need for funds to maintain the requirements under
1.19 subdivision 1, paragraph (a).

1.20 (c) The commissioner shall give preference to applications for initial grants and to
1.21 applications from institutions with the highest number of federal Pell Grant eligible students
1.22 enrolled. The commissioner shall consider the head count at the institution when awarding

2.1 grants. The maximum grant award for an initial institution designation is \$8,000. The  
2.2 maximum grant award for sustaining an institution designation is \$5,000.

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

2.6 Sec. 2. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 35, is  
2.7 amended to read:

2.8 Subd. 35. **Hunger-Free Campus Grants** 205,000 102,000

2.9 For the Office of Higher Education to provide  
2.10 initial and sustaining grants to Minnesota  
2.11 public postsecondary institutions, nonprofit  
2.12 private postsecondary institutions, and Tribal  
2.13 colleges under Minnesota Statutes, section  
2.14 ~~136F.245~~ 135A.137, subdivision 4 3, to meet  
2.15 and maintain the criteria in that same section  
2.16 to address food insecurity on campus.

2.17 Sec. 3. **HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS GRANTS; APPROPRIATION.**

2.18 \$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of  
2.19 the Office of Higher Education to provide initial and sustaining grants to eligible institutions  
2.20 under Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.137, subdivision 3, to meet and maintain the criteria  
2.21 in Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.137, to address food insecurity on campus.