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2.9	Sec. 2. <u>MINNESOTA OFFICE OF HIGHER</u>			
2.10	<u>EDUCATION</u>			
2.11	Subdivision 1. <u>Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>312,749,000</u>	\$ <u>312,968,000</u>
2.12	The amounts that may be spent for each			
2.13	purpose are specified in the following			
2.14	subdivisions.			
2.15	Subd. 2. <u>State Grants</u>		<u>241,790,000</u>	<u>241,790,000</u>
2.16	(a) If the appropriation in this subdivision for			
2.17	either year is insufficient, the appropriation			
2.18	for the other year is available for it.			
2.29	(c) The base for this appropriation is			
2.30	\$242,707,000 in fiscal year 2028 and			
2.31	thereafter.			
2.19	(b) For purposes of Minnesota Statutes,			
2.20	section 136A.121, subdivision 6, a tuition and			
2.21	fee maximum is established for four-year			

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2.9	Sec. 2. <u>OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION</u>			
2.10	Subdivision 1. <u>Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>356,954,000</u>	\$ <u>357,173,000</u>
2.11	The amounts that may be spent for each			
2.12	purpose are specified in the following			
2.13	subdivisions. <u>The base for this appropriation</u>			
2.14	<u>is \$319,590,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each</u>			
2.15	<u>year thereafter.</u>			
2.16	Subd. 2. <u>State Grants</u>		<u>277,326,000</u>	<u>277,326,000</u>
2.17	If the appropriation in this subdivision for			
2.18	either year is insufficient, the appropriation			
2.19	for the other year is available for it. <u>These</u>			
2.20	<u>appropriations are available until June 30,</u>			
2.21	<u>2029.</u> The base for this appropriation is			
2.22	<u>\$239,743,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each</u>			
2.23	<u>year thereafter.</u>			

2.22 programs that is the lesser of: (1) the average
2.23 tuition and fees charged by the institution; or
2.24 (2) an amount equal to the highest tuition and
2.25 fees charged at a public university in the
2.26 2024-2025 academic year plus one percent for
2.27 fiscal year 2026, plus an additional one percent
2.28 for fiscal year 2027.

2.32 Subd. 3. **Child Care Grants** 6,694,000 6,694,000

2.33 Subd. 4. **State Work-Study** 11,752,000 11,752,000

2.34 Subd. 5. **Interstate Tuition Reciprocity** 8,500,000 8,500,000

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3.2 either year is insufficient, the appropriation
3.3 for the other year is available to meet
3.4 reciprocity contract obligations.

3.5 Subd. 6. **Safety Officer's Survivors** 100,000 100,000

3.6 This appropriation is to provide educational
3.7 benefits under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.8 299A.45, to eligible dependent children and
3.9 to the spouses of public safety officers killed
3.10 in the line of duty.

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3.12 either year is insufficient, the appropriation
3.13 for the other year is available for it.

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

3.15 The commissioner must contract with or
3.16 employ at least one person with demonstrated
3.17 competence in American Indian culture and
3.18 residing in or near the city of Bemidji to assist
3.19 students with the scholarships under
3.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.126, and
3.21 with other information about financial aid for
3.22 which the students may be eligible. This

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3.23	<u>appropriation includes funding to administer</u>		
3.24	<u>the American Indian scholarship program.</u>		
3.25	<u>Subd. 8. Tribal College Supplemental Assistance</u>		
3.26	<u>Grants</u>	<u>3,650,000</u>	<u>3,650,000</u>
3.27	<u>For Tribal college assistance grants under</u>		
3.28	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1796.</u>		
3.29	<u>Each eligible Tribal college may receive a</u>		
3.30	<u>minimum grant in an amount no less than</u>		
3.31	<u>\$1,000,000, subject to available</u>		
3.32	<u>appropriations.</u>		
4.1	<u>The commissioner may use no more than three</u>		
4.2	<u>percent of this appropriation to administer the</u>		
4.3	<u>program grants.</u>		
4.4	<u>Subd. 9. Intervention for College Attendance</u>		
4.5	<u>Program Grants</u>	<u>1,142,000</u>	<u>1,142,000</u>
4.6	<u>For the intervention for college attendance</u>		
4.7	<u>program under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
4.8	<u>136A.861.</u>		
4.9	<u>The commissioner may use no more than three</u>		
4.10	<u>percent of this appropriation to administer the</u>		
4.11	<u>intervention for college attendance program</u>		
4.12	<u>grants.</u>		
4.13	<u>Subd. 10. Information for Students and Parents</u>	<u>122,000</u>	<u>122,000</u>
4.14	<u>Subd. 11. Get Ready!</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
4.15	<u>Subd. 12. Minnesota Education Equity</u>		
4.16	<u>Partnership</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
4.17	<u>Subd. 13. Midwest Higher Education Compact</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>115,000</u>

3.15	<u>Subd. 8. Tribal College Supplemental Assistance</u>	<u>3,150,000</u>	<u>3,150,000</u>
3.16	<u>Grants</u>		
3.17	<u>(a) For Tribal college assistance grants under</u>		
3.18	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1796.</u>		
3.19	<u>(b) A Tribal college must use grant funds</u>		
3.20	<u>received under this section to supplement, not</u>		
3.21	<u>supplant, any existing funding. Each eligible</u>		
3.22	<u>Tribal college may receive a grant in an</u>		
3.23	<u>amount no less than \$1,000,000 and no more</u>		
3.24	<u>than \$1,050,000, subject to available</u>		
3.25	<u>appropriations.</u>		
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3.30	<u>136A.861.</u>		
3.31	<u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
3.32	<u>136A.01, subdivision 4, the commissioner</u>		
3.33	<u>may use no more than three percent of this</u>		
3.34	<u>appropriation to administer the program.</u>		
4.1	<u>Subd. 10. Student-Parent Information</u>	<u>122,000</u>	<u>122,000</u>
4.2	<u>Subd. 11. Get Ready!</u>	<u>180,000</u>	<u>180,000</u>
4.3	<u>Subd. 12. Midwest Higher Education Compact</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>115,000</u>

4.18	Subd. 14. United Family Medicine Residency		
4.19	Program	<u>501,000</u>	<u>501,000</u>
4.20	For a grant to United Family Medicine		
4.21	residency program. This appropriation shall		
4.22	be used to support up to 21 resident physicians		
4.23	each year in family practice at United Family		
4.24	Medicine residency programs and shall		
4.25	prepare doctors to practice family care		
4.26	medicine in underserved rural and urban areas		
4.27	of the state. It is intended that this program		
4.28	will improve health care in underserved		
4.29	communities, provide affordable access to		
4.30	appropriate medical care, and manage the		
4.31	treatment of patients in a cost-effective		
4.32	manner.		
4.33	Subd. 15. MnLINK Gateway and Minitex	<u>6,655,000</u>	<u>6,708,000</u>
5.1	Subd. 16. Statewide Longitudinal Education		
5.2	Data System	<u>2,550,000</u>	<u>2,550,000</u>
5.3	Subd. 17. Hennepin Healthcare	<u>645,000</u>	<u>645,000</u>
5.4	For transfer to Hennepin Healthcare for		
5.5	graduate family medical education programs		
5.6	at Hennepin Healthcare.		
5.7	Subd. 18. Campus Sexual Assault Reporting	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
5.8	For the sexual assault reporting required under		
5.9	Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.15.		

4.4	Subd. 13. MnLINK Gateway and Minitex	<u>7,155,000</u>	<u>7,208,000</u>
4.5	Subd. 14. Statewide Longitudinal Education	<u>2,550,000</u>	<u>2,550,000</u>
4.6	Data System		
4.7	Subd. 15. Summer Academic Enrichment	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
4.8	Program		
4.9	For summer academic enrichment grants under		
4.10	Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.091.		
4.11	Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section		
4.12	136A.01, subdivision 4, the commissioner		

5.10	<u>Subd. 19. Campus Sexual Violence Prevention</u>		
5.11	<u>and Response Coordinator</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
5.12	<u>For the Office of Higher Education to staff a</u>		
5.13	<u>campus sexual violence prevention and</u>		
5.14	<u>response coordinator to serve as a statewide</u>		
5.15	<u>resource providing professional development</u>		
5.16	<u>and guidance on best practices for</u>		
5.17	<u>postsecondary institutions. \$50,000 each year</u>		
5.18	<u>is for administrative funding to conduct</u>		
5.19	<u>trainings and provide materials to</u>		
5.20	<u>postsecondary institutions.</u>		

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4.25	<u>postsecondary institutions.</u>		
4.26	<u>Subd. 17. Emergency Assistance for</u>	<u>550,000</u>	<u>550,000</u>
4.27	<u>Postsecondary Students</u>		
4.28	<u>(a) For the Office of Higher Education to</u>		
4.29	<u>allocate to nonprofit private postsecondary</u>		
4.30	<u>institutions and Tribal colleges that are eligible</u>		
4.31	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.103,</u>		
4.32	<u>for emergency assistance grants to students.</u>		
4.33	<u>The commissioner must establish processes</u>		
4.34	<u>for soliciting applications from institutions,</u>		
5.1	<u>selecting applicants to receive an allocation,</u>		
5.2	<u>and determining the funding amount allocated</u>		
5.3	<u>and issue guidance regarding how institutions</u>		
5.4	<u>must award emergency assistance grants to</u>		
5.5	<u>students. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
5.6	<u>section 136A.01, subdivision 4, the</u>		
5.7	<u>commissioner may use no more than \$50,000</u>		
5.8	<u>of the annual appropriation to administer the</u>		
5.9	<u>program.</u>		
5.10	<u>(b) Postsecondary institutions must use the</u>		
5.11	<u>funding allocated to them under this</u>		
5.12	<u>subdivision to award emergency assistance</u>		
5.13	<u>grants directly to students to meet immediate</u>		
5.14	<u>needs that could interfere with the student</u>		
5.15	<u>completing the term or their program,</u>		
5.16	<u>including but not limited to emergency</u>		
5.17	<u>housing, food, and transportation. Institutions</u>		

5.21	Subd. 20. <u>Grants to Student Teachers in</u>		
5.22	<u>Shortage Areas</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
5.23	For grants to student teachers in shortage areas		
5.24	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1275.</u>		

5.18	<u>must minimize any negative impact on student</u>		
5.19	<u>financial aid resulting from the receipt of</u>		
5.20	<u>emergency money.</u>		
5.21	<u>(c) Money under this subdivision must not be</u>		
5.22	<u>distributed to selected applicants until the</u>		
5.23	<u>Office of Higher Education has approved their</u>		
5.24	<u>plans to award grants to students.</u>		
5.25	<u>(d) By February 1 each year, the commissioner</u>		
5.26	<u>must submit a report to the chairs and ranking</u>		
5.27	<u>minority members of the legislative</u>		
5.28	<u>committees with jurisdiction over higher</u>		
5.29	<u>education on emergency assistance grants</u>		
5.30	<u>awarded to students using the money</u>		
5.31	<u>appropriated in this subdivision. The report</u>		
5.32	<u>must detail:</u>		
5.33	<u>(1) how money was distributed among</u>		
5.34	<u>institutions;</u>		
6.1	<u>(2) the process by which students apply for</u>		
6.2	<u>emergency assistance grants and institutions</u>		
6.3	<u>make a determination about whether money</u>		
6.4	<u>will be awarded;</u>		
6.5	<u>(3) how many students received emergency</u>		
6.6	<u>assistance grants and the average award</u>		
6.7	<u>amount;</u>		
6.8	<u>(4) the most common student needs that grants</u>		
6.9	<u>were awarded to meet; and</u>		
6.10	<u>(5) the average length of time between grant</u>		
6.11	<u>application and disbursement to students.</u>		
6.12	<u>(e) At the end of each biennium, institutions</u>		
6.13	<u>must return any unused portion of the funding</u>		
6.14	<u>allocated to them under this subdivision to the</u>		
6.15	<u>Office of Higher Education.</u>		
6.16	Subd. 18. <u>Grants to Student Teachers in</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
6.17	<u>Shortage Areas</u>		
6.18	For grants to student teachers in shortage areas		
6.19	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1275.</u>		

5.25	<u>The commissioner may use no more than three</u>		
5.26	<u>percent of the appropriation for administration</u>		
5.27	<u>of the program.</u>		
5.28	Subd. 21. Grants to Underrepresented Student		
5.29	Teachers	<u>1,125,000</u>	<u>1,125,000</u>
5.30	<u>For grants to underrepresented student teachers</u>		
5.31	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1274.</u>		
5.32	<u>The commissioner may use no more than three</u>		
5.33	<u>percent of the appropriation for administration</u>		
5.34	<u>of the program.</u>		
6.1	Subd. 22. Grants for Students with Intellectual		
6.2	and Developmental Disabilities	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
6.3	<u>For grants for students with intellectual and</u>		
6.4	<u>developmental disabilities under Minnesota</u>		
6.5	<u>Statutes, section 136A.1215.</u>		
6.6	Subd. 23. Loan Repayment Assistance Program	<u>55,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>
6.7	<u>For a grant to the Loan Repayment Assistance</u>		
6.8	<u>Program of Minnesota to provide education</u>		
6.9	<u>debt relief to attorneys with full-time</u>		
6.10	<u>employment providing legal advice or</u>		
6.11	<u>representation to low-income clients or support</u>		
6.12	<u>services for this work.</u>		
6.13	Subd. 24. Hunger-Free Campus Grants	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>

6.20	<u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
6.21	<u>136A.01, subdivision 4, the commissioner</u>		
6.22	<u>may use no more than three percent of the</u>		
6.23	<u>appropriation to administer the program.</u>		
6.24	Subd. 19. Grants to Underrepresented Student	<u>625,000</u>	<u>625,000</u>
6.25	Teachers		
6.26	<u>For grants to underrepresented student teachers</u>		
6.27	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1274.</u>		
6.28	<u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
6.29	<u>136A.01, subdivision 4, the commissioner</u>		
6.30	<u>may use no more than three percent of the</u>		
6.31	<u>appropriation to administer the program.</u>		
6.32	Subd. 20. Grants for Students with Intellectual	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
6.33	and Developmental Disabilities		
7.1	<u>For grants for students with intellectual and</u>		
7.2	<u>developmental disabilities under Minnesota</u>		
7.3	<u>Statutes, section 136A.1215.</u>		
7.4	Subd. 21. Loan Repayment Assistance Program	<u>55,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>
7.5	<u>For a grant to the Loan Repayment Assistance</u>		
7.6	<u>Program of Minnesota to provide education</u>		
7.7	<u>debt relief to attorneys with full-time</u>		
7.8	<u>employment providing legal advice or</u>		
7.9	<u>representation to low-income clients or support</u>		
7.10	<u>services for this work.</u>		
7.11	Subd. 22. Student Loan Debt Counseling	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
7.12	<u>For student loan debt counseling under</u>		
7.13	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1788.</u>		
7.14	<u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
7.15	<u>136A.01, subdivision 4, the commissioner</u>		
7.16	<u>may use no more than three percent of the</u>		
7.17	<u>appropriation to administer the program.</u>		
7.18	Subd. 23. Hunger-Free Campus Grants	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>

6.14 For the Hunger-Free Campus program under
 6.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.137.

7.19 (a) For the Office of Higher Education to
 7.20 award grants to nonprofit private
 7.21 postsecondary institutions and Tribal colleges
 7.22 registered with the Office of Higher Education
 7.23 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.63,
 7.24 for hunger-free campus activities. The
 7.25 commissioner must establish a competitive
 7.26 grant program to distribute the money
 7.27 appropriated in this subdivision, which must:
 7.28 (1) have an application process and selection
 7.29 criteria established by the commissioner in
 7.30 collaboration with student associations
 7.31 representing eligible institutions;
 7.32 (2) provide a maximum annual grant award
 7.33 of \$25,000 per institution;
 8.1 (3) give preference to applications from
 8.2 institutions with the highest number of federal
 8.3 Pell Grant eligible students enrolled; and
 8.4 (4) require grant recipients to match at least
 8.5 50 percent of the amount awarded with either
 8.6 in-kind contributions or other resources.
 8.7 (b) Postsecondary institutions must use the
 8.8 grant money awarded to them under this
 8.9 subdivision to meet the following hunger-free
 8.10 campus requirements:
 8.11 (1) maintain an on-campus food pantry or
 8.12 partnership with a local food bank to provide
 8.13 regular, on-campus food distributions;
 8.14 (2) provide information to students on the
 8.15 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
 8.16 (SNAP), the Minnesota Family Investment
 8.17 Program (MFIP), and other programs that
 8.18 reduce food insecurity;
 8.19 (3) notify students in work-study employment
 8.20 of their potential eligibility for SNAP benefits
 8.21 and provide information to those students
 8.22 about eligibility criteria and how to apply for
 8.23 benefits;

6.16	Subd. 25. Fostering Independence Higher		
6.17	Education Grants	<u>4,416,000</u>	<u>4,416,000</u>
6.18	For grants to eligible students under Minnesota		
6.19	Statutes, section 136A.1241. <u>The Office of</u>		
6.20	<u>Higher Education</u> may use no more than three		
6.21	percent of the appropriation to administer		
6.22	grants.		
6.23	Subd. 26. Student Parent Support Initiative	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
6.24	For grants to support student parents under		
6.25	Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1251. <u>Of</u>		
6.26	<u>this amount, up to \$338,000 each year is for</u>		
6.27	<u>administrative and promotional costs.</u>		

8.24	<u>(4) hold or participate in one hunger awareness</u>		
8.25	<u>event per academic year;</u>		
8.26	<u>(5) provide emergency assistance grants to</u>		
8.27	<u>students; and</u>		
8.28	<u>(6) establish a hunger task force that meets a</u>		
8.29	<u>minimum of three times per academic year</u>		
8.30	<u>and that includes at least two students</u>		
8.31	<u>currently enrolled at the institution.</u>		
8.32	<u>(c) By February 1 each year, the commissioner</u>		
8.33	<u>must submit a report to the chairs and ranking</u>		
9.1	<u>minority members of the legislative</u>		
9.2	<u>committees with jurisdiction over higher</u>		
9.3	<u>education on hunger-free campus activities</u>		
9.4	<u>performed using the money appropriated in</u>		
9.5	<u>this subdivision. The report must detail:</u>		
9.6	<u>(1) how money was distributed among</u>		
9.7	<u>institutions;</u>		
9.8	<u>(2) how hunger-free campus requirements</u>		
9.9	<u>were met at those institutions; and</u>		
9.10	<u>(3) how many students were served.</u>		
9.11	Subd. 24. Fostering Independence Higher	<u>8,416,000</u>	<u>8,416,000</u>
9.12	Education Grants		
9.13	For grants to eligible students under Minnesota		
9.14	Statutes, section 136A.1241. <u>Notwithstanding</u>		
9.15	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.01,</u>		
9.16	<u>subdivision 4, the commissioner may use no</u>		
9.17	<u>more than three percent of the appropriation</u>		
9.18	<u>to administer the grants.</u>		
9.19	Subd. 25. Student-Parent Support Initiative	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>
9.20	For grants to support student parents under		
9.21	Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1251.		
9.22	<u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
9.23	<u>136A.01, subdivision 4, the commissioner</u>		
9.24	<u>may use no more than \$338,000 of the annual</u>		

6.28	<u>The base for this appropriation is \$0 in fiscal year 2028 and thereafter.</u>		
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6.30	Subd. 27. <u>Director of Tribal Relations</u>	<u>143,000</u>	<u>143,000</u>
6.31	Subd. 28. <u>Direct Admissions Program</u>	<u>650,000</u>	<u>650,000</u>
6.32	<u>For the direct admissions program under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.84.</u>		
6.33			
7.1	Subd. 29. <u>American Indian Scholars</u>	<u>8,500,000</u>	<u>8,500,000</u>
7.2	<u>To support implementation of Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.121.</u>		
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7.4	<u>\$4,032,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,032,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for transfer to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota.</u>		
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7.8	<u>\$4,468,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,468,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for transfer to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.</u>		
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7.11	Subd. 30. <u>Inclusive Higher Education</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
7.12	<u>To enter into a contract establishing the Inclusive Higher Education Technical Assistance Center under Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.161.</u>		
7.13			
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7.16	Subd. 31. <u>Addiction Medicine Graduate Medical Education Fellowship</u>		
7.17		<u>270,000</u>	<u>270,000</u>
7.18	<u>(a) For a grant to Hennepin County Medical Center to support up to six physicians enrolled in an addiction medicine fellowship program. If the appropriation for either year is insufficient, the appropriation for the other year is available for it.</u>		
7.19			
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7.22	<u>(b) Each year, in order to receive funds under this subdivision, Hennepin County Medical Center must certify to the commissioner the</u>		
7.23			
7.24			
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9.25	<u>appropriation for administrative and promotional costs.</u>		
9.26			
9.27	Subd. 26. <u>Director of Tribal Relations</u>	<u>143,000</u>	<u>143,000</u>
9.28	Subd. 27. <u>Direct Admissions Program</u>	<u>900,000</u>	<u>900,000</u>
9.29	<u>For the direct admissions program under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.84.</u>		
9.30			
9.31	Subd. 28. <u>American Indian Scholars</u>	<u>8,500,000</u>	<u>8,500,000</u>
9.32	<u>(a) To support implementation of Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.121.</u>		
9.33			
10.1	<u>(b) \$4,032,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,032,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for transfer to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota.</u>		
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10.5	<u>(c) \$4,468,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,468,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for transfer to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.</u>		
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10.9	Subd. 29. <u>Inclusive Higher Education</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
10.10	<u>To enter into a contract establishing the Inclusive Higher Education Technical Assistance Center under Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.161.</u>		
10.11			
10.12			
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7.27	<u>number of physicians actually enrolled in an</u>
7.28	<u>addiction medicine fellowship for that year.</u>
7.29	<u>The commissioner shall transfer to Hennepin</u>
7.30	<u>County Medical Center \$90,000 for each</u>
7.31	<u>physician enrolled in an addiction medicine</u>
7.32	<u>fellowship subject to the total funds</u>
7.33	<u>appropriated by this subdivision.</u>
8.1	<u>(c) This appropriation shall be used to prepare</u>
8.2	<u>fellows to practice addiction medicine in rural</u>
8.3	<u>and underserved areas of the state, and to train</u>
8.4	<u>fellows in: diagnostic interviewing;</u>
8.5	<u>motivational interviewing; addiction</u>
8.6	<u>counseling; recognition and care of common</u>
8.7	<u>acute withdrawal syndromes and</u>
8.8	<u>complications; pharmacotherapies of addictive</u>
8.9	<u>disorders; epidemiology and pathophysiology</u>
8.10	<u>of addiction; identification and treatment of</u>
8.11	<u>addictive disorders in special populations;</u>
8.12	<u>secondary interventions; the use of screening</u>
8.13	<u>and diagnostic instruments; inpatient care; and</u>
8.14	<u>working within a multidisciplinary team.</u>
8.15	<u>Subd. 32. Unemployment Insurance Aid</u>
8.16	<u>For unemployment insurance aid to Tribal</u>
8.17	<u>colleges under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>
8.18	<u>268.193. Of the amount appropriated, \$24,000</u>
8.19	<u>each year is for administration of the</u>
8.20	<u>unemployment insurance aid.</u>

10.14	<u>Subd. 30. Paramedic Scholarship Program</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
10.15	<u>For the paramedic scholarship program under</u>		
10.16	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1278.</u>		
10.17	<u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
10.18	<u>136A.01, subdivision 4, the commissioner</u>		
10.19	<u>may use no more than \$50,000 of the annual</u>		
10.20	<u>appropriation for administrative and</u>		
10.21	<u>promotional costs.</u>		
10.22	<u>Subd. 31. Unemployment Insurance Aid</u>	<u>158,000</u>	<u>158,000</u>
10.23	<u>For unemployment insurance aid to Tribal</u>		
10.24	<u>colleges under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
10.25	<u>268.193. Of the amount appropriated, \$24,000</u>		
10.26	<u>each year is for administration of</u>		
10.27	<u>unemployment insurance aid.</u>		

8.21	Subd. 33. <u>North Star Promise; Administrative</u>		
8.22	<u>Costs</u>	<u>202,000</u>	<u>202,000</u>
8.23	For administrative and promotion expenses to		
8.24	implement and direct the scholarship awards		
8.25	under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1465.		
8.26	Subd. 34. <u>Agency Administration</u>	<u>6,194,000</u>	<u>6,360,000</u>
8.27	Subd. 35. <u>Balances Forward</u>		
8.28	A balance in the first year under this section		
8.29	does not cancel, but is available for the second		
8.30	year.		
8.31	Subd. 36. <u>Transfer Authority</u>		
8.32	The commissioner of the Office of Higher		
8.33	Education may transfer unencumbered		
8.34	balances from the appropriations in this		
9.1	section to the state grant appropriation, the		
9.2	interstate tuition reciprocity appropriation, the		
9.3	child care grant appropriation, the Indian		
9.4	scholarship appropriation, the state work-study		
9.5	appropriation, the get ready appropriation, the		
9.6	intervention for college attendance		
9.7	appropriation, the student-parent information		
9.8	appropriation, the public safety officers'		
9.9	survivors appropriation, and the fostering		
9.10	independence higher education grant program.		
9.11	The commissioner may transfer unencumbered		
9.12	balances from the <u>Hunger-Free Campus</u>		
9.13	appropriations to the emergency assistance for		
9.14	postsecondary students grant. To the extent		
9.15	there is a projected surplus in the appropriation		
9.16	for either the student teachers in shortage areas		
9.17	grant program or the underrepresented student		
9.18	teacher grant program, the commissioner may		
9.19	transfer unencumbered balances between the		
9.20	two programs as needed to meet demand.		
9.21	Transfers from the child care, state		
9.22	work-study, or <u>Hunger-Free Campus</u>		
9.23	appropriations may only be made to the extent		

10.28	Subd. 32. <u>North Star Promise; Administrative</u>	<u>202,000</u>	<u>202,000</u>
10.29	<u>Costs</u>		
10.30	For administrative and promotion expenses to		
10.31	implement and direct the scholarship awards		
10.32	under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1465.		
10.33	Subd. 33. <u>Agency Administration</u>	<u>6,219,000</u>	<u>6,385,000</u>
11.1	Subd. 34. <u>Balances Forward</u>		
11.2	A balance in the first year under this section		
11.3	does not cancel, but is available for the second		
11.4	year.		
11.5	Subd. 35. <u>Transfers</u>		
11.6	The commissioner of the Office of Higher		
11.7	Education may transfer unencumbered		
11.8	balances from the appropriations in this		
11.9	section to the state grant appropriation, the		
11.10	interstate tuition reciprocity appropriation, the		
11.11	child care grant appropriation, the Indian		
11.12	scholarship appropriation, the state work-study		
11.13	appropriation, the get ready appropriation, the		
11.14	intervention for college attendance		
11.15	appropriation, the student-parent information		
11.16	appropriation, the <u>summer academic</u>		
11.17	<u>enrichment program appropriation, the public</u>		
11.18	safety officers' survivors appropriation, and		
11.19	the fostering independence higher education		
11.20	grant program. The commissioner may transfer		
11.21	unencumbered balances from the <u>hunger-free</u>		
11.22	<u>campus</u> appropriations to the emergency		
11.23	assistance for postsecondary students grant.		
11.24	To the extent there is a projected surplus in		
11.25	the appropriation for either the student		
11.26	teachers in shortage areas grant program or		
11.27	the underrepresented student teacher grant		
11.28	program, the commissioner may transfer		
11.29	unencumbered balances between the two		
11.30	programs as needed to meet demand. Transfers		
11.31	from the child care, state work-study, or <u>the</u>		

9.24 there is a projected surplus in the
9.25 appropriation. A transfer may be made only
9.26 with prior written notice to the chairs and
9.27 ranking minority members of the senate and
9.28 house of representatives committees with
9.29 jurisdiction over higher education finance.

9.30 **Sec. 3. BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**
9.31 **MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND**
9.32 **UNIVERSITIES**

9.33	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$ 877,939,000</u>	<u>\$ 877,950,000</u>
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9.34 The amounts that may be spent for each
9.35 purpose are specified in the following
9.36 subdivisions.

10.1	Subd. 2. <u>Central Office and Shared Services</u>		
10.2	<u>Unit</u>	36,401,000	36,401,000

10.3 For the Office of the Chancellor and the
10.4 Shared Services Division.

10.5	Subd. 3. Operations and Maintenance	836,923,000	836,934,000
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10.6 (a) This appropriation includes \$37,500,000
10.7 in fiscal year 2026 and \$37,500,000 in fiscal
10.8 year 2027 for student tuition relief.

10.9 (b) \$5,700,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
10.10 \$5,700,000 in fiscal year 2027 are to provide
10.11 supplemental aid for operations and
10.12 maintenance to the president of each two-year
10.13 institution in the system with at least one
10.14 campus that is not located in a metropolitan
10.15 county, as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
10.16 section 473.121, subdivision 4. The board
10.17 shall transfer at least \$158,000 for each
10.18 campus not located in a metropolitan county
10.19 in each year to the president of each institution
10.20 that includes such a campus.

11.32 hunger-free campus appropriations may only
11.33 be made to the extent there is a projected
11.34 surplus in the appropriation. A transfer may
11.35 be made only with prior written notice to the
12.1 chairs and ranking minority members of the
12.2 senate and house of representatives
12.3 committees with jurisdiction over higher
12.4 education finance.

12.5 **Sec. 3. BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**
12.6 **MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND**
12.7 **UNIVERSITIES**

12.8	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$ 880,039,000</u>	<u>\$ 879,050,000</u>
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12.9 The amounts that may be spent for each
12.10 purpose are specified in the following
12.11 subdivisions.

12.12	<u>Subd. 2. Central Office and Shared Services</u>		
12.13	<u>Unit</u>	36,401,000	36,401,000

12.14 For the Office of the Chancellor and the
12.15 Shared Services Division.

12.16	Subd. 3. Operations and Maintenance	831,873,000	830,884,000
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12.17 (a) \$5,700,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
12.18 \$5,700,000 in fiscal year 2027 are to provide
12.19 supplemental aid for operations and
12.20 maintenance to the president of each two-year
12.21 institution in the system with at least one
12.22 campus that is not located in a metropolitan
12.23 county, as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
12.24 section 473.121, subdivision 4. The board
12.25 shall transfer at least \$158,000 for each
12.26 campus not located in a metropolitan county
12.27 in each year to the president of each institution
12.28 that includes such a campus.

10.21 (c) The Board of Trustees is requested to help
10.22 Minnesota close the attainment gap by funding
10.23 activities which improve retention and
10.24 completion for students of color.

10.25 (d) \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
10.26 \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for
10.27 workforce development scholarships under
10.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.38.

10.29 (e) \$300,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$300,000
10.30 in fiscal year 2027 are for transfer to the Cook
10.31 County Higher Education Board to provide
10.32 educational programming, workforce
10.33 development, and academic support services
10.34 to remote regions in northeastern Minnesota.
11.1 The Cook County Higher Education Board
11.2 shall continue to provide information to the
11.3 Board of Trustees on the number of students
11.4 served, credit hours delivered, and services
11.5 provided to students.

11.6 (f) \$40,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$40,000 in
11.7 fiscal year 2027 are to implement the sexual
11.8 assault policies required under Minnesota
11.9 Statutes, section 135A.15.

11.10 (g) \$9,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
11.11 \$9,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for
11.12 enterprise-wide technology, including
11.13 upgrading the Integrated Statewide Record
11.14 System and maintaining enterprise-wide
11.15 technology services.

11.16 (h) \$50,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$50,000
11.17 in fiscal year 2027 are to reduce students'
11.18 out-of-pocket costs by expanding free
11.19 offerings in course materials and resources,
11.20 including through open educational resources,
11.21 open textbooks, and implementation of
11.22 Z-Degrees under Minnesota Statutes, section
11.23 136F.305.

11.24 (i) \$3,158,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
11.25 \$3,158,000 in fiscal year 2027 are to expand

12.29 (b) The Board of Trustees is requested to help
12.30 Minnesota close the attainment gap by funding
12.31 activities which improve retention and
12.32 completion for students of color.

14.32 (a) \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
14.33 \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for
14.34 workforce development scholarships under
14.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.38.

17.10 Subd. 5. **Cook County Higher Education Board**

17.11 For a grant to the Cook County Higher
17.12 Education Board to provide educational
17.13 programming, workforce development, and
17.14 academic support services to remote regions
17.15 in northeastern Minnesota. The Cook County
17.16 Higher Education Board shall continue to
17.17 provide information to the Board of Trustees
17.18 on the number of students served, credit hours
17.19 delivered, and services provided to students.

12.33 (c) \$9,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
12.34 \$9,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for
13.1 enterprise-wide technology, including
13.2 upgrading the Integrated Statewide Record
13.3 System and maintaining enterprise-wide
13.4 technology services.

13.5 (d) \$550,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$550,000
13.6 in fiscal year 2027 are to reduce students'
13.7 out-of-pocket costs by expanding free
13.8 offerings in course materials and resources,
13.9 including through open educational resources,
13.10 open textbooks, and implementation of
13.11 Z-Degrees under Minnesota Statutes, section
13.12 136F.305.

13.13 (e) \$3,158,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
13.14 \$3,158,000 in fiscal year 2027 are to expand

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11.26 student support services. This appropriation
11.27 provides funding to campuses to address basic
11.28 needs insecurity, mental health, and other
11.29 high-need student support services by
11.30 increasing the amount of available resources
11.31 to students. In addition, this funding provides
11.32 systemwide resources and coordination,
11.33 including electronic connections for peer
11.34 support and professional clinical support for
11.35 mental health. These systemwide resources
12.1 must be available online 24 hours a day, seven
12.2 days a week.

12.3 (j) \$883,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$894,000
12.4 in fiscal year 2027 are for costs associated
12.5 with the increased employer contribution rates
12.6 for the higher education individual retirement
12.7 account plan under Minnesota Statutes, section
12.8 354B.23, subdivision 3.

12.9 (k) \$282,000 the first year and \$282,000 the
12.10 second year are to pay the cost of supplies and
12.11 equipment necessary to provide access to
12.12 menstrual products under Minnesota Statutes,
12.13 section 135A.1365.

12.14 (l) \$809,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$809,000
12.15 in fiscal year 2027 are for unemployment
12.16 insurance aid under Minnesota Statutes,
12.17 section 268.193, to institutions within the
12.18 system.

13.15 student support services. This appropriation
13.16 provides funding to campuses to address basic
13.17 needs insecurity, mental health, and other
13.18 high-need student support services by
13.19 increasing the amount of available resources
13.20 to students. In addition, this funding provides
13.21 systemwide resources and coordination,
13.22 including electronic connections for peer
13.23 support and professional clinical support for
13.24 mental health. These systemwide resources
13.25 must be available online 24 hours a day, seven
13.26 days a week.

13.27 (f) \$883,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$894,000
13.28 in fiscal year 2027 are for costs associated
13.29 with the increased employer contribution rates
13.30 for the higher education individual retirement
13.31 account plan under Minnesota Statutes, section
13.32 354B.23, subdivision 3.

13.33 (g) \$809,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$809,000
13.34 in fiscal year 2027 are for unemployment
13.35 insurance aid under Minnesota Statutes,
14.1 section 268.193, to institutions within the
14.2 system.

14.19 (i) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 is to address
14.20 contamination of PFAS, as defined in
14.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 116.943, arising
14.22 from or associated with the use of firefighting
14.23 foam at the Lake Superior College Emergency
14.24 Response Training Center (ERTC) prior to
14.25 January 1, 2015. Money may be used to
14.26 conduct environmental investigation and
14.27 response activities, including ERTC program
14.28 accommodations, and reimburse past expenses
14.29 incurred for these activities. This is a onetime
14.30 appropriation.

12.19 (m) \$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
12.20 \$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for direct
12.21 emergency grants to students. This
12.22 appropriation must be used for emergency
12.23 grants to students to meet immediate student
12.24 needs that could result in a student not
12.25 completing the term or the program, including
12.26 but not limited to emergency housing, food,
12.27 and transportation. Institutions shall minimize
12.28 any negative impact on student financial aid
12.29 resulting from the receipt of emergency funds.

12.30 Subd. 4. Learning Network of Minnesota 4,115,000 4,115,000

15.1 (b) \$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
15.2 \$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for
15.3 emergency assistance grants to Minnesota
15.4 State Colleges and Universities students. The
15.5 Board of Trustees must:

15.6 (1) award emergency assistance grants directly
15.7 to students to meet immediate needs that could
15.8 interfere with the student completing the term
15.9 or their program, including but not limited to
15.10 emergency housing, food, and transportation;

15.11 (2) minimize any negative impact on student
15.12 financial aid resulting from the receipt of
15.13 emergency money; and

15.14 (3) by February 1 of each year, submit a report
15.15 to the chairs and ranking minority members
15.16 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
15.17 over higher education on emergency assistance
15.18 grants awarded to students using the money
15.19 appropriated in this paragraph. The report must
15.20 detail:

15.21 (i) how money was distributed among
15.22 institutions;

15.23 (ii) the process by which students apply for
15.24 emergency assistance grants and institutions
15.25 make a determination about whether money
15.26 will be awarded;

15.27 (iii) how many students received emergency
15.28 assistance grants and the average award
15.29 amount;

15.30 (iv) the most common student needs that
15.31 grants were awarded to meet; and

15.32 (v) the average length of time between grant
15.33 application and disbursement to students.

17.20 Subd. 6. Learning Network of Minnesota 4,115,000 4,115,000

12.31	Subd. 5. Juvenile Detention Alternatives		
12.32	Initiative	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
12.33	<u>For transfer to Metropolitan State University.</u>		
12.34	<u>Of this amount: \$280,000 each year is to</u>		
13.1	<u>provide juvenile justice services and resources,</u>		
13.2	<u>including the Juvenile Detention Alternatives</u>		
13.3	<u>Initiative, to Minnesota counties and federally</u>		
13.4	<u>recognized Tribes; and \$220,000 each year is</u>		
13.5	<u>for funding to local units of government,</u>		
13.6	<u>federally recognized Tribes, and agencies to</u>		
13.7	<u>support local Juvenile Detention Alternative</u>		
13.8	<u>Initiatives, including but not limited to</u>		
13.9	<u>alternatives to detention. Any unencumbered</u>		
13.10	<u>balance remaining in the first year does not</u>		
13.11	<u>cancel and is available in the second year.</u>		

14.3	<u>(h) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000</u>		
14.4	<u>in fiscal year 2027 are for the Juvenile</u>		
14.5	<u>Detention Alternatives Initiative at</u>		
14.6	<u>Metropolitan State University. Of this amount,</u>		
14.7	<u>\$280,000 each year is to provide juvenile</u>		
14.8	<u>justice services and resources, including the</u>		
14.9	<u>Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, to</u>		
14.10	<u>Minnesota counties and federally recognized</u>		
14.11	<u>Tribes; and \$220,000 each year is for funding</u>		
14.12	<u>to local units of government, federally</u>		
14.13	<u>recognized Tribes, and agencies to support</u>		
14.14	<u>local Juvenile Detention Alternative</u>		
14.15	<u>Initiatives, including but not limited to</u>		
14.16	<u>alternatives to detention. Any unencumbered</u>		
14.17	<u>balance remaining in the first year does not</u>		
14.18	<u>cancel and is available in the second year.</u>		
14.31	Subd. 4. Direct Student Support	<u>7,350,000</u>	<u>7,350,000</u>
16.1	<u>(c) \$600,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$600,000</u>		
16.2	<u>in fiscal year 2027 are for hunger-free campus</u>		
16.3	<u>activities. The Board of Trustees must:</u>		
16.4	<u>(1) meet the following hunger-free campus</u>		
16.5	<u>requirements on Minnesota State Colleges and</u>		
16.6	<u>Universities campuses:</u>		
16.7	<u>(i) maintain an on-campus food pantry or</u>		
16.8	<u>partnership with a local food bank to provide</u>		
16.9	<u>regular, on-campus food distributions;</u>		
16.10	<u>(ii) provide information to students on the</u>		
16.11	<u>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program</u>		
16.12	<u>(SNAP), the Minnesota Family Investment</u>		
16.13	<u>Program (MFIP), and other programs that</u>		
16.14	<u>reduce food insecurity;</u>		
16.15	<u>(iii) notify students in work-study employment</u>		
16.16	<u>of their potential eligibility for SNAP benefits</u>		
16.17	<u>and provide information to those students</u>		
16.18	<u>about eligibility criteria and how to apply for</u>		
16.19	<u>benefits;</u>		

13.12 Sec. 4. **BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE**
13.13 **UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

13.14	Subdivision 1. <u>Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>756,660,000</u>	\$	<u>741,398,000</u>
13.15	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>				
13.16		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>		
13.17	<u>General</u>	<u>754,503,000</u>	<u>739,241,000</u>		
13.18	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>		

- 16.20 (iv) hold or participate in one hunger
16.21 awareness event per academic year;
- 16.22 (v) provide emergency assistance grants to
16.23 students; and
- 16.24 (vi) establish a hunger task force that meets a
16.25 minimum of three times per academic year
16.26 and that includes at least two students
16.27 currently enrolled at the institution;
- 16.28 (2) match at least 50 percent of the amount
16.29 appropriated in this paragraph with either
16.30 in-kind contributions or other resources; and
- 16.31 (3) by February 1 each year, submit a report
16.32 to the chairs and ranking minority members
16.33 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
17.1 over higher education on hunger-free campus
17.2 activities performed using the money
17.3 appropriated in this paragraph. The report must
17.4 detail:
- 17.5 (i) how money was distributed among
17.6 institutions;
- 17.7 (ii) how hunger-free campus requirements
17.8 were met at those institutions; and
- 17.9 (iii) how many students were served.

17.21 Sec. 4. **BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE**
17.22 **UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

17.23	Subdivision 1. <u>Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>744,263,000</u>	\$	<u>744,263,000</u>
17.24	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>				
17.25		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>		
17.26	<u>General</u>	<u>742,106,000</u>	<u>742,106,000</u>		
17.27	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>		

13.19	The amounts that may be spent for each		
13.20	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>		
13.21	<u>subdivisions.</u>		
13.22	Subd. 2. <u>Operations and Maintenance</u>	<u>693,056,000</u>	<u>677,794,000</u>
13.23	(a) <u>\$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
13.24	<u>\$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are to: (1)</u>		
13.25	<u>increase the medical school's research</u>		
13.26	<u>capacity; (2) improve the medical school's</u>		
13.27	<u>ranking in National Institutes of Health</u>		
13.28	<u>funding; (3) ensure the medical school's</u>		
13.29	<u>national prominence by attracting and</u>		
13.30	<u>retaining world-class faculty, staff, and</u>		
13.31	<u>students; (4) invest in physician training</u>		
13.32	<u>programs in rural and underserved</u>		
13.33	<u>communities; and (5) translate the medical</u>		
13.34	<u>school's research discoveries into new</u>		
14.1	<u>treatments and cures to improve the health of</u>		
14.2	<u>Minnesotans.</u>		
14.3	(b) <u>\$7,800,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
14.4	<u>\$7,800,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for health</u>		
14.5	<u>training restoration. This appropriation must</u>		
14.6	<u>be used to support all of the following: (1)</u>		
14.7	<u>faculty physicians who teach at eight residency</u>		
14.8	<u>program sites, including medical resident and</u>		
14.9	<u>student training programs in the Department</u>		
14.10	<u>of Family Medicine; (2) the Mobile Dental</u>		
14.11	<u>Clinic; and (3) expansion of geriatric</u>		
14.12	<u>education and family programs.</u>		

17.28	The amounts that may be spent for each		
17.29	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>		
17.30	<u>subdivisions.</u>		
17.31	Subd. 2. <u>Operations and Maintenance</u>	<u>644,128,000</u>	<u>644,128,000</u>
18.1	(a) <u>\$12,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
18.2	<u>\$12,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for</u>		
18.3	<u>Medical Discovery Teams on Addiction, the</u>		
18.4	<u>Biology of Aging, Optical Imaging and Brain</u>		
18.5	<u>Science, Rural and American Indian Health</u>		
18.6	<u>Disparities, Incretin Mimetics, and other</u>		
18.7	<u>critical, complex health issues.</u>		
18.8	(b) <u>\$2,150,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
18.9	<u>\$2,150,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the</u>		
18.10	<u>Clinical and Translational Science Institute.</u>		
18.11	(c) <u>The Board of Regents may transfer</u>		
18.12	<u>unencumbered balances between the</u>		
18.13	<u>appropriations for the Medical Discovery</u>		
18.14	<u>Teams and the Clinical and Translational</u>		
18.15	<u>Science Institute as needed.</u>		
19.19	(a) <u>\$1,043,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
19.20	<u>\$1,043,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the</u>		
19.21	<u>Rural Physician Associate Program (RPAP)</u>		
19.22	<u>and Metropolitan Physician Associate Program</u>		
19.23	<u>(MetroPAP).</u>		
19.24	(b) <u>\$6,247,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
19.25	<u>\$6,247,000 in fiscal year 2027 are to support</u>		
19.26	<u>faculty physicians teaching at eight clinical</u>		
19.27	<u>residency program sites, including medical</u>		
19.28	<u>resident and student training programs in the</u>		
19.29	<u>Department of Family Medicine and</u>		
19.30	<u>Community Health.</u>		
20.15	(e) <u>\$993,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$993,000</u>		
20.16	<u>in fiscal year 2027 are for the Mobile Dental</u>		
20.17	<u>Clinic.</u>		
20.22	(g) <u>\$660,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$660,000</u>		
20.23	<u>in fiscal year 2027 are for geriatrics education.</u>		

14.13 (c) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
 14.14 \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the
 14.15 Minnesota Discovery, Research, and
 14.16 InnoVation Economy funding program for
 14.17 cancer care research.

14.18 (d) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000
 14.19 in fiscal year 2027 are for the University of
 14.20 Minnesota, Morris branch, to cover the costs
 14.21 of tuition waivers under Minnesota Statutes,
 14.22 section 137.16.

14.23 (e) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
 14.24 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for
 14.25 systemwide safety and security measures on
 14.26 University of Minnesota campuses.

14.27 (f) \$366,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$366,000
 14.28 in fiscal year 2027 are for unemployment
 14.29 insurance aid under Minnesota Statutes,
 14.30 section 268.193.

14.31 (g) \$110,000 the first year and \$110,000 the
 14.32 second year are to pay the cost of supplies and
 14.33 equipment necessary to provide access to
 15.1 menstrual products under Minnesota Statutes,
 15.2 section 135A.1365.

15.3 (h) \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
 15.4 \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for a
 15.5 partnership between the University of
 15.6 Minnesota Medical School and CentraCare to
 15.7 establish and operate new residency programs
 15.8 and maintain existing residency programs
 15.9 based in CentraCare hospitals and clinics in
 15.10 the cities of St. Cloud and Willmar. Eligible
 15.11 uses of this appropriation include but are not
 15.12 limited to program administration, curriculum
 15.13 development, resident recruitment, training,
 15.14 and resident stipends.

15.15 (i) \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$750,000
 15.16 in fiscal year 2027 are for direct emergency
 15.17 grants to students. This appropriation must be
 15.18 used for emergency grants to students to meet
 15.19 immediate student needs that could result in

18.16 (d) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
 18.17 \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the
 18.18 Minnesota Cancer Clinical Trials Network.

25.6 (a) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
 25.7 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for campus
 25.8 safety and security measures.

25.9 (b) \$366,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$366,000
 25.10 in fiscal year 2027 are for unemployment
 25.11 insurance aid under Minnesota Statutes,
 25.12 section 268.193.

20.3 (d) \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
 20.4 \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for a
 20.5 partnership between the University of
 20.6 Minnesota Medical School and CentraCare to
 20.7 establish and operate new residency programs
 20.8 and maintain existing residency programs
 20.9 based in CentraCare hospitals and clinics in
 20.10 St. Cloud and Willmar. Eligible uses of this
 20.11 appropriation include but are not limited to
 20.12 program administration, curriculum
 20.13 development, resident recruitment, training,
 20.14 and resident stipends.

25.13 (e) \$779,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$779,000
 25.14 in fiscal year 2027 are for emergency
 25.15 assistance grants to University of Minnesota
 25.16 students. The Board of Regents must:

15.20 a student not completing the term or the
15.21 program, including but not limited to
15.22 emergency housing, food, and transportation.
15.23 Institutions shall minimize any negative
15.24 impact on student financial aid resulting from
15.25 the receipt of emergency funds.

15.26 (j) \$15,262,000 in fiscal year 2026 is for a
15.27 collaborative partnership with the Mayo Clinic
15.28 to engage in ongoing research into
15.29 amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), with the
15.30 goal of bettering the lives of individuals with
15.31 ALS and finding a cure for the disease. This
15.32 is a onetime appropriation. Notwithstanding
15.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28,
15.34 unencumbered balances under this paragraph

25.17 (1) award emergency assistance grants directly
25.18 to students to meet immediate needs that could
25.19 interfere with the student completing the term
25.20 or their program, including but not limited to
25.21 emergency housing, food, and transportation;

25.22 (2) minimize any negative impact on student
25.23 financial aid resulting from the receipt of
25.24 emergency money; and

25.25 (3) by February 1 each year, submit a report
25.26 to the chairs and ranking minority members
25.27 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
25.28 over higher education on emergency assistance
25.29 grants awarded to students using the money
25.30 appropriated in this paragraph. The report must
25.31 detail:

25.32 (i) how money was distributed among
25.33 institutions;

26.1 (ii) the process by which students apply for
26.2 emergency assistance grants and institutions
26.3 make a determination about whether money
26.4 will be awarded;

26.5 (iii) how many students received emergency
26.6 assistance grants and the average award
26.7 amount;

26.8 (iv) the most common student needs that
26.9 grants were awarded to meet; and

26.10 (v) the average length of time between grant
26.11 application and disbursement to students.

15.35 do not cancel until June 30, 2029. Beginning
 16.1 January 15, 2026, and annually thereafter until
 16.2 January 15, 2030, or until the money is fully
 16.3 expended, whichever occurs first, the Board
 16.4 of Regents must submit a report to the
 16.5 legislature specifying how the collaborative
 16.6 partnership has used money under this
 16.7 paragraph.

16.8 Subd. 3. **Primary Care Education Initiatives** 2,157,000 2,157,000

16.9 This appropriation is from the health care
 16.10 access fund.

16.11 Subd. 4. **Special Appropriations**

16.12 (a) **Agriculture and Extension Service** 42,922,000 42,922,000

16.13 For the Agricultural Experiment Station and
 16.14 the Minnesota Extension Service:

16.15 (1) the agricultural experiment stations and
 16.16 Minnesota Extension Service must convene
 16.17 agricultural advisory groups to focus research,
 16.18 education, and extension activities on producer
 16.19 needs and implement an outreach strategy that
 16.20 more effectively and rapidly transfers research
 16.21 results and best practices to producers
 16.22 throughout the state;

16.23 (2) this appropriation includes funding for
 16.24 research and outreach on the production of
 16.25 renewable energy from Minnesota biomass
 16.26 resources, including agronomic crops, plant
 16.27 and animal wastes, and native plants or trees.
 16.28 The following areas should be prioritized and
 16.29 carried out in consultation with Minnesota
 16.30 producers, renewable energy, and bioenergy
 16.31 organizations:

16.32 (i) biofuel and other energy production from
 16.33 perennial crops, small grains, row crops, and

20.18 (f) \$2,157,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
 20.19 \$2,157,000 in fiscal year 2027 are from the
 20.20 health care access fund for primary care
 20.21 education initiatives.

21.3 Subd. 6. **Special Appropriations; Natural**
 21.4 **Resources Management and Education**

50,009,000

50,009,000

21.5 (a) \$27,086,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
 21.6 \$27,086,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the
 21.7 Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station.

21.8 (b) \$15,836,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
 21.9 \$15,836,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the
 21.10 University of Minnesota Extension.

21.11 (c) The amounts appropriated in paragraphs
 21.12 (a) and (b) must be used for the following:

21.13 (1) the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment
 21.14 Station and University of Minnesota Extension
 21.15 must convene agricultural advisory groups to
 21.16 focus research, education, and Extension
 21.17 activities on producer needs and implement
 21.18 an outreach strategy that more effectively and
 21.19 rapidly transfers research results and best
 21.20 practices to producers throughout the state;

21.21 (2) this appropriation includes funding for
 21.22 research and outreach on the production of
 21.23 renewable energy from Minnesota biomass
 21.24 resources, including agronomic crops, plant
 21.25 and animal wastes, and native plants or trees.
 21.26 The following areas should be prioritized and
 21.27 carried out in consultation with Minnesota

17.1 forestry products in conjunction with the
17.2 Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI);

17.3 (ii) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping
17.4 systems; and

17.5 (iii) biofuel coproducts used for livestock feed;

17.6 (3) this appropriation includes funding for the
17.7 College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural
17.8 Resources Sciences to establish and provide
17.9 leadership for organic agronomic,
17.10 horticultural, livestock, and food systems
17.11 research, education, and outreach and for the
17.12 purchase of state-of-the-art laboratory,
17.13 planting, tilling, harvesting, and processing
17.14 equipment necessary for this project;

17.15 (4) this appropriation includes funding for
17.16 research efforts that demonstrate a renewed
17.17 emphasis on the needs of the state's agriculture
17.18 community. The following areas should be
17.19 prioritized and carried out in consultation with
17.20 Minnesota farm organizations;

17.21 (i) vegetable crop research with priority for
17.22 extending the Minnesota vegetable growing
17.23 season;

17.24 (ii) fertilizer and soil fertility research and
17.25 development;

17.26 (iii) soil, groundwater, and surface water
17.27 conservation practices and contaminant
17.28 reduction research;

17.29 (iv) discovering and developing plant varieties
17.30 that use nutrients more efficiently;

17.31 (v) breeding and development of turf seed and
17.32 other biomass resources in all three Minnesota
17.33 biomes;

18.1 (vi) development of new disease-resistant and
18.2 pest-resistant varieties of turf and agronomic
18.3 crops;

21.28 producers, renewable energy, and bioenergy
21.29 organizations;

21.30 (i) biofuel and other energy production from
21.31 perennial crops, small grains, row crops, and
21.32 forestry products in conjunction with the
21.33 Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI);

22.1 (ii) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping
22.2 systems; and

22.3 (iii) biofuel coproducts used for livestock feed;

22.4 (3) this appropriation includes funding for the
22.5 College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural
22.6 Resource Sciences to establish and provide
22.7 leadership for organic agronomic,
22.8 horticultural, livestock, and food systems
22.9 research, education, and outreach and for the
22.10 purchase of state-of-the-art laboratory,
22.11 planting, tilling, harvesting, and processing
22.12 equipment necessary for this project;

22.13 (4) this appropriation includes funding for
22.14 research efforts that demonstrate a renewed
22.15 emphasis on the needs of the state's agriculture
22.16 community. The following areas should be
22.17 prioritized and carried out in consultation with
22.18 Minnesota farm organizations;

22.19 (i) vegetable crop research with priority for
22.20 extending the Minnesota vegetable growing
22.21 season;

22.22 (ii) fertilizer and soil fertility research and
22.23 development;

22.24 (iii) soil, groundwater, and surface water
22.25 conservation practices and contaminant
22.26 reduction research;

22.27 (iv) discovering and developing plant varieties
22.28 that use nutrients more efficiently;

18.4 (vii) utilizing plant and livestock cells to treat
18.5 and cure human diseases;

18.6 (viii) the development of dairy coproducts;

18.7 (ix) a rapid agricultural response fund for
18.8 current or emerging animal, plant, and insect
18.9 problems affecting production or food safety;

18.10 (x) crop pest and animal disease research;

18.11 (xi) developing animal agriculture that is
18.12 capable of sustainably feeding the world;

18.13 (xii) consumer food safety education and
18.14 outreach;

18.15 (xiii) programs to meet the research and
18.16 outreach needs of organic livestock and crop
18.17 farmers; and

18.18 (xiv) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping
18.19 systems; and growing, harvesting, and
18.20 transporting biomass plant material; and

18.21 (5) by February 1, 2027, the Board of Regents
18.22 must submit a report to the legislative
18.23 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
18.24 over agriculture and higher education finance
18.25 on the status and outcomes of research and
18.26 initiatives funded in this paragraph.

18.27 (b) Health Sciences 9,204,000 9,204,000

18.28 \$346,000 each year is to support up to 12
18.29 resident physicians in the St. Cloud Hospital
18.30 family practice residency program. The
18.31 program must prepare doctors to practice
18.32 primary care medicine in rural areas of the
19.1 state. The legislature intends this program to

22.29 (v) breeding and development of turf seed and
22.30 other biomass resources in all three Minnesota
22.31 biomes;

23.1 (vi) development of new disease-resistant and
23.2 pest-resistant varieties of turf and agronomic
23.3 crops;

23.4 (vii) utilizing plant and livestock cells to treat
23.5 and cure human diseases;

23.6 (viii) the development of dairy coproducts;

23.7 (ix) a rapid agricultural response fund for
23.8 current or emerging animal, plant, and insect
23.9 problems affecting production or food safety;

23.10 (x) crop pest and animal disease research;

23.11 (xi) developing animal agriculture that is
23.12 capable of sustainably feeding the world;

23.13 (xii) consumer food safety education and
23.14 outreach;

23.15 (xiii) programs to meet the research and
23.16 outreach needs of organic livestock and crop
23.17 farmers; and

23.18 (xiv) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping
23.19 systems and growing, harvesting, and
23.20 transporting biomass plant material; and

23.21 (5) by February 1, 2027, the Board of Regents
23.22 must submit a report to the legislative
23.23 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
23.24 over agriculture and higher education finance
23.25 on the status and outcomes of research and
23.26 initiatives funded in paragraphs (a) and (b).

19.31 (c) \$346,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$346,000
19.32 in fiscal year 2027 are to support up to 12
19.33 resident physicians in the St. Cloud Hospital
19.34 family medicine residency program, which
20.1 must prepare doctors to practice primary care
20.2 medicine in rural areas of Minnesota.

19.2	<u>improve health care in rural communities,</u>		
19.3	<u>provide affordable access to appropriate</u>		
19.4	<u>medical care, and manage the treatment of</u>		
19.5	<u>patients in a more cost-effective manner. The</u>		
19.6	<u>remainder of this appropriation is for the rural</u>		
19.7	<u>physicians associates program; the Veterinary</u>		
19.8	<u>Diagnostic Laboratory; health sciences</u>		
19.9	<u>research; dental care; the Biomedical</u>		
19.10	<u>Engineering Center; and the collaborative</u>		
19.11	<u>partnership between the University of</u>		
19.12	<u>Minnesota and Mayo Clinic for regenerative</u>		
19.13	<u>medicine, research, clinical translation, and</u>		
19.14	<u>commercialization.</u>		
19.15	<u>(c) College of Science and Engineering</u>	<u>1,140,000</u>	<u>1,140,000</u>
19.16	<u>For the geological survey and the talented</u>		
19.17	<u>youth mathematics program.</u>		
19.18	<u>(d) System Special</u>	<u>7,181,000</u>	<u>7,181,000</u>
19.19	<u>(1) For general research, the Labor Education</u>		
19.20	<u>Service, Natural Resources Research Institute,</u>		
19.21	<u>Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, Bell</u>		
19.22	<u>Museum of Natural History, and the</u>		
19.23	<u>Humphrey exhibit.</u>		
19.24	<u>(2) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
19.25	<u>\$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the</u>		
19.26	<u>Natural Resources Research Institute to invest</u>		
19.27	<u>in applied research in natural resource</u>		
19.28	<u>stewardship and economic development to</u>		

23.30	<u>(e) \$1,673,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>	
23.31	<u>\$1,673,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the</u>	
23.32	<u>Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.</u>	
18.19	<u>(e) \$2,465,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>	
18.20	<u>\$2,465,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for health</u>	
18.21	<u>sciences research at the Office of Academic</u>	
18.22	<u>Clinical Affairs and the School of Public</u>	
18.23	<u>Health.</u>	
19.1	<u>(g) \$4,350,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>	
19.2	<u>\$4,350,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for</u>	
19.3	<u>competitive grants for regenerative medicine</u>	
19.4	<u>research and commercialization.</u>	
19.10	<u>(i) \$77,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$77,000 in</u>	
19.11	<u>fiscal year 2027 are for biomedical</u>	
19.12	<u>engineering.</u>	
20.25	<u>(a) \$985,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$985,000</u>	
20.26	<u>in fiscal year 2027 are for the Center for Urban</u>	
20.27	<u>and Regional Affairs.</u>	
20.28	<u>(b) \$39,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$39,000</u>	
20.29	<u>in fiscal year 2027 are for the Bureau of</u>	
20.30	<u>Business and Economic Research at the</u>	
20.31	<u>University of Minnesota Duluth.</u>	
20.32	<u>(c) \$778,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$778,000</u>	
20.33	<u>in fiscal year 2027 are for industrial relations</u>	
21.1	<u>education at the Carlson School of</u>	
21.2	<u>Management.</u>	
23.27	<u>(d) \$4,414,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>	
23.28	<u>\$4,414,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the</u>	
23.29	<u>Natural Resources Research Institute.</u>	

19.29 attract and retain top talent; provide matching
19.30 funds for federal grants; upgrade facilities,
19.31 equipment, and training; and expand
19.32 entrepreneurial support and outreach efforts.

19.33 Subd. 5. **Academic Health Center**

20.1 The appropriation for Academic Health Center
20.2 funding under Minnesota Statutes, section
20.3 297F.10, is estimated to be \$22,250,000 each
20.4 year.

20.5 Subd. 6. **Agriculture Sector; Extreme Weather**

1,000,000

1,000,000

20.6 For a program in the University of Minnesota
20.7 Extension Service that enhances the capacity
20.8 of the state's agriculture sector, land and
20.9 resource managers, and communities to plan
20.10 for and adapt to weather extremes, including
20.11 but not limited to droughts and floods. The
20.12 base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2028
20.13 and later is \$1,000,000. The appropriation
20.14 under this section must be used to support
20.15 existing extension service staff members and
20.16 to hire additional staff members for a program
20.17 with broad geographic reach throughout the
20.18 state. The program must:

20.19 (1) identify, develop, implement, and evaluate
20.20 educational programs that increase the
20.21 capacity of Minnesota's agriculture sector,
20.22 land and resource managers, and communities
20.23 to be prepared for and adapt to projected
20.24 physical changes in temperature, precipitation,
20.25 and other weather parameters that affect crops,
20.26 land, horticulture, pests, and wildlife in ways
20.27 that present challenges to the state's agriculture
20.28 sector and the communities that depend on the
20.29 agriculture sector; and

20.30 (2) communicate and interpret the latest
20.31 research on critical weather trends and the
20.32 scientific basis for critical weather trends to
20.33 further prepare extension service staff

24.1 (f) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
24.2 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for a
24.3 University of Minnesota Extension program
24.4 that enhances the capacity of the state's
24.5 agriculture sector, land and resource managers,
24.6 and communities to plan for and adapt to
24.7 weather extremes, including but not limited
24.8 to droughts and floods. The money
24.9 appropriated in this paragraph must be used
24.10 to support existing Extension staff members
24.11 and to hire additional staff members for a
24.12 program with broad geographic reach
24.13 throughout the state. The program must:

24.14 (1) identify, develop, implement, and evaluate
24.15 educational programs that increase the
24.16 capacity of Minnesota's agriculture sector,
24.17 land and resource managers, and communities
24.18 to be prepared for and adapt to projected
24.19 physical changes in temperature, precipitation,
24.20 and other weather parameters that affect crops,
24.21 lands, horticulture, pests, and wildlife in ways
24.22 that present challenges to the state's agriculture
24.23 sector and the communities that depend on the
24.24 agriculture sector; and

24.25 (2) communicate and interpret the latest
24.26 research on critical weather trends and the
24.27 scientific basis for critical weather trends to
24.28 further prepare Extension staff throughout the
24.29 state to educate and provide technical
24.30 assistance to the agriculture sector, land and

20.34 throughout the state to educate and provide
20.35 technical assistance to the agriculture sector,
21.1 land and resource managers, and community
21.2 members at the local level regarding technical
21.3 information on water resource management,
21.4 agriculture and forestry, engineering and
21.5 infrastructure design, and emergency
21.6 management that is necessary to develop
21.7 strategies to mitigate the effects of extreme
21.8 weather change.

24.31 resource managers, and community members
24.32 at the local level regarding technical
24.33 information on water resource management,
24.34 agriculture and forestry, engineering and
24.35 infrastructure design, and emergency
25.1 management that is necessary to develop
25.2 strategies to mitigate the effects of extreme
25.3 weather change.

17.32	Subd. 3. Special Appropriations; Research and		
17.33	Innovation	<u>33,033,000</u>	<u>33,033,000</u>
18.24	(f) \$7,491,000 in fiscal year 2026 and		
18.25	\$7,491,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for		
18.26	competitive grants for biotechnology and		
18.27	medical genomics research at the University		
18.28	of Minnesota and Mayo Foundation. By June		
18.29	30 of each year, the Board of Regents must		
18.30	submit a report on the expenditure of this		
18.31	money to the governor and the chairs and		
18.32	ranking minority members of the legislative		
18.33	committees with jurisdiction over higher		
18.34	education.		
19.5	(h) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000		
19.6	in fiscal year 2027 are for competitive grants		
19.7	for research into the prevention, treatment,		
19.8	causes, and cures of Alzheimer's disease and		
19.9	other dementias.		
19.13	Subd. 4. Special Appropriations; Medical		
19.14	Training and Care	\$ <u>12,946,000</u>	\$ <u>12,946,000</u>
19.15	Appropriations by Fund		
19.16		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
19.17	General	<u>10,789,000</u>	<u>10,789,000</u>
19.18	Health Care Access	<u>2,157,000</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>

20.24	Subd. 5. Special Appropriations; Social Sciences	<u>1,802,000</u>	<u>1,802,000</u>
25.4	Subd. 7. Special Appropriations; Campus		
25.5	Management and Student Support	<u>2,345,000</u>	<u>2,345,000</u>
26.12	(d) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$200,000		
26.13	in fiscal year 2027 are for hunger-free campus		
26.14	activities. The Board of Regents must:		
26.15	(1) meet the following hunger-free campus		
26.16	requirements on University of Minnesota		
26.17	campuses;		
26.18	(i) maintain an on-campus food pantry or		
26.19	partnership with a local food bank to provide		
26.20	regular, on-campus food distributions;		
26.21	(ii) provide information to students on the		
26.22	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program		
26.23	(SNAP), the Minnesota Family Investment		
26.24	Program (MFIP), and other programs that		
26.25	reduce food insecurity;		
26.26	(iii) notify students in work-study employment		
26.27	of their potential eligibility for SNAP benefits		
26.28	and provide information to those students		
26.29	about eligibility criteria and how to apply for		
26.30	benefits;		
26.31	(iv) hold or participate in one hunger		
26.32	awareness event per academic year;		
27.1	(v) provide emergency assistance grants to		
27.2	students; and		
27.3	(vi) establish a hunger task force that meets a		
27.4	minimum of three times per academic year		
27.5	and that includes at least two students		
27.6	currently enrolled at the institution;		
27.7	(2) match at least 50 percent of the amount		
27.8	appropriated in this paragraph with either		
27.9	in-kind contributions or other resources; and		
27.10	(3) by February 1 of each year, submit a report		
27.11	to the chairs and ranking minority members		

21.9 Sec. 5. **TRANSFERS.**

21.10 (a) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred from
 21.11 the general fund to the spinal cord and traumatic brain injury grant account in the special
 21.12 revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.901, subdivision 1. The commissioner
 21.13 may use up to three percent of the amounts transferred under this paragraph to administer
 21.14 the program. For fiscal years 2028 through 2031, the commissioner of management and
 21.15 budget must include a transfer of \$500,000 each year from the general fund to the spinal
 21.16 cord and traumatic brain injury grant account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota
 21.17 Statutes, section 136A.901, subdivision 1, when preparing each forecast from the effective
 21.18 date of this section through the February 2027 forecast, under Minnesota Statutes, section
 21.19 16A.103.

21.20 (b) \$3,882,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,882,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred
 21.21 from the general fund to the dual training account in the special revenue fund under
 21.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.246, subdivision 10. Of the amounts transferred under
 21.23 this paragraph:

21.24 (1) \$132,000 each year is for transfer to the Department of Labor and Industry to support
 21.25 identification of competency standards and development of dual training programs in the
 21.26 transportation and child care industries as required under Minnesota Statutes, section 175.45;
 21.27 and

21.28 (2) \$750,000 each year is for grants to employers in the legal cannabis industry. The
 21.29 commissioner may use up to six percent of the amounts transferred under this clause to
 21.30 administer the program. The commissioner must give priority to applications from employers
 21.31 who are, or who are training employees who are, eligible as social equity applicants under
 21.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 342.17. After June 30, 2027, any unencumbered balance from
 21.33 this transfer may be used for grants to any eligible employer under Minnesota Statutes,
 21.34 section 136A.246.

22.1 This transfer is \$3,882,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year thereafter. For fiscal years
 22.2 2028 through 2031, the commissioner of management and budget must include a transfer

27.12 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
 27.13 over higher education on hunger-free campus
 27.14 activities performed using the money
 27.15 appropriated in this paragraph. The report must
 27.16 detail:

27.17 (i) how funding was distributed among
 27.18 institutions;

27.19 (ii) how hunger-free campus requirements
 27.20 were met at those institutions; and

27.21 (iii) how many students were served.

27.22 Sec. 5. **TRANSFERS.**

27.23 (a) \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred
 27.24 from the general fund to the spinal cord and traumatic brain injury grant account in the
 27.25 special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.901, subdivision 1. The
 27.26 commissioner may use up to three percent of the amounts transferred under this paragraph
 27.27 to administer the program. The commissioner of management and budget must include a
 27.28 transfer of \$3,000,000 each year from the general fund to the spinal cord and traumatic
 27.29 brain injury grant account in the special revenue fund in each forecast prepared under
 27.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103, from the effective date of this section through the
 27.31 February 2027 forecast.

27.32 (b) \$3,132,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,132,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred
 27.33 from the general fund to the dual training account in the special revenue fund under
 28.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.246, subdivision 10. Of the amounts transferred under
 28.2 this paragraph, \$132,000 each year is for transfer to the Department of Labor and Industry
 28.3 to support identification of competency standards and development of dual training programs
 28.4 in the transportation and child care industries as required under Minnesota Statutes, section
 28.5 175.45. The commissioner of management and budget must include a transfer of \$3,132,000
 28.6 each year from the general fund to the dual training account in the special revenue fund in
 28.7 each forecast prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103, from the effective date
 28.8 of this section through the February 2027 forecast.

22.3 of \$3,882,000 each year from the general fund to the dual training account in the special
 22.4 revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.246, subdivision 10, when preparing
 22.5 each forecast from the effective date of this section through the February 2027 forecast,
 22.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103.

22.7 (c) \$325,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$325,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred from
 22.8 the general fund to the large animal veterinarian loan forgiveness program account in the
 22.9 special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1795, subdivision 2. For fiscal
 22.10 years 2028 through 2031, the commissioner of management and budget must include a
 22.11 transfer of \$325,000 each year from the general fund to the large animal veterinarian loan
 22.12 forgiveness program account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section
 22.13 136A.1795, subdivision 2, when preparing each forecast from the effective date of this
 22.14 section through the February 2027 forecast, under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103.

22.15 (d) \$45,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$45,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred from the
 22.16 general fund to the agricultural education loan forgiveness account in the special revenue
 22.17 fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1794, subdivision 2. For fiscal years 2028
 22.18 through 2031, the commissioner of management and budget must include a transfer of
 22.19 \$45,000 each year from the general fund to the agricultural education loan forgiveness
 22.20 account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1794, subdivision
 22.21 2, when preparing each forecast from the effective date of this section through the February
 22.22 2027 forecast, under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103.

22.23 (e) \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred from
 22.24 the general fund to the inclusive higher education grant account in the special revenue fund
 22.25 under Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.162, subdivision 4. The commissioner may use up
 22.26 to five percent of the amounts transferred under this paragraph to administer the program.
 22.27 For fiscal years 2028 through 2031, the commissioner of management and budget must
 22.28 include a transfer of \$750,000 each year from the general fund to the inclusive higher
 22.29 education grant account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section
 22.30 135A.162, subdivision 4, when preparing each forecast from the effective date of this section
 22.31 through the February 2027 forecast, under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103.

22.32 (f) \$49,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$49,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred
 22.33 from the general fund to the account in the special revenue fund for North Star Promise
 22.34 scholarships under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1465, subdivision 8. For fiscal years
 22.35 2028 through 2031, the commissioner of management and budget must include a transfer

28.9 (c) \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred from
 28.10 the general fund to the large animal veterinarian loan forgiveness program account in the
 28.11 special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1795, subdivision 2. The
 28.12 commissioner of management and budget must include a transfer of \$250,000 each year
 28.13 from the general fund to the large animal veterinarian loan forgiveness program account in
 28.14 the special revenue fund in each forecast prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103,
 28.15 from the effective date of this section through the February 2027 forecast.

28.16 (d) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$200,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred from
 28.17 the general fund to the teacher shortage loan repayment account in the special revenue fund
 28.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1791, subdivision 8. The commissioner may use
 28.19 up to three percent of the amounts transferred under this paragraph to administer the program.
 28.20 The commissioner of management and budget must include a transfer of \$200,000 each
 28.21 year from the general fund to the teacher shortage loan repayment account in the special
 28.22 revenue fund in each forecast prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103, from
 28.23 the effective date of this section through the February 2027 forecast.

28.24 (e) \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred from
 28.25 the general fund to the inclusive higher education grant account in the special revenue fund
 28.26 under Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.162, subdivision 4. The commissioner may use up
 28.27 to five percent of the amounts transferred under this paragraph to administer the program.
 28.28 The commissioner of management and budget must include a transfer of \$750,000 each
 28.29 year from the general fund to the inclusive higher education grant account in the special
 28.30 revenue fund in each forecast prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103, from
 28.31 the effective date of this section through the February 2027 forecast.

28.32 (f) \$49,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$49,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred
 28.33 from the general fund to the account in the special revenue fund for North Star Promise
 28.34 scholarships under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1465, subdivision 8. The commissioner
 28.35 of management and budget must include a transfer of \$49,500,000 each year from the general

23.1 of \$49,500,000 each year from the general fund to the account in the special revenue fund
23.2 for North Star Promise scholarships under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1465,
23.3 subdivision 8, when preparing each forecast from the effective date of this section through
23.4 the February 2027 forecast, under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103.

23.5 Sec. 6. **CANCELLATION; ALS RESEARCH.**

23.6 Of the amount appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of the Office of
23.7 Higher Education pursuant to Laws 2022, chapter 42, section 2, paragraph (b), as amended
23.8 by Laws 2024, chapter 124, article 1, section 1, and Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 34,
23.9 section 1, \$15,262,263 is canceled.

23.20 **ARTICLE 2**

23.21 **HIGHER EDUCATION PROVISIONS**

23.22 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 135A.052, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

23.23 Subdivision 1. **Statement of missions.** (a) The legislature recognizes each type of public
23.24 postsecondary institution to have a distinctive mission within the overall provision of public
23.25 higher education in the state and a responsibility to cooperate with each other. These missions
23.26 are as follows:

23.27 (1) the technical colleges shall offer vocational training and education to prepare students
23.28 for skilled occupations that do not require a baccalaureate degree;

23.29 (2) the community colleges shall offer lower division instruction in academic programs,
23.30 occupational programs in which all credits earned will be accepted for transfer to a
24.1 baccalaureate degree in the same field of study, and remedial studies, for students transferring
24.2 to baccalaureate institutions and for those seeking associate degrees;

24.3 (3) consolidated community technical colleges shall offer the same types of instruction,
24.4 programs, certificates, diplomas, and degrees as the technical colleges and community
24.5 colleges offer;

24.6 (4) the state universities shall offer undergraduate and graduate instruction through the
24.7 master's degree, including specialist certificates, in the liberal arts and sciences and
24.8 professional education, and may offer applied doctoral degrees in education, business,
24.9 psychology, physical therapy, audiology, cybersecurity, and nursing; and

29.1 fund to the account in the special revenue fund for North Star Promise scholarships in each
29.2 forecast prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103, from the effective date of this
29.3 section through the February 2027 forecast.

29.4 Sec. 6. **CANCELLATIONS.**

29.5 (a) The \$500,000 fiscal year 2025 appropriation from the general fund for the Kids on
29.6 Campus initiative under Laws 2024, chapter 124, article 1, section 6, is canceled.

29.7 (b) \$500,000 from the dual training account in the special revenue fund is canceled to
29.8 the general fund.

29.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

29.10 **ARTICLE 2**

29.11 **HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY**

29.12 Section 1. **[120B.1251] PARTICIPATION IN DIRECT ADMISSIONS PROGRAM.**

29.13 Starting in the 2029-2030 school year, a district or charter school high school must
29.14 participate in the direct admissions program under section 136A.84.

29.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 135A.052, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

29.16 Subdivision 1. **Statement of missions.** (a) The legislature recognizes each type of public
29.17 postsecondary institution to have a distinctive mission within the overall provision of public
29.18 higher education in the state and a responsibility to cooperate with each other. These missions
29.19 are as follows:

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29.21 for skilled occupations that do not require a baccalaureate degree;

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29.23 occupational programs in which all credits earned will be accepted for transfer to a
29.24 baccalaureate degree in the same field of study, and remedial studies, for students transferring
29.25 to baccalaureate institutions and for those seeking associate degrees;

29.26 (3) consolidated community technical colleges shall offer the same types of instruction,
29.27 programs, certificates, diplomas, and degrees as the technical colleges and community
29.28 colleges offer;

29.29 (4) the state universities shall offer undergraduate and graduate instruction through the
29.30 master's degree, including specialist certificates, in the liberal arts and sciences and
30.1 professional education, and may offer applied doctoral degrees in education, business,
30.2 psychology, physical therapy, audiology, cybersecurity, and nursing; and

24.10 (5) the University of Minnesota shall offer undergraduate, graduate, and professional
24.11 instruction through the doctoral degree, and shall be the primary state supported academic
24.12 agency for research and extension services.

24.13 (b) It is part of the mission of each system that within the system's resources the system's
24.14 governing board and chancellor or president shall endeavor to:

24.15 (1) prevent the waste or unnecessary spending of public money;

24.16 (2) use innovative fiscal and human resource practices to manage the state's resources
24.17 and operate the system as efficiently as possible;

24.18 (3) coordinate the system's activities wherever appropriate with the activities of the other
24.19 system and governmental agencies;

24.20 (4) use technology where appropriate to increase system productivity, improve customer
24.21 service, increase public access to information about the system, and increase public
24.22 participation in the business of the system;

24.23 (5) utilize constructive and cooperative labor-management practices to the extent
24.24 otherwise required by chapters 43A and 179A; and

24.25 (6) recommend to the legislature appropriate changes in law necessary to carry out the
24.26 mission of the system.

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30.4 instruction through the doctoral degree, and shall be the primary state supported academic
30.5 agency for research and extension services.

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30.7 governing board and chancellor or president shall endeavor to:

30.8 (1) prevent the waste or unnecessary spending of public money;

30.9 (2) use innovative fiscal and human resource practices to manage the state's resources
30.10 and operate the system as efficiently as possible;

30.11 (3) coordinate the system's activities wherever appropriate with the activities of the other
30.12 system and governmental agencies;

30.13 (4) use technology where appropriate to increase system productivity, improve customer
30.14 service, increase public access to information about the system, and increase public
30.15 participation in the business of the system;

30.16 (5) utilize constructive and cooperative labor-management practices to the extent
30.17 otherwise required by chapters 43A and 179A; and

30.18 (6) recommend to the legislature appropriate changes in law necessary to carry out the
30.19 mission of the system.

30.20 Sec. 3. **[135A.1367] OPIATE ANTAGONIST.**

30.21 (a) The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must, and
30.22 the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota is requested to:

30.23 (1) maintain a supply of opiate antagonists, as defined in section 604A.04, subdivision
30.24 1, at each campus site to be administered in compliance with section 151.37, subdivision
30.25 12; and

30.26 (2) have at least two doses of a nasal opiate antagonist available on site at each campus
30.27 residential building.

30.28 (b) The commissioner of health shall identify resources, including at least one training
30.29 video, to help postsecondary institutions implement an opiate antagonist emergency response
30.30 and make the resources available for institutions.

31.1 (c) The Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents may adopt a model plan for use,
31.2 storage, and administration of opiate antagonists on system campuses.

31.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective beginning in the 2025-2026 academic
31.4 year.

24.27 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 135A.137, is amended to read:

24.28 **135A.137 HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS DESIGNATION.**

24.29 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** (a) A Hunger-Free Campus designation is established
 24.30 for public postsecondary institutions ~~and for~~, nonprofit degree-granting institutions physically
 24.31 located in Minnesota and registered with the Office of Higher Education under section
 25.1 136A.63, and Tribal colleges. In order to be awarded the designation, an institution must
 25.2 meet the following minimum criteria:

25.3 (1) have an established on-campus food pantry or partnership with a local food bank to
 25.4 provide regular, on-campus food distributions;

25.5 (2) provide information to students on SNAP, MFIP, and other programs that reduce
 25.6 food insecurity. The institution shall notify students in work-study employment of their
 25.7 potential eligibility for SNAP benefits and provide information to those students that includes
 25.8 eligibility criteria and how to apply for benefits;

25.9 (3) hold or participate in one hunger awareness event per academic year;

25.10 (4) have an established emergency assistance grant that is available to students; and

25.11 (5) establish a hunger task force that meets a minimum of three times per academic year.
 25.12 The task force must include at least two students currently enrolled at the institution.

25.13 (b) Each institution must reapply at least every four years to maintain the designation.

25.14 Subd. 2. **Designation approval.** The commissioner, in collaboration with the student
 25.15 advisory council under section 136A.031, shall create an application process for institutions
 25.16 applying for ~~grant funds~~ the designation. The commissioner, in collaboration with the student
 25.17 advisory council, shall review applications ~~and make recommendations to the commissioner.~~
 25.18 The student advisory council may provide recommendations to the commissioner, but the
 25.19 commissioner shall have final approval for the designation ~~and the award amount.~~

25.20 Subd. 3. **Competitive grant.** (a) ~~Institutions eligible for a grant under this subdivision~~
 25.21 ~~include public postsecondary institutions, nonprofit private postsecondary institutions, and~~
 25.22 ~~Tribal colleges.~~

25.23 ~~(b)~~ (a) The commissioner shall establish a competitive grant program to distribute grants
 25.24 to ~~eligible institutions~~ public postsecondary institutions, nonprofit postsecondary institutions,
 25.25 and Tribal colleges to meet and maintain the requirements for the Hunger-Free Campus
 25.26 designation under subdivision 1, paragraph (a) this section. Initial grants shall be made to
 25.27 institutions that have not earned the designation and demonstrate a need for funding to meet
 25.28 the Hunger-Free Campus designation requirements. Sustaining grants shall be made to
 25.29 institutions that have earned the designation and demonstrate both a partnership with a local
 25.30 food bank or organization that provides regular, on-campus food distributions and a need
 25.31 for funds to maintain the requirements under subdivision 1, paragraph (a).

25.32 ~~(e)~~ (b) In awarding competitive grants, the commissioner shall give preference to
25.33 applications for initial grants and to applications from institutions with the highest number
26.1 of federal Pell Grant eligible students enrolled. The commissioner shall consider the head
26.2 count at the institution when awarding grants. The maximum grant award for an initial
26.3 institution designation is \$25,000. The maximum grant award for sustaining an institution
26.4 designation is \$15,000; must consider, among other factors:

26.5 (1) the number of federal Pell Grant eligible students enrolled in the last academic year
26.6 at the institution; and

26.7 (2) the total number of students enrolled at the institution.

26.8 ~~(d)~~ (c) The commissioner, in collaboration with student associations representing eligible
26.9 institutions the Student Advisory Council under section 136A.031, shall create an application
26.10 process and establish selection criteria for awarding the grants.

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

26.13 Subd. 3a. **Grant amounts.** (a) The maximum grant amount for an initial grant is \$25,000
26.14 per fiscal year.

26.15 (b) The maximum grant amount for a sustaining grant is \$15,000 per fiscal year.

26.16 (c) Eligible institutions may only receive one initial grant.

26.17 (d) If grant requests exceed the amount of available money, no more than 20 percent of
26.18 the total grant awards shall be for grants to nonprofit private postsecondary institutions.

26.19 Subd. 4. **Grant requirements Match required.** ~~(a)~~ An eligible institution that receives
26.20 a grant under subdivision 3 must: match at least 50 percent of the grant amount awarded
26.21 with money or in-kind resources.

26.22 ~~(1)~~ use the grant funds to meet or maintain the minimum criteria of a hunger free campus
26.23 designation under subdivision 1; and

26.24 ~~(2)~~ match at least 50 percent of the grant amount awarded with funds or in-kind resources.

26.25 ~~(b)~~ In addition to the requirements of paragraph (a), in order to receive a sustaining grant,
26.26 an institution must demonstrate a partnership with a local food bank or organization or other
26.27 source of funding that ensures regular, on-campus distributions.

31.5 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 135A.15, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

31.6 Subd. 1a. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the
31.7 meanings given.

- 31.8 (b) "Advisor" means a person who is selected by a responding or reporting party to serve
 31.9 as a support during a campus investigation and disciplinary process. This person may be
 31.10 an attorney. An advisor serves as a support to a party by offering comfort or attending
 31.11 meetings.
- 31.12 (c) "Domestic violence" has the meaning given in section 518B.01, subdivision 2.
- 31.13 (d) "Incident" means one report of sexual misconduct to a postsecondary institution,
 31.14 regardless of the number of complainants included in the report, the number of respondents
 31.15 included in the report, and whether or not the identity of any party is known by the reporting
 31.16 postsecondary institution. Incident encompasses all nonconsensual events included within
 31.17 one report if multiple events have been identified.
- 31.18 (e) "Intimate partner violence" means any physical or sexual harm or a pattern of any
 31.19 other coercive behavior committed, enabled, or solicited to gain or maintain power and
 31.20 control over a victim, including verbal, psychological, economic, or technological abuse
 31.21 that may or may not constitute criminal behavior against an individual, that may be classified
 31.22 as a sexual misconduct, dating violence, or domestic violence caused by:
- 31.23 (1) a current or former spouse of the individual; or
 31.24 (2) a person in a sexual or romantic relationship with the individual.
- 31.25 (f) "Nonconsensual dissemination of sexual images" has the meaning given in section
 31.26 617.261.
- 31.27 (g) "Reporting party" means the party in a disciplinary proceeding who has reported
 31.28 being subjected to conduct or communication that could constitute sexual misconduct.
- 31.29 (h) "Responding party" means the party in a disciplinary proceeding who has been
 31.30 reported to be the perpetrator of conduct or communication that could constitute sexual
 31.31 misconduct.
- 32.1 (i) "Retaliation" means intimidation, threats, coercion, or discrimination against a
 32.2 reporting party, responding party, or witness for the purpose of interfering with any right
 32.3 or privilege or because the person has reported information, made a complaint, testified,
 32.4 assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation,
 32.5 proceeding, or hearing under this section, including in nondisciplinary restorative justice
 32.6 services.
- 32.7 (j) "Sexual assault" means rape, sex offenses - fondling, sex offenses - incest, or sex
 32.8 offenses - statutory rape as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, part 668, subpart
 32.9 D, appendix A, as amended.
- 32.10 ~~(j)~~ (k) "Sexual extortion" has the meaning given in section 609.3458.
- 32.11 ~~(k)~~ (l) "Sex trafficking" has the meaning given in section 609.321, subdivision 7a.
- 32.12 ~~(l)~~ (m) "Sexual harassment" has the meaning given in section 363A.03, subdivision 43.

26.28 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 135A.15, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

26.29 Subd. 2a. Campus investigation and disciplinary hearing procedures sexual
 26.30 misconduct grievance procedures. (a) A postsecondary institution must provide a reporting
 26.31 party an opportunity for an impartial, timely, and thorough investigation of a report of sexual
 27.1 misconduct against a student. If an investigation reveals that sexual misconduct has occurred,
 27.2 the institution must take prompt and effective steps reasonably calculated to end the sexual
 27.3 misconduct, prevent its recurrence, and, as appropriate, remedy its effects.

27.4 (b) An institution must offer and coordinate academic and residential supportive measures
 27.5 as needed and equitably to both the reporting and responding parties participating in a
 27.6 campus sexual misconduct grievance process, including but not limited to exam or assignment
 27.7 extensions, permitted class absence, a change in on-campus residence, and schedule changes.

27.8 (c) An institution must allow the reporting and responding parties to present and review
 27.9 relevant evidence. Testimony by the parties and witnesses must be compiled in an
 27.10 investigative report.

27.11 (d) Throughout any investigation or disciplinary proceeding, a postsecondary an
 27.12 institution must treat the reporting parties, responding parties, witnesses, and other
 27.13 participants in the proceeding with dignity and respect.

27.14 ~~(e)~~ (e) If a postsecondary an institution conducts a hearing, an advisor the reporting and
 27.15 responding parties may provide opening and closing remarks, or a party's advisor may
 27.16 provide opening or closing remarks on behalf of a the party or assist with formulating
 27.17 questions to the other party or witnesses about related relevant evidence or credibility.

27.18 (f) An institution must allow equal opportunity during the hearing for the reporting and
 27.19 responding parties to consult an additional support person other than the party's advisor,
 27.20 such as an advocate, if requested and deemed appropriate by the Title IX coordinator or
 27.21 designee.

27.22 (g) The reporting and responding parties must be given equal opportunity to question
 27.23 the credibility of the other party and witnesses through a live hearing or questioning by a
 27.24 decision-maker, pursuant to paragraph (i).

32.13 ~~(m)~~ (n) "Sexual misconduct" means an incident of sexual violence, intimate partner
 32.14 violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, nonconsensual distribution
 32.15 of sexual images, sexual extortion, nonconsensual dissemination of a deepfake depicting
 32.16 intimate parts or sexual acts, sex trafficking, or stalking.

32.17 ~~(n)~~ (o) "Stalking" has the meaning given in section 609.749.

32.18 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 135A.15, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

32.19 Subd. 2a. Campus investigation and disciplinary hearing procedures sexual
 32.20 misconduct grievance process. (a) A postsecondary institution must establish a sexual
 32.21 misconduct grievance process as outlined in this section. The postsecondary institution must
 32.22 provide a reporting party an opportunity for an impartial, timely, and thorough investigation
 32.23 of a report of sexual misconduct against a student. If an investigation reveals that sexual
 32.24 misconduct has occurred, the postsecondary institution must take prompt and effective steps
 32.25 reasonably calculated to end the sexual misconduct, prevent its recurrence, and, as
 32.26 appropriate, remedy its effects. Remedial action may include any or all of the following:

32.27 (1) disciplinary action against the responding party;

32.28 (2) with the consent of the parties, alternative resolution options; and

32.29 (3) academic or residential supportive measures, as requested by the reporting party.

32.30 (b) Throughout any investigation or disciplinary proceeding, a postsecondary institution
 32.31 must treat the reporting parties, responding parties, witnesses, and other participants in the
 32.32 proceeding with dignity and respect.

33.1 ~~(c)~~ (c) If a postsecondary institution conducts a hearing, an advisor may provide opening
 33.2 and closing remarks on behalf of a party or assist with formulating questions to the other
 33.3 party or witnesses about related evidence or credibility. A postsecondary institution must
 33.4 provide due process protections before imposing disciplinary action against a responding
 33.5 party who is a student. The responding party must be informed in writing of the allegations
 33.6 with sufficient details related to the allegations, including the alleged misconduct; the identity
 33.7 of the reporting party; and to the extent possible, the date, time, and location of the alleged
 33.8 sexual misconduct. The responding party must be provided with the campus code of conduct
 33.9 guidelines listing possible sanctions.

33.10 (d) A postsecondary institution must offer and coordinate, as needed, academic and
 33.11 residential supportive measures equitably to both reporting and responding parties
 33.12 participating in a campus sexual misconduct grievance process. Supportive measures must
 33.13 be determined on a case-by-case basis and may include but are not limited to exam or

27.25 (h) If an institution allows for cross-examination of witnesses and parties, the reporting
 27.26 party and the responding party are not permitted to personally cross-examine each other or
 27.27 any witnesses. Any cross-examination must be performed by the party's advisor or an
 27.28 adjudicator of the campus disciplinary proceeding.

27.29 (i) An institution must appoint a decision-maker or panel of decision-makers who are
 27.30 not the investigator to assess the credibility of the reporting party, the responding party, and
 27.31 any other witnesses through a live hearing or direct questioning.

28.1 (j) If the facts and circumstances rise to a policy violation, an institution must proceed
 28.2 with the campus sexual misconduct grievance process concurrently with a criminal
 28.3 investigation if requested by the reporting party.

28.4 (k) Personal information of the reporting party such as character witness or sexual
 28.5 behavior of the reporting party is allowable if the information is deemed relevant by the
 28.6 decision-maker and if the information substantiates that the misconduct may have occurred.
 28.7 Mental health and medical information of the reporting party may be considered if: (1) a
 28.8 release is signed by the reporting party; and (2) nonrelevant information is redacted. If a
 28.9 responding party is found responsible, medical and mental health information of the reporting
 28.10 party may be considered to determine sanctions.

28.11 (l) Questions and evidence about the reporting party's sexual predisposition or prior
 28.12 sexual behavior are not considered relevant unless such questions and evidence: (1) are
 28.13 offered to prove that someone other than the responding party committed the alleged conduct;
 28.14 or (2) concern specific incidents of the reporting party's prior sexual behavior with respect
 28.15 to the responding party and are offered to prove consent.

28.16 (m) The responding and reporting parties may discuss the investigation and disciplinary
 28.17 proceedings with an advisor of choice, the party's parents, or an authorized legal guardian.

28.18 (n) An institution must deliver the outcome of the grievance process simultaneously to
 28.19 the reporting and responding parties.

28.20 (o) An institution must inform the reporting and responding parties no later than 24
 28.21 hours before a decision is rendered regarding the timeline of the outcome's release. Alongside
 28.22 the notice of the outcome, an institution must offer community mental health and, if
 28.23 applicable, on-campus resources equitably to a reporting and responding party. The outcome
 28.24 must not be delivered to a reporting or responding party at the end of the day or on a weekend
 28.25 or holiday to ensure that the reporting and responding parties may access supportive services.

28.26 (p) Institutions must have a policy prohibiting retaliation that specifies what constitutes
 28.27 retaliation and possible actions for students and employees if retaliation occurs. Retaliation

33.14 assignment extensions, excused class absence, change in on-campus residence, or schedule
 33.15 changes.

33.16 (e) A postsecondary institution must allow the reporting and responding parties to present
 33.17 and review relevant testimony by parties and witnesses and relevant evidence compiled in
 33.18 an investigative report.

33.19 (f) A postsecondary institution must hold a hearing related to disciplinary action under
 33.20 this section if requested by either the reporting or responding party.

33.21 (g) A hearing or other proceeding related to disciplinary action under this section is
 33.22 subject to the following requirements:

33.23 (1) the reporting and responding party must be given equal opportunity to:

33.24 (i) present relevant evidence and witnesses;

33.25 (ii) retain an advisor to serve as support to a reporting or responding party in any meeting,
 33.26 interview, or investigative, or disciplinary process, and any restriction of an advisor's role
 33.27 must be applied equally to the reporting and responding parties;

33.28 (iii) inspect, review, and respond to relevant evidence and testimony provided by either
 33.29 party and witnesses collected through an investigative report written by the postsecondary
 33.30 institution or designee; and

33.31 (iv) discuss the investigation and disciplinary proceedings with their advisor and parents
 33.32 or guardians;

33.33 (2) the postsecondary institution must:

34.1 (i) allow for the opportunity for both parties to question the credibility of the other party
 34.2 and witnesses through written remarks or by cross-examination if a postsecondary institution
 34.3 conducts a live hearing;

34.4 (ii) appoint a decision-maker or a panel of decision-makers who is not the investigator
 34.5 to assess credibility of the parties and witnesses;

34.6 (iii) allow an advisor to assist with formulating questions to the other party or witnesses
 34.7 about related evidence or credibility, if a postsecondary institution conducts a hearing;

34.8 (iv) if a postsecondary institution conducts a hearing, provide the reporting and responding
 34.9 parties with the equal opportunity to provide testimony without encountering the other party

28.28 against the reporting party, responding party, or witnesses resulting from a person's
 28.29 participation in a campus sexual misconduct investigation is prohibited.

34.10 in person, and to review testimony provided by the other party in a similar manner. This
 34.11 may be done through video conference or closed-circuit television;

34.12 (v) proceed with the campus sexual misconduct grievance process, if requested by the
 34.13 reporting party, concurrently with a criminal investigation, except that a postsecondary
 34.14 institution may temporarily delay a campus proceeding if requested by law enforcement
 34.15 and if the campus proceeding may impede a criminal investigation; and

34.16 (vi) deliver the outcome of the grievance process simultaneously to the reporting and
 34.17 responding parties;

34.18 (3) if a postsecondary institution allows for cross-examination of witnesses and parties,
 34.19 neither the reporting party nor responding party may be permitted to personally cross-examine
 34.20 one another or other witnesses. Any cross-examination must be performed by an advisor.
 34.21 An adjudicator of the campus disciplinary proceeding may ask questions of any party or
 34.22 witness;

34.23 (4) information related to character, including character witnesses, questions or evidence
 34.24 about the sexual behavior or sexual preferences of the reporting party, or mental health
 34.25 records, must not be considered, except:

34.26 (i) information related to the sexual behavior of the reporting party may be considered
 34.27 if it substantiates that the misconduct may have occurred, and is deemed relevant by the
 34.28 decision maker;

34.29 (ii) mental health and medical information of the reporting party may be considered if
 34.30 a release is signed by the reporting party and nonrelevant information is redacted;

34.31 (iii) if a responding party is found responsible, a postsecondary institution may consider
 34.32 medical and mental health information of the reporting party to determine sanctions; and

35.1 (iv) questions and evidence regarding the sexual preferences or past sexual behavior of
 35.2 the reporting party may be considered if such evidence is offered to prove that someone
 35.3 other than the responding party committed the conduct alleged by the reporting party, or
 35.4 the evidence concerns specific incidents of the reporting party's prior sexual behavior with
 35.5 respect to the responding party and is offered to prove consent;

35.6 (5) to the extent possible, the postsecondary institution must:

35.7 (i) inform parties no later than 24 hours before a decision is rendered, and provide the
 35.8 timeline of the outcome's release;

35.9 (ii) offer community mental health resources and, if applicable, on-campus resources
 35.10 with the notice of outcome equitably to parties; and

28.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026.

29.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 135A.1582, is amended to read:

29.2 **135A.1582 PROTECTIONS FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS.**

29.3 Subdivision 1. ~~**Definition Definitions.**~~ (a) For ~~the purpose purposes~~ of this section, the

29.4 following ~~term has~~ terms have the ~~meaning~~ meanings given.

29.5 (b) "Parenting student" means a student enrolled at a public college or university who

29.6 is the parent or legal guardian of or can claim as a dependent a child under the age of 18.

29.7 (c) "Pregnancy or related conditions" has the meaning given in Code of Federal

29.8 Regulations, title 34, section 106.2.

29.9 (d) "Postsecondary institution" means an institution governed by the Board of Trustees

29.10 of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities or a private postsecondary institution that

29.11 offers in-person courses on a campus located in Minnesota and is an eligible institution as

29.12 defined in section 136A.103. Institutions governed by the Board of Regents of the University

29.13 of Minnesota are requested to comply with this section.

29.14 Subd. 2. **Rights and protections.** (a) ~~A Minnesota state college or university,~~

29.15 ~~postsecondary institution~~ may not require and the University of Minnesota is requested not

29.16 to require a pregnant or parenting student, solely because of the student's status as a pregnant

29.17 or parenting student or due to issues related to the student's pregnancy or parenting, to:

29.18 (1) take a leave of absence or withdraw from the student's degree or certificate program;

29.19 (2) limit the student's studies;

29.20 (3) participate in an alternative program;

35.11 (iii) not deliver the decision to the parties at the end of the day or during a weekend or

35.12 holiday to ensure parties have the opportunity to arrange supportive services;

35.13 (6) in any grievance process arising from an alleged incident of sexual misconduct

35.14 against a student, a postsecondary institution must apply, at a minimum, a preponderance

35.15 of the evidence standard of proof; and

35.16 (7) a postsecondary institution must have a policy prohibiting retaliation, including what

35.17 constitutes retaliation and possible actions for students and employees if retaliation is found

35.18 to have occurred against a reporting party, responding party, or witness due to a person's

35.19 participation in a campus sexual misconduct process.

35.20 (h) Notwithstanding any other applicable grievance process, including an employee

35.21 grievance process, if a reporting party is a student at the postsecondary institution, the

35.22 institution must use the grievance process provided in this subdivision.

35.23 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 135A.1582, is amended to read:

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35.28 is the parent or legal guardian of or can claim as a dependent a child under the age of 18.

35.29 (c) "Pregnancy or related conditions" means: (1) pregnancy, childbirth, termination of

35.30 pregnancy, or lactation; (2) medical conditions related to pregnancy, childbirth, termination

35.31 of pregnancy, or lactation; or (3) recovery from pregnancy, childbirth, termination of

35.32 pregnancy, lactation, or related medical conditions.

36.1 (d) "Postsecondary institution" means an institution governed by the Board of Trustees

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36.3 offers in-person courses on a campus located in Minnesota and that is an eligible institution

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36.9 or parenting student or due to issues related to the student's pregnancy or parenting, to:

36.10 (1) take a leave of absence or withdraw from the student's degree or certificate program;

36.11 (2) limit the student's studies;

36.12 (3) participate in an alternative program;

29.21 (4) change the student's major, degree, or certificate program; or

29.22 (5) refrain from joining or cease participating in any course, activity, or program at the

29.23 college or university.

29.24 (b) A ~~Minnesota state college or university~~ postsecondary institution shall provide and

29.25 the University of Minnesota is requested to provide reasonable modifications to a pregnant

29.26 student, including modifications that:

29.27 (1) would be provided to a student with a temporary medical condition; or

29.28 (2) are related to the health and safety of the student and the student's unborn child, such

29.29 as allowing the student to maintain a safe distance from substances, areas, and activities

29.30 known to be hazardous to pregnant women or unborn children.

30.1 (c) A ~~Minnesota state college or university~~ postsecondary institution must and the

30.2 University of Minnesota is requested to, for reasons related to a student's pregnancy,

30.3 childbirth, or any resulting medical status or condition:

30.4 (1) excuse the student's absence;

30.5 (2) allow the student to make up missed assignments or assessments;

30.6 (3) allow the student additional time to complete assignments in the same manner as the

30.7 institution allows for a student with a temporary medical condition; and

30.8 (4) provide the student with access to instructional materials and video recordings of

30.9 lectures for classes for which the student has an excused absence under this section to the

30.10 same extent that instructional materials and video recordings of lectures are made available

30.11 to any other student with an excused absence.

30.12 (d) A ~~Minnesota state college or university~~ postsecondary institution must and the

30.13 University of Minnesota is requested to allow a pregnant or parenting student to:

30.14 (1) take a leave of absence; and

30.15 (2) if in good academic standing at the time the student takes a leave of absence, return

30.16 to the student's degree or certificate program in good academic standing without being

30.17 required to reapply for admission.

30.18 (e) If a ~~public college or university~~ postsecondary institution provides early registration

30.19 for courses or programs at the institution for any group of students, the ~~Minnesota state~~

30.20 ~~college or university~~ institution must provide and the University of Minnesota is requested

30.21 to provide early registration for those courses or programs for pregnant or parenting students

30.22 in the same manner.

30.23 Subd. 3. **Policy on discrimination.** Each ~~Minnesota state college or university~~

30.24 ~~postsecondary institution~~ must adopt and the University of Minnesota is requested to adopt

30.25 a policy for students on pregnancy and parenting discrimination. The policy must:

36.13 (4) change the student's major, degree, or certificate program; or

36.14 (5) refrain from joining or cease participating in any course, activity, or program at the

36.15 college or university.

36.16 (b) A ~~Minnesota state college or university~~ postsecondary institution shall provide and

36.17 the University of Minnesota is requested to provide reasonable modifications to a pregnant

36.18 student, including modifications that:

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36.20 (2) are related to the health and safety of the student and the student's unborn child, such

36.21 as allowing the student to maintain a safe distance from substances, areas, and activities

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36.29 institution allows for a student with a temporary medical condition; and

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36.31 lectures for classes for which the student has an excused absence under this section to the

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37.6 (2) if in good academic standing at the time the student takes a leave of absence, return

37.7 to the student's degree or certificate program in good academic standing without being

37.8 required to reapply for admission.

37.9 (e) If a ~~public college or university~~ postsecondary institution provides early registration

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37.15 ~~postsecondary institution~~ must adopt and the University of Minnesota is requested to adopt

37.16 a policy for students on pregnancy and parenting discrimination. The policy must:

30.26 (1) include the contact information of the Title IX coordinator who is the designated
30.27 point of contact for a student requesting each protection or modification under this section.
30.28 Contact information must include the Title IX coordinator's name, phone number, email,
30.29 and office;

30.30 (2) be posted in an easily accessible, straightforward format on the college or university's
30.31 website; and

31.1 (3) be made available annually to faculty, staff, and employees of the college or
31.2 university.

31.3 Subd. 4. **Administration.** The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education must,
31.4 in consultation with the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
31.5 and, the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, and other relevant stakeholders,
31.6 establish guidelines, as necessary, to administer this section. The guidelines must establish
31.7 minimum periods for which a pregnant or parenting student must be given a leave of absence
31.8 under subdivision 2, paragraph (d). In establishing the minimum periods, the Office of
31.9 Higher Education shall consider the maximum amount of time a student may be absent
31.10 without significantly interfering with the student's ability to complete the student's degree
31.11 or certificate program.

31.12 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
31.13 read:

31.14 Subd. 4. **Treatment of appropriations.** (a) The office may retain up to ten percent of
31.15 competitively awarded grants if another amount is not already designated as administrative
31.16 funding in the appropriation.

31.17 (b) Notwithstanding section 16A.28, beginning in fiscal year 2025, the office may carry
31.18 forward unexpended and unencumbered nongrant operating appropriations from the second
31.19 year of a biennium into the next biennium.

31.20 Sec. 6. **[136A.054] CONSOLIDATED COMPETITIVE GRANT AND STUDENT**
31.21 **LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM REPORTING.**

31.22 (a) The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education must report annually by February
31.23 15, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
31.24 over higher education, on the details of programs administered under sections 135A.137,
31.25 136A.1251, 136A.1794, 136A.1795, 136A.246, 136A.861, and 136A.901, including the
31.26 following, where applicable:

31.27 (1) organizations receiving grant awards;

31.28 (2) grant award amounts and utilization rates;

31.29 (3) grant program activities, goals, and outcomes;

37.17 (1) include the contact information of the Title IX coordinator who is the designated
37.18 point of contact for a student requesting each protection or modification under this section.
37.19 Contact information must include the Title IX coordinator's name, phone number, email,
37.20 and office;

37.21 (2) be posted in an easily accessible, straightforward format on the college or university's
37.22 website; and

37.23 (3) be made available annually to faculty, staff, and employees of the college or
37.24 university.

37.25 Subd. 4. **Administration.** The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education must,
37.26 in consultation with the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
37.27 and, the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, and other relevant stakeholders,
37.28 establish guidelines, as necessary, to administer this section. The guidelines must establish
37.29 minimum periods for which a pregnant or parenting student must be given a leave of absence
37.30 under subdivision 2, paragraph (d). In establishing the minimum periods, the Office of
37.31 Higher Education shall consider the maximum amount of time a student may be absent
37.32 without significantly interfering with the student's ability to complete the student's degree
37.33 or certificate program.

38.1 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
38.2 read:

38.3 Subd. 4. **Treatment of appropriations.** Notwithstanding section 16B.98, subdivision
38.4 14, the office may retain up to five percent of competitively awarded grants if another
38.5 amount is not already designated as administrative funding in the appropriation.

38.6 Sec. 8. **[136A.054] CONSOLIDATED COMPETITIVE GRANT AND STUDENT**
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38.11 136A.1788, 136A.1789, 136A.1791, 136A.1794, 136A.1795, 136A.861, and 136A.91
38.12 including the following, where applicable:

38.13 (1) organizations receiving grant awards;

38.14 (2) grant award amounts and utilization rates;

38.15 (3) grant program activities, goals, and outcomes;

- 31.30 (4) grant matching sources and funding levels;
- 31.31 (5) number and amount of loan repayment awards disbursed; and
- 32.1 (6) demographic data of loan repayment program participants.
- 32.2 (b) The commissioner must report any additional data and outcomes relevant to the
- 32.3 evaluation of programs administered under sections 135A.137, 136A.1251, 136A.1794,
- 32.4 136A.1795, 136A.246, 136A.861, and 136A.901, and as evidenced by activities funded
- 32.5 under each program.

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- 38.17 (5) number and amount of loan repayment awards disbursed; and
- 38.18 (6) demographic data of loan repayment program participants.
- 38.19 (b) The commissioner must report any additional data and outcomes relevant to the
- 38.20 evaluation of programs administered under sections 136A.1251, 136A.1788, 136A.1789,
- 38.21 136A.1791, 136A.1794, 136A.1795, 136A.861, and 136A.91 as evidenced by activities
- 38.22 funded under each program.
- 38.23 Sec. 9. **[136A.0901] STANDARD FINANCIAL AID OFFER FORM FOR HIGHER**
- 38.24 **EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS.**
- 38.25 Subdivision 1. **Citation.** Sections 136A.0901 to 136A.0905 may be cited as the "College
- 38.26 Financing Literacy Act."
- 38.27 Subd. 2. **Standard format and terminology.** The commissioner must develop standard
- 38.28 terminology and financial aid offer forms. The commissioner may develop separate financial
- 38.29 aid offer forms for:
- 38.30 (1) undergraduate students;
- 39.1 (2) graduate students;
- 39.2 (3) first-time students; and
- 39.3 (4) returning students.
- 39.4 Subd. 3. **Consultation with stakeholders.** In developing the financial aid offer form,
- 39.5 the commissioner must consult with and consider the recommendations of stakeholders,
- 39.6 including the student loan advocate in the Department of Commerce, representatives of
- 39.7 students, institutions of higher education, financial aid administrators and counselors, school
- 39.8 counselors, and any other relevant stakeholders as determined by the commissioner. The
- 39.9 commissioner must begin consulting with and soliciting recommendations from stakeholders
- 39.10 by September 1, 2025. By September 1, 2026, the commissioner must publish on the
- 39.11 department's website a draft of the form created under subdivision 2 and solicit feedback
- 39.12 from stakeholders regarding the form.
- 39.13 Subd. 4. **Final form.** The commissioner must publish on the department's website the
- 39.14 final financial aid offer form with sufficient time for institutions to implement use of the
- 39.15 form for the 2028-2029 academic year.
- 39.16 Subd. 5. **Authority to modify.** The commissioner may update and modify the definitions,
- 39.17 terms, formatting, and design of the financial aid offer form based on changes in laws, in
- 39.18 process, or for purposes of clarity.

- 39.19 Subd. 6. Use of standard financial aid offer forms and terms. Beginning with the
39.20 2028-2029 academic year, institutions of higher education that receive state grant aid must:
- 39.21 (1) use the financial aid offer form developed under this section in providing official
39.22 and unofficial offers, including paper, mobile-optimized, or other electronic offers to all
39.23 students who are accepted at the institution and apply for aid; and
- 39.24 (2) use the standard terminology and definitions developed by the commissioner for all
39.25 communications from the institution related to financial aid offers.
- 39.26 Sec. 10. [136A.0902] REQUIRED CONTENTS FOR FINANCIAL AID OFFER
39.27 FORM.
- 39.28 Subdivision 1. **General.** The financial aid offer form developed under section 136A.0901
39.29 must be a form titled "Financial Aid Offer" which includes the required information under
39.30 this section with costs listed first, followed by grants and scholarships clearly separated
39.31 with separate headings, and the additional information under section 136A.0903 included
39.32 last. The form must be in a consumer-friendly format that is simple to understand and must
40.1 allow for each institution to customize the form with the institution's own logo, branding,
40.2 or other identifiers.
- 40.3 Subd. 2. **Cost information.** The financial aid offer form must contain information on
40.4 the student's estimated cost of attendance including:
- 40.5 (1) total direct costs, including the totals for estimated tuition and fees charged by an
40.6 institution, including differential tuition if applicable, college or university-sponsored
40.7 housing, and food costs;
- 40.8 (2) total estimated other expenses, including estimated housing and food costs for students
40.9 who reside off-campus, and for all students, costs for books, materials, supplies,
40.10 transportation, and miscellaneous personal expenses;
- 40.11 (3) the academic period covered by the financial aid offer and an explanation that the
40.12 financial aid offered may change for academic periods not covered by the aid offer or by
40.13 program;
- 40.14 (4) whether cost and aid estimates are based on full-time or part-time enrollment;
- 40.15 (5) whether tuition and fees cover a set range of credits or are per credit hour; and
- 40.16 (6) whether the tuition and fees are estimated based on the previous year or are set for
40.17 the academic period indicated in accordance with clause (3).

- 40.18 Subd. 3. **Grants and scholarships.** The financial aid offer form must include the
 40.19 aggregate amount of grants and scholarships itemized by source and type that the student
 40.20 does not have to repay, including grant aid:
- 40.21 (1) offered under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, United States Code, title
 40.22 20, section 1070, et seq.;
- 40.23 (2) offered through other federal programs;
- 40.24 (3) offered by the institution;
- 40.25 (4) offered by the state; and
- 40.26 (5) from an outside source to the student for the academic period, if known, including
 40.27 a disclosure that the grants and scholarships do not have to be repaid. If institutional aid is
 40.28 included, the form must also note:
- 40.29 (i) the conditions under which the student can expect to receive similar amounts of
 40.30 financial aid for each academic period the student is enrolled at the institution; and
- 41.1 (ii) whether the institutional aid offer may change if grants or scholarships from outside
 41.2 sources are applied after the student receives the financial aid offer form and how the
 41.3 institutional aid will change, if applicable.
- 41.4 Subd. 4. **Net price.** The financial aid offer form must include:
- 41.5 (1) the estimated net price that the student, or the student's family on behalf of the student,
 41.6 is estimated to have to pay for the student to attend the institution for the academic period,
 41.7 equal to the cost of attendance as described in subdivision 2, clauses (1) and (2), for the
 41.8 student for the period indicated in subdivision 2, clause (3), minus the amount of grant and
 41.9 scholarship aid described in subdivision 3 that is included in the financial aid offer form;
 41.10 and
- 41.11 (2) a disclosure that the estimated net price is an estimate of the total expenses for the
 41.12 year and not equivalent to the amount the student will owe directly to the institution.
- 41.13 Subd. 5. **Loans.** (a) The financial aid offer form must include:
- 41.14 (1) information on loans that are available to the student under part D or E of title IV of
 41.15 the Higher Education Act of 1965, United States Code, title 20, sections 1087a, et seq., and
 41.16 1087aa, et seq., except a Federal Direct PLUS Loan under part D of that act;
- 41.17 (2) information on other loans under this chapter for the academic period covered by
 41.18 the offer;

- 41.19 (3) a disclosure that the loans have to be repaid and a disclosure that the student can
 41.20 borrow a lesser or, if applicable, greater amount than the recommended loan amount;
- 41.21 (4) a disclosure that the interest rates and fees on the loans are set annually and affect
 41.22 total cost over time and a link to the Department of Education's and the Office of Higher
 41.23 Education's websites that includes current information on interest rates and fees; and
- 41.24 (5) a link to the Department of Education's repayment calculator website for students
 41.25 with instruction that the website contains customizable estimates of expected repayment
 41.26 costs under different loan repayment plans.
- 41.27 (b) The offer must clearly use the word "loan" to describe the recommended loan amounts
 41.28 and must clearly label subsidized and unsubsidized loans with a plain language explanation
 41.29 of the difference between the two.
- 41.30 Subd. 6. **Supplemental information on cost of attendance.** The financial aid offer
 41.31 form must contain information on how a student may request an adjustment to increase the
 42.1 cost of attendance to accommodate the student's special circumstances or higher costs of
 42.2 housing, food, or other eligible expenses.
- 42.3 Subd. 7. **Supplemental information for students with dependents.** The financial aid
 42.4 offer form must contain information on resources available to students with dependents
 42.5 including:
- 42.6 (1) the dependent care allowance, including a disclosure that a student with a dependent
 42.7 child in paid child care may request a dependent care allowance as part of the student's
 42.8 financial aid calculation, which may result in a higher grant or loan amount; and
- 42.9 (2) information on the Minnesota child care grant program provided in section 136A.125
 42.10 and instructions on how to apply.
- 42.11 Subd. 8. **Process for accepting or declining aid.** The financial aid offer form must
 42.12 include:
- 42.13 (1) deadlines and a summary of the process for accepting the financial aid offered in the
 42.14 financial aid offer form, requesting higher loan amounts if recommended loan amounts
 42.15 were included, and declining aid offered in the form;
- 42.16 (2) information on when and how direct costs to the institution must be paid, including
 42.17 information on payment plans if available;
- 42.18 (3) a disclosure that verification of financial circumstances may require the student to
 42.19 submit further documentation; and
- 42.20 (4) information about where a student or the student's family can seek additional
 42.21 information regarding the financial aid offered, including contact information for the

- 42.22 institution's financial aid office, the Department of Education's website on financial aid,
 42.23 and the Office of Higher Education's website.
- 42.24 Sec. 11. **[136A.0903] ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL**
 42.25 **AID OFFER FORM.**
- 42.26 Subdivision 1. Repayment resources; private student loans; work study. In addition
 42.27 to the information described in section 136A.0902, the financial aid offer form must, in a
 42.28 concise format determined by the commissioner, include:
- 42.29 (1) at the institution's discretion, additional options and potential resources for paying
 42.30 the amount listed in section 136A.0902, subdivision 4, such as tuition payment plans;
- 42.31 (2) the following information relating to private student loans:
- 43.1 (i) a statement that students considering borrowing to cover the cost of attendance should
 43.2 consider available federal and state student loans prior to applying for private student loans,
 43.3 including an explanation that federal and state student loans offer generally more favorable
 43.4 terms and beneficial repayment options than private student loans;
- 43.5 (ii) the impact of a proposed private student loan on the student's potential eligibility for
 43.6 other financial assistance, including federal financial assistance under title IV of the Higher
 43.7 Education Act of 1965, United States Code, title 20, section 1070, et seq.; and
- 43.8 (iii) a statement explaining the student's ability to select a private educational lender of
 43.9 the student's choice; and
- 43.10 (3) information on work-study employment opportunities under section 136A.233, and
 43.11 work-study offered in accordance with part C of title IV of the Higher Education Act of
 43.12 1965, United States Code, title 20, section 1087-51, et seq., including a disclosure that the
 43.13 work-study aid offered is subject to the availability of qualified employment opportunities
 43.14 and is disbursed over time as earned by the student. Work-study employment opportunities
 43.15 must not be included in the category of financial aid described under section 136A.0902,
 43.16 subdivision 3.
- 43.17 Subd. 2. **Additional requirements.** The financial aid offer form must meet the
 43.18 requirements of this section and section 136A.0902 by:
- 43.19 (1) including, in addition to the requirements described in subdivision 1 and section
 43.20 136A.0902, a concise summary in plain language of:
- 43.21 (i) the terms and conditions of financial aid under subdivision 1, clause (3), and section
 43.22 136A.0902, subdivisions 3 and 5, and a method to provide students with additional

- 43.23 information about the terms and conditions, such as links to the supplementary information;
 43.24 and
- 43.25 (ii) federal, state, or institutional conditions required to receive and renew financial aid
 43.26 and a method to provide students with additional information about these conditions, such
 43.27 as links to the supplementary information;
- 43.28 (2) clearly distinguishing between aid offered under subdivision 1, clause (3), and section
 43.29 136A.0902, subdivisions 3 and 5, by including a subtotal for the aid offered and by refraining
 43.30 from commingling the different types of aid described;
- 43.31 (3) using standard terminology and definitions, as determined by the commissioner, and
 43.32 using plain language where possible;
- 44.1 (4) providing additional information on federal student loans, including the types and
 44.2 amounts for which the student is eligible in an attached document or web page, if an
 44.3 institution's recommended federal student loan aid offered under section 136A.0902,
 44.4 subdivision 5, is less than the federal maximum available to the student;
- 44.5 (5) including a delivery confirmation for electronic financial aid offer forms, except that
 44.6 receipt of the financial aid offer form shall not be considered an acceptance or rejection of
 44.7 aid by the student; and
- 44.8 (6) accompanying any reference to private education loans, with respect to dependent
 44.9 students, with:
- 44.10 (i) information about the availability of and terms and conditions associated with Federal
 44.11 Direct PLUS Loans under section 455 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, United States
 44.12 Code, title 20, section 1087e, for the student's parents regardless of family income; and
- 44.13 (ii) a notification of the student's increased eligibility for unsubsidized federal student
 44.14 loans under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, United States Code, title 20,
 44.15 section 1070, et seq., if the student's parents are rejected under the Federal Direct PLUS
 44.16 Loan program.
- 44.17 **Sec. 12. [136A.0904] SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION; REMOVAL OF**
 44.18 **INFORMATION.**
- 44.19 (a) Nothing in sections 136A.0901 to 136A.0903 precludes an institution from
 44.20 supplementing the financial aid offer form with additional information if the additional
 44.21 information supplements the financial aid offer form and is not located on the financial aid
 44.22 offer form and if the information utilizes the same standard terminology developed by the
 44.23 commissioner under this act.

32.6 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.101, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

32.7 Subd. 5a. **Assigned family responsibility.** (a) "Assigned family responsibility" means

32.8 the amount of a family's contribution to a student's cost of attendance, as determined by a

32.9 federal need analysis. For dependent students, the assigned family responsibility is 79 percent

32.10 of the parental contribution. ~~If the parental contribution is less than \$0, the assigned family~~

32.11 ~~responsibility is 100 percent of the parental contribution.~~ For independent students with

32.12 dependents other than a spouse, the assigned family responsibility is 71 percent of the student

32.13 contribution. For independent students without dependents other than a spouse, the assigned

32.14 family responsibility is 35 percent of the student contribution.

32.15 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), if the parental contribution for dependent students

32.16 or the student contribution for independent students is less than \$0, the assigned family

32.17 responsibility is 100 percent of the student contribution \$0.

32.18 (c) For a student registering for less than full time, the office shall prorate the assigned

32.19 family responsibility using the ratio of the number of credits the student is enrolled in to

32.20 the number of credits for full-time enrollment.

32.21 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.103, is amended to read:

32.22 **136A.103 INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**

32.23 Subdivision 1. **Eligibility.** (a) A postsecondary institution is eligible for state student

32.24 aid and to receive state student aid on behalf of students under this chapter ~~136A~~ and sections

32.25 197.791 and 299A.45, if the institution is located in this state and:

32.26 (1) is operated by this state or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota; or

32.27 (2) is operated privately and, ~~as determined by the office,~~ meets the requirements of

32.28 paragraph (b).

32.29 (b) A private institution must:

32.30 (1) ~~maintain academic standards substantially equivalent to those of comparable~~

32.31 ~~institutions operated in this state;~~

44.24 (b) Nothing in sections 136A.0901 to 136A.0903 precludes an institution from omitting

44.25 a required item in an individual offer form if that item is inapplicable to the student receiving

44.26 the offer.

44.27 Sec. 13. **136A.0905 SUPERSEDING FEDERAL LAW.**

44.28 Sections 136A.0901 to 136A.0904 are null and void upon the effective date of a federal

44.29 law or regulation establishing a uniform financial aid offer form and requiring institutions

44.30 of higher education to adopt it.

45.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.101, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

45.2 Subd. 5a. **Assigned family responsibility.** "Assigned family responsibility" means the

45.3 amount of a family's contribution to a student's cost of attendance, as determined by a federal

45.4 need analysis. For dependent students, the assigned family responsibility is ~~79~~ 100 percent

45.5 of the parental contribution. If the parental contribution is less than between \$0 and negative

45.6 \$1,500, the assigned family responsibility is 100 percent of the parental contribution. If the

45.7 parental contribution is less than negative \$1,500, the assigned family responsibility is

45.8 negative \$1,500. For independent students with dependents other than a spouse, the assigned

45.9 family responsibility is 71 percent of the student contribution. For independent students

45.10 without dependents other than a spouse, the assigned family responsibility is 35 percent of

45.11 the student contribution. If the student contribution is less than between \$0 and negative

45.12 \$1,500, the assigned family responsibility is 100 percent of the student contribution. If the

45.13 student contribution is less than negative \$1,500, the assigned family responsibility is

45.14 negative \$1,500. For a student registering for less than full time, the office shall prorate the

45.15 assigned family responsibility using the ratio of the number of credits the student is enrolled

45.16 in to the number of credits for full-time enrollment.

45.17 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.103, is amended to read:

45.18 **136A.103 INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**

45.19 Subdivision 1. **Eligibility.** (a) A postsecondary institution is eligible for state student

45.20 aid and to receive state student aid on behalf of students under this chapter ~~136A~~ and sections

45.21 197.791 and 299A.45, if the institution is located in this state and:

45.22 (1) is operated by this state or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota; or

45.23 (2) is operated privately and, ~~as determined by the office,~~ meets the requirements of

45.24 paragraph (b).

45.25 (b) A private institution must:

45.26 (1) ~~maintain academic standards substantially equivalent to those of comparable~~

45.27 ~~institutions operated in this state;~~

33.1 ~~(2)~~ (1) be licensed or registered as a postsecondary institution by the office; and

33.2 ~~(3)(i) by July 1, 2010, participate in the federal Pell Grant program under Title IV of~~

33.3 ~~the Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329, as amended; or~~

33.4 (2) meet one of the following criteria:

33.5 (i) the institution participates in the federal Pell Grant program under Title IV of the

33.6 Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329, as amended;

33.7 (ii) ~~if an~~ the institution:

33.8 (A) was participating in state student aid programs as of June 30, 2010, ~~and the institution~~

33.9 ~~did but does not participate in the federal Pell Grant program by June 30, 2010, the institution~~

33.10 ~~must require every student who enrolls to sign a disclosure form, provided by the office,~~

33.11 ~~stating that the institution is not participating in the federal Pell Grant program under Title~~

33.12 ~~IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329, as amended;~~

33.13 (B) requires every student who enrolls to sign a disclosure form, provided by the office,

33.14 stating that the institution is not participating in the federal Pell Grant program; and

33.15 (C) has not had a change in ownership as defined in section 136A.63, subdivision 2; or

33.16 ~~(e) An (iii) the institution that offers only graduate-level degrees or graduate-level~~

33.17 ~~nondegree programs is an eligible institution if the institution is licensed or registered as a~~

33.18 ~~postsecondary institution by the office and participates in federal financial aid under Title~~

33.19 ~~IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329, as amended.~~

33.20 ~~(d) (c) An eligible institution under paragraph (b), clause (3), item (ii) (2), that changes~~

33.21 ~~ownership as defined in section 136A.63, subdivision 2, must participate in the federal Pell~~

33.22 ~~Grant program within four calendar years of the first ownership change to continue eligibility~~

33.23 ~~remains eligible for state student aid for six months following the change in ownership.~~

33.24 ~~(e) An institution that loses its eligibility for the federal Pell Grant program is not an~~

33.25 ~~eligible institution. The office may terminate an institution's eligibility to participate in state~~

33.26 ~~student aid programs effective the date of the loss of eligibility for the federal Pell Grant~~

33.27 ~~program.~~

33.28 ~~(f) An institution must maintain adequate administrative and financial standards and~~

33.29 ~~compliance with all state statutes, rules, and administrative policies related to state financial~~

33.30 ~~aid programs.~~

33.31 ~~(g) The office may terminate a postsecondary institution's eligibility to participate in~~

33.32 ~~state student aid programs if the institution is~~

45.28 ~~(2)~~ (1) be licensed or registered as a postsecondary institution by the office; and

45.29 ~~(3)(i) by July 1, 2010, participate in the federal Pell Grant program under Title IV of~~

45.30 ~~the Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329, as amended; or~~

45.31 (2) meet one of the following criteria:

46.1 (i) the institution participates in the federal Pell Grant program under Title IV of the

46.2 Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329, as amended;

46.3 (ii) ~~if an~~ the institution was participating in state student aid programs as of June 30,

46.4 2010, ~~and the institution did but does not participate in the federal Pell Grant program by~~

46.5 ~~June 30, 2010, the institution must require every student who enrolls to sign a disclosure~~

46.6 ~~form, provided by the office, stating that the institution is not participating in the federal~~

46.7 ~~Pell Grant program under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329,~~

46.8 ~~as amended; and~~

46.9 (A) the institution requires every student who enrolls to sign a disclosure form, provided

46.10 by the office, stating that the institution is not participating in the federal Pell Grant program;

46.11 and

46.12 (B) the institution has not had a change in ownership as defined in section 136A.63,

46.13 subdivision 2; or

46.14 ~~(e) An (iii) the institution that offers only graduate-level degrees or graduate-level~~

46.15 ~~nondegree programs is an eligible institution if the institution is licensed or registered as a~~

46.16 ~~postsecondary institution by the office and participates in federal financial aid under Title~~

46.17 ~~IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329, as amended.~~

46.18 ~~(d) (c) An eligible institution under paragraph (b), clause (3), item (ii) (2), that changes~~

46.19 ~~ownership as defined in section 136A.63, subdivision 2, must participate in the federal Pell~~

46.20 ~~Grant program within four calendar years of the first ownership change to continue eligibility~~

46.21 ~~remains eligible for state student aid for six months following the change in ownership.~~

46.22 ~~(e) An institution that loses its eligibility for the federal Pell Grant program is not an~~

46.23 ~~eligible institution. The office may terminate an institution's eligibility to participate in state~~

46.24 ~~student aid programs effective the date of the loss of eligibility for the federal Pell Grant~~

46.25 ~~program.~~

46.26 ~~(f) An institution must maintain adequate administrative and financial standards and~~

46.27 ~~compliance with all state statutes, rules, and administrative policies related to state financial~~

46.28 ~~aid programs.~~

46.29 ~~(g) The office may terminate a postsecondary institution's eligibility to participate in~~

46.30 ~~state student aid programs if the institution is~~

34.1 Subd. 2. **Ineligibility.** A postsecondary institution otherwise eligible for state student
34.2 aid under this chapter and sections 197.791 and 299A.45 becomes ineligible if the institution:

34.3 (1) fails to maintain adequate compliance with administrative and financial standards
34.4 and compliance with all state statutes, rules, and administrative policies related to state
34.5 financial aid programs; or

34.6 (2) has been terminated from participating in federal financial aid programs by the United
34.7 States Department of Education for a violation of laws, regulations, or participation
34.8 agreements governing federal financial aid programs.

46.31 Subd. 2. **Ineligibility.** A postsecondary institution otherwise eligible for state student
46.32 aid under this chapter and sections 197.791 and 299A.45 becomes ineligible if the institution:

47.1 (1) fails to maintain adequate compliance with administrative and financial standards
47.2 and compliance with all state statutes, rules, and administrative policies related to state
47.3 financial aid programs; or

47.4 (2) has been terminated from participating in federal financial aid programs by the United
47.5 States Department of Education for a violation of laws, regulations, or participation
47.6 agreements governing federal financial aid programs.

47.7 Subd. 3. **Additional requirements.** An eligible postsecondary institution under this
47.8 section must prominently display information in its catalog and on its website that will assist
47.9 prospective students in making informed decisions. If the institution is required by an
47.10 institutional accreditor to calculate and publish placement rates, it shall publish the data on
47.11 its website and report it to the office on an annual basis. Alternatively, if the institution
47.12 participates in the Census Bureau Post Secondary Employment Outcomes, it shall publish
47.13 this information instead.

47.14 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

47.15 Subd. 6. **Cost of attendance.** (a) The recognized cost of attendance consists of: (1) an
47.16 allowance specified in law for living and miscellaneous expenses, and (2) an allowance for
47.17 tuition and fees equal to the lesser of the average tuition and fees charged by the institution,
47.18 or a tuition and fee maximum if one is established in law. If no living and miscellaneous
47.19 expense allowance is established in law, the allowance is equal to ~~45~~ 110 percent of the
47.20 federal poverty guidelines for a one person household in Minnesota for nine months. If no
47.21 tuition and fee maximum is established in law, the allowance for tuition and fees is equal
47.22 to the lesser of: (1) the average tuition and fees charged by the institution, and (2) for
47.23 two-year programs, an amount equal to the highest tuition and fees charged at a public
47.24 two-year institution, or for four-year programs, an amount equal to the highest tuition and
47.25 fees charged at a public university.

47.26 (b) For a student registering for less than full time, the office shall prorate the cost of
47.27 attendance using the ratio of the number of credits the student is enrolled in to the number
47.28 of credits for full-time enrollment.

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

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

48.4 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

48.5 Subd. 7. **Insufficient appropriation.** (a) If the amount appropriated is determined by

48.6 the office to be insufficient to make full awards to applicants under subdivision 5, awards

48.7 must be reduced by:

48.8 (1) adding a surcharge to the applicant's assigned family responsibility, as defined in

48.9 section 136A.101, subdivision 5a; and

48.10 (2) a percentage increase in the applicant's assigned student responsibility, as defined

48.11 in subdivision 5.

48.12 (b) The reduction under paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), must be equal dollar amounts.

48.13 The total assigned family responsibility after the addition of the surcharge may exceed 100

48.14 percent of the parental or student contribution, as applicable, assigned by the federal needs

48.15 analysis. The commissioner must not adjust the surcharge under paragraph (a), clause (1),

48.16 according to the student's status as a dependent student, an independent student with

48.17 dependents other than a spouse, or an independent student without dependents other than

48.18 a spouse. The commissioner must not use any methods other than those provided in this

48.19 subdivision to reduce awards.

48.20 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, subdivision 7a, is amended to read:

48.21 Subd. 7a. **Surplus appropriation.** (a) If the amount appropriated is determined by the

48.22 office to be more than sufficient to fund projected grant demand in the second year of the

48.23 biennium, the office may:

48.24 (1) increase the living and miscellaneous expense allowance in the second year of the

48.25 biennium by up to an amount that retains sufficient appropriations to fund the projected

48.26 grant demand; or

48.27 (2) assess the assigned family responsibility for students with a student or parent

48.28 contribution that is less than negative \$1,500 at 100 percent of the parent or student

48.29 contribution to a lower limit that is equal to the lowest student contribution provided under

48.30 the federal needs analysis.

48.31 (b) ~~The adjustment~~ adjustments in paragraph (a) may be made one or more times. Each

48.32 time the commissioner makes an adjustment under this subdivision, the commissioner must

49.1 use any surplus to fully reassess assigned family responsibility under paragraph (a), clause

49.2 (2), before increasing the living and miscellaneous expense allowance under paragraph (a),

49.3 clause (1). In making the determination that there are more than sufficient funds, the office

49.4 shall balance the need for sufficient resources to meet the projected demand for grants with

49.5 the goal of fully allocating the appropriation for state grants. An increase in the living and

49.6 miscellaneous expense allowance or a modified assessment of assigned family responsibility

49.7 under this subdivision does not carry forward into a subsequent biennium.

34.9 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

34.10 Subd. 9. **Awards.** An undergraduate student who meets the office's requirements is

34.11 eligible to apply for and receive a grant in any year of undergraduate study unless the student

34.12 has obtained a baccalaureate degree or previously has received a state grant award for ~~480~~

34.13 120 credits or the equivalent, excluding (1) courses taken from a Minnesota school or

34.14 postsecondary institution which is not participating in the state grant program and from

34.15 which a student transferred no credit, and (2) courses taken that qualify as developmental

34.16 education or below college-level. A student enrolled in a two-year program at a four-year

34.17 institution is only eligible for the tuition and fee maximums established by law for two-year

34.18 institutions.

34.19 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1465, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

34.21 (1) "eligible student" means a resident student under section 136A.101, subdivision 8,

34.22 who is enrolled in any public postsecondary educational institution or Tribal college and

34.23 who meets the eligibility requirements in subdivision 2;

34.24 (2) "gift aid" includes:

34.25 (i) all federal financial aid that is not a loan or pursuant to a work-study program;

34.26 (ii) state financial aid, unless designated for other expenses, that is not a loan or pursuant

34.27 to a work-study program;

34.28 (iii) institutional financial aid, including a grant, scholarship, tuition waiver, fellowship

34.29 stipend, or other payment, unless designated for other expenses, that is not a loan or pursuant

34.30 to a work-study program; and

34.31 (iv) all private financial aid that is not a loan or pursuant to a work-study program.

35.1 Financial aid from the state, public postsecondary educational institutions, and Tribal colleges

35.2 that is specifically designated for other expenses is not gift aid for purposes of the North

35.3 Star Promise scholarship.

35.4 (3) "other expenses" includes books, required supplies, child care, emergency assistance,

35.5 food, and housing;

35.6 (4) "public postsecondary educational institution" means an institution operated by this

35.7 state, or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota;

49.8 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

49.9 Subd. 9. **Awards.** An undergraduate student who meets the office's requirements is

49.10 eligible to apply for and receive a grant in any year of undergraduate study unless the student

49.11 has obtained a baccalaureate degree or previously has received a state grant award for ~~480~~

49.12 120 credits or the equivalent, excluding (1) courses taken from a Minnesota school or

49.13 postsecondary institution which is not participating in the state grant program and from

49.14 which a student transferred no credit, and (2) courses taken that qualify as developmental

49.15 education or below college-level. A student enrolled in a two-year program at a four-year

49.16 institution is only eligible for the tuition and fee maximums established by law for two-year

49.17 institutions.

49.18 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

49.19 Subd. 13. **Deadline.** The deadline for the office to accept applications for state grants

49.20 for a term is June 30 of the fiscal year for which the student applies for a grant 30 days after

49.21 the start of that term.

49.22 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1465, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

49.24 (1) "eligible student" means a resident student under section 136A.101, subdivision 8,

49.25 who is enrolled in any public postsecondary educational institution or Tribal college and

49.26 who meets the eligibility requirements in subdivision 2;

49.27 (2) "gift aid" includes:

49.28 (i) all federal financial aid that is not a loan or pursuant to a work-study program;

49.29 (ii) state financial aid, unless designated for other expenses, that is not a loan or pursuant

49.30 to a work-study program;

50.1 (iii) institutional financial aid, including a grant, scholarship, tuition waiver, fellowship

50.2 stipend, or other payment, unless designated for other expenses, that is not a loan or pursuant

50.3 to a work-study program; and

50.4 (iv) all private financial aid that is not a loan or pursuant to a work-study program.

50.5 Financial aid from the state, public postsecondary educational institutions, and Tribal colleges

50.6 that is specifically designated for other expenses is not gift aid for purposes of the North

50.7 Star Promise scholarship.

50.8 (3) "other expenses" includes books, required supplies, child care, emergency assistance,

50.9 food, and housing;

50.10 (4) "public postsecondary educational institution" means an institution operated by this

50.11 state, or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota;

35.8 (5) "recognized cost of attendance" has the meaning given in United States Code, title
 35.9 20, chapter 28, subchapter IV, part F, section 1087ll;

35.10 (6) "Tribal college" means a college defined in section 136A.1796, subdivision 1,
 35.11 paragraph ~~(e)~~ (d); and

35.12 (7) "tuition and fees" means the ~~actual~~ eligible resident tuition and mandatory fees
 35.13 charged by an institution.

35.14 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1465, is amended by adding a subdivision
 35.15 to read:

35.16 Subd. 1a. **Resident tuition.** (a) The Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota is
 35.17 requested to adopt a policy to charge resident tuition rates for all students eligible for North
 35.18 Star Promise.

35.19 (b) The Board of Trustees of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must adopt a
 35.20 policy to charge resident tuition rates for all students eligible for North Star Promise.

35.21 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1465, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

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

35.27 (3) is a graduate of a secondary school or its equivalent, or is 17 years of age or over
 35.28 and has met all requirements for admission as a student to an eligible college or university;

35.29 (4) has not ~~earned a~~ completed the degree requirements for the first baccalaureate degree
 35.30 at the time the scholarship is awarded;

36.1 (5) is enrolled in at least one credit per fall, spring, or summer semester;

36.2 (6) is enrolled in a program or course of study that applies to a degree, diploma, or
 36.3 certificate;

36.4 (7) is not in default, as defined by the office, of any federal or state student educational
 36.5 loan;

36.6 (8) is not more than 30 days in arrears in court-ordered child support that is collected or
 36.7 enforced by the public authority responsible for child support enforcement or, if the applicant
 36.8 is more than 30 days in arrears in court-ordered child support that is collected or enforced
 36.9 by the public authority responsible for child support enforcement, but is complying with a
 36.10 written payment agreement under section 518A.69 or order for arrearages;

50.12 (5) "recognized cost of attendance" has the meaning given in United States Code, title
 50.13 20, chapter 28, subchapter IV, part F, section 1087ll;

50.14 (6) "Tribal college" means a college defined in section 136A.1796, subdivision 1,
 50.15 paragraph ~~(e)~~ (d); and

50.16 (7) "tuition and fees" means the ~~actual~~ eligible resident tuition and mandatory fees
 50.17 charged by an institution.

50.18 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1465, is amended by adding a subdivision
 50.19 to read:

50.20 Subd. 1a. **Resident tuition.** The Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota and
 50.21 the Board of Trustees of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must adopt a policy to
 50.22 charge resident tuition rates for all students eligible for North Star Promise.

50.23 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1465, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

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

50.29 (3) is a graduate of a secondary school or its equivalent, or is 17 years of age or over
 50.30 and has met all requirements for admission as a student to an eligible college or university;

51.1 (4) has not ~~earned a~~ completed the degree requirements for the first baccalaureate degree
 51.2 at the time the scholarship is awarded;

51.3 (5) is enrolled in at least one credit per fall, spring, or summer semester;

51.4 (6) is enrolled in a program or course of study that applies to a degree, diploma, or
 51.5 certificate;

51.6 (7) is not in default, as defined by the office, of any federal or state student educational
 51.7 loan;

51.8 (8) is not more than 30 days in arrears in court-ordered child support that is collected or
 51.9 enforced by the public authority responsible for child support enforcement or, if the applicant
 51.10 is more than 30 days in arrears in court-ordered child support that is collected or enforced
 51.11 by the public authority responsible for child support enforcement, but is complying with a
 51.12 written payment agreement under section 518A.69 or order for arrearages;

36.11 (9) has not been convicted of or pled nolo contendere or guilty to a crime involving
36.12 fraud in obtaining federal Title IV funds within the meaning of Code of Federal Regulations,
36.13 subtitle B, chapter VI, part 668, subpart C; and

36.14 (10) is meeting satisfactory academic progress as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision
36.15 10.

36.16 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.155, is amended to read:

36.17 **136A.155 ADDITIONAL INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**

36.18 A postsecondary institution is an eligible institution for purposes of sections 136A.15
36.19 to 136A.1702, if the institution:

36.20 (1) meets the eligibility requirements under section 136A.103; or

36.21 (2) is operated publicly or privately in another state; and is approved by the United States
36.22 Secretary of Education; ~~and, as determined by the office, maintains academic standards~~
36.23 ~~substantially equal to those of comparable institutions operated in this state.~~

36.24 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.162, is amended to read:

36.25 **136A.162 CLASSIFICATION OF DATA.**

36.26 (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), data on applicants for financial assistance
36.27 collected and used by the office for student financial aid programs administered by that
36.28 office are private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12.

36.29 (b) Data on applicants may be disclosed to the commissioner of children, youth, and
36.30 families to the extent necessary to determine eligibility under section 136A.121, subdivision
36.31 2, clause (5).

37.1 (c) The following data collected in the Minnesota supplemental loan program under
37.2 sections 136A.1701 and 136A.1704 may be disclosed to a consumer credit reporting agency
37.3 only if the borrower and the cosigner give informed consent, according to section 13.05,
37.4 subdivision 4, at the time of application for a loan:

37.5 (1) the lender-assigned borrower identification number;

37.6 (2) the name and address of borrower;

37.7 (3) the name and address of cosigner;

37.8 (4) the date the account is opened;

37.9 (5) the outstanding account balance;

37.10 (6) the dollar amount past due;

37.11 (7) the number of payments past due;

51.13 (9) has not been convicted of or pled nolo contendere or guilty to a crime involving
51.14 fraud in obtaining federal Title IV funds within the meaning of Code of Federal Regulations,
51.15 subtitle B, chapter VI, part 668, subpart C; and

51.16 (10) is meeting satisfactory academic progress as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision
51.17 10.

51.18 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.155, is amended to read:

51.19 **136A.155 ADDITIONAL INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**

51.20 A postsecondary institution is an eligible institution for purposes of sections 136A.15
51.21 to 136A.1702, if the institution:

51.22 (1) meets the eligibility requirements under section 136A.103; or

51.23 (2) is operated publicly or privately in another state; and is approved by the United States
51.24 Secretary of Education; ~~and, as determined by the office, maintains academic standards~~
51.25 ~~substantially equal to those of comparable institutions operated in this state.~~

51.26 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.162, is amended to read:

51.27 **136A.162 CLASSIFICATION OF DATA.**

51.28 (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), data on applicants for financial assistance
51.29 collected and used by the office for student financial aid programs administered by that
51.30 office are private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12.

52.1 (b) Data on applicants may be disclosed to the commissioner of children, youth, and
52.2 families to the extent necessary to determine eligibility under section 136A.121, subdivision
52.3 2, clause (5).

52.4 (c) The following data collected in the Minnesota supplemental loan program under
52.5 sections 136A.1701 and 136A.1704 may be disclosed to a consumer credit reporting agency
52.6 only if the borrower and the cosigner give informed consent, according to section 13.05,
52.7 subdivision 4, at the time of application for a loan:

52.8 (1) the lender-assigned borrower identification number;

52.9 (2) the name and address of borrower;

52.10 (3) the name and address of cosigner;

52.11 (4) the date the account is opened;

52.12 (5) the outstanding account balance;

52.13 (6) the dollar amount past due;

52.14 (7) the number of payments past due;

37.12 ~~(8) the number of late payments in previous 12 months;~~
37.13 ~~(9) (8)~~ the type of account;
37.14 ~~(10) (9)~~ the responsibility for the account; and
37.15 ~~(11) (10)~~ the status or remarks code.
37.16 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1701, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
37.17 Subd. 4. **Terms and conditions of loans.** ~~(a)~~ The office may loan money upon such
37.18 terms and conditions as the office may prescribe. Annually, the office must determine the
37.19 minimum loan amount, the maximum loan amount based on program type, the maximum
37.20 cumulative amount for each program type, and the maximum lifetime limit for an individual.
37.21 The annual amount of the loan must not exceed the cost of attendance as determined by the
37.22 eligible institution less all other financial aid.
37.23 ~~(b) The minimum loan amount and a maximum loan amount to students must be~~
37.24 ~~determined annually by the office. Loan limits are defined based on the type of program~~
37.25 ~~enrollment, such as a certificate, an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree, or a graduate~~
37.26 ~~program. The aggregate principal amount of all loans made subject to this paragraph to a~~
37.27 ~~student as an undergraduate and graduate student must not exceed \$140,000. The amount~~
37.28 ~~of the loan must not exceed the cost of attendance as determined by the eligible institution~~
37.29 ~~less all other financial aid, including PLUS loans or other similar parent loans borrowed on~~
37.30 ~~the student's behalf. A student may borrow up to the maximum amount twice in the same~~
37.31 ~~grade level.~~
38.1 ~~(c) The cumulative borrowing maximums must be determined annually by the office~~
38.2 ~~and are defined based on program enrollment. In determining the cumulative borrowing~~
38.3 ~~maximums, the office shall, among other considerations, take into consideration the maximum~~
38.4 ~~SELF loan amount, student financing needs, funding capacity for the SELF program,~~
38.5 ~~delinquency and default loss management, and current financial market conditions.~~
38.6 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1796, is amended to read:
38.7 **136A.1796 TRIBAL COLLEGE SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT ASSISTANCE.**
38.8 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the
38.9 meanings given ~~them~~.
38.10 (b) "Beneficiary student" means a resident of Minnesota who is enrolled in a certificate,
38.11 diploma, or degree program in a Tribally controlled college and is an enrolled member of
38.12 a federally recognized Indian Tribe.
38.13 ~~(b) (c)~~ "Nonbeneficiary student" means a resident of Minnesota who is enrolled in a
38.14 certificate, diploma, or degree program in a Tribally controlled college but is not an enrolled
38.15 member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

52.15 ~~(8) the number of late payments in previous 12 months;~~
52.16 ~~(9) (8)~~ the type of account;
52.17 ~~(10) (9)~~ the responsibility for the account; and
52.18 ~~(11) (10)~~ the status or remarks code.
52.19 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1796, is amended to read:
52.20 **136A.1796 TRIBAL COLLEGE SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT ASSISTANCE.**
52.21 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the
52.22 meanings given ~~them~~.
52.23 (b) "Beneficiary student" means a resident of Minnesota who is enrolled in a certificate,
52.24 diploma, or degree program in a Tribally controlled college and is an enrolled member of
52.25 a federally recognized Indian Tribe.
52.26 ~~(b) (c)~~ "Nonbeneficiary student" means a resident of Minnesota who is enrolled in a
52.27 certificate, diploma, or degree program in a Tribally controlled college but is not an enrolled
52.28 member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

38.16 ~~(c)~~ (d) "Tribally controlled college" means an accredited institution of higher education
 38.17 located in this state that is formally controlled by or has been formally sanctioned or chartered
 38.18 by the governing body of a federally recognized Indian Tribe, or a combination of federally
 38.19 recognized Indian Tribes. Tribally controlled college does not include any institution or
 38.20 campus subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges
 38.21 and Universities or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota.

38.22 Subd. 2. **Eligibility; grant assistance.** (a) A Tribally controlled college is eligible to
 38.23 receive supplemental grant assistance from the office, as provided in this section, for
 38.24 beneficiary and nonbeneficiary student enrollment ~~if the college is not otherwise eligible~~
 38.25 ~~to receive federal grant funding for those students under United States Code, title 25, section~~
 38.26 ~~1808.~~

38.27 (b) The office shall make grants to Tribally controlled colleges to defray the costs of
 38.28 education associated with the enrollment of beneficiary and nonbeneficiary students. Grants
 38.29 made pursuant to this section must be provided directly to the recipient college.

38.30 Subd. 3. **Grant application.** To receive a grant under this section, a Tribally controlled
 38.31 college must submit an application in the manner required by the office. Upon submission
 38.32 of a completed application indicating that the Tribally controlled college is eligible, the
 38.33 office shall distribute to the college, during each year of the biennium, a grant of \$5,300
 39.1 for each beneficiary and nonbeneficiary student on a full-time equivalent basis. If the amount
 39.2 appropriated for grants under this section is insufficient to cover the total amount of grant
 39.3 eligibility, the office shall distribute a prorated amount per beneficiary and nonbeneficiary
 39.4 student on a full-time equivalent basis.

39.5 Subd. 4. **Reporting by recipient institutions.** Each Tribally controlled college receiving
 39.6 a grant under this section shall provide to the office, on an annual basis, an accurate and
 39.7 detailed account of the expenditures of the grant funds received by the college, and a copy
 39.8 of the college's most recent audit report and documentation of the enrollment status and
 39.9 ethnic status of each beneficiary and nonbeneficiary student for which grant assistance is
 39.10 sought under this section.

39.11 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.246, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

39.12 Subd. 1a. **Definitions.** (a) The terms defined in this subdivision apply to this section.

39.13 (b) "Competency standard" has the meaning given in section 175.45, subdivision 2.

39.14 (c) "Eligible training" means training provided by an eligible training provider that:

39.15 (1) includes training to meet one or more identified competency standards;

39.16 (2) is instructor-led for a majority of the training; and

52.29 ~~(c)~~ (d) "Tribally controlled college" means an accredited institution of higher education
 52.30 located in this state that is formally controlled by or has been formally sanctioned or chartered
 53.1 by the governing body of a federally recognized Indian Tribe, or a combination of federally
 53.2 recognized Indian Tribes. Tribally controlled college does not include any institution or
 53.3 campus subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges
 53.4 and Universities or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota.

53.5 Subd. 2. **Eligibility; grant assistance.** (a) A Tribally controlled college is eligible to
 53.6 receive supplemental grant assistance from the office, as provided in this section, for
 53.7 beneficiary and nonbeneficiary student enrollment ~~if the college is not otherwise eligible~~
 53.8 ~~to receive federal grant funding for those students under United States Code, title 25, section~~
 53.9 ~~1808~~ in the fall, spring, and summer terms.

53.10 (b) The office shall make grants to Tribally controlled colleges to defray the costs of
 53.11 education associated with the enrollment of beneficiary and nonbeneficiary students. Grants
 53.12 made pursuant to this section must be provided directly to the recipient college.

53.13 (c) The minimum annual grant amount for each eligible Tribally controlled college is
 53.14 \$1,000,000. The maximum annual grant amount for each eligible Tribally controlled college
 53.15 is \$1,050,000.

53.16 Subd. 3. **Grant application.** To receive a grant under this section, a Tribally controlled
 53.17 college must submit an application in the manner required by the office. Upon submission
 53.18 of a completed application indicating that the Tribally controlled college is eligible, the
 53.19 office shall distribute to the college, during each year of the biennium, a grant of \$5,300
 53.20 for each beneficiary and nonbeneficiary student on a full-time equivalent basis. If the amount
 53.21 appropriated for grants under this section is insufficient to cover the total amount of grant
 53.22 eligibility, the office shall distribute a prorated amount per beneficiary and nonbeneficiary
 53.23 student on a full-time equivalent basis.

53.24 Subd. 4. **Reporting by recipient institutions.** Each Tribally controlled college receiving
 53.25 a grant under this section shall provide to the office, on an annual basis, an accurate and
 53.26 detailed account of the expenditures of the grant funds received by the college, and a copy
 53.27 of the college's most recent audit report and documentation of the enrollment status and
 53.28 ethnic status of each beneficiary and nonbeneficiary student for which grant assistance is
 53.29 sought under this section.

53.30 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.246, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

53.31 Subd. 1a. **Definitions.** (a) The terms defined in this subdivision apply to this section.

53.32 (b) "Competency standard" has the meaning given in section 175.45, subdivision 2.

53.33 (c) "Eligible training" means training provided by an eligible training provider that:

54.1 (1) includes training to meet one or more identified competency standards;

54.2 (2) is instructor-led for a majority of the training; and

39.17 (3) results in the employee receiving an industry-recognized accredited degree, certificate,
 39.18 or credential.

39.19 (d) "Eligible training provider" means an institution:

39.20 (1) operated by the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
 39.21 or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota;

39.22 (2) licensed or registered as a postsecondary institution by the office; or

39.23 (3) exempt from the provisions of section 136A.822 to 136A.834 or 136A.61 to 136A.71
 39.24 as approved by the office.

39.25 (e) "Industry-recognized accredited degrees, certificates, or credentials" means:

39.26 (1) certificates, diplomas, or degrees issued by ~~a~~ an accredited postsecondary institution;

39.27 (2) registered apprenticeship certifications or certificates;

39.28 (3) occupational licenses or registrations;

39.29 (4) certifications issued by, or recognized by, industry or professional associations; and

39.30 (5) other certifications as approved by the commissioner.

40.1 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.246, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

40.2 Subd. 3. **Eligible training provider.** The Office of Higher Education and the Department
 40.3 of Labor and Industry must cooperate in maintaining an inventory of accredited degree,
 40.4 certificate, and credential programs that provide training to meet competency standards.
 40.5 The inventory must be posted on each agency's website with contact information for each
 40.6 program. The postings must be updated periodically.

40.7 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.246, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

40.8 Subd. 6. **Employer match.** A large employer must pay for at least 25 50 percent of the
 40.9 cost of training. For the purpose of this subdivision, a "large employer" means a business
 40.10 with more than \$25,000,000 in annual gross revenue in the previous calendar year.

40.11 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.246, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

40.12 Subd. 8. **Grant amounts.** (a) The maximum grant for an application for the cost of
 40.13 training is \$150,000 \$300,000. The maximum grant for an application for trainee support
 40.14 is ten percent of the grant amount for the cost of training. The maximum total grant per
 40.15 application is \$165,000 \$330,000. A grant may not exceed \$6,000 \$12,000 per year for a
 40.16 maximum of \$24,000 \$48,000 per employee.

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

54.3 (3) results in the employee receiving an industry-recognized accredited degree, certificate,
 54.4 or credential.

54.5 (d) "Eligible training provider" means an institution:

54.6 (1) operated by the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
 54.7 or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota;

54.8 (2) licensed or registered as a postsecondary institution by the office; or

54.9 (3) exempt from the provisions of section 136A.822 to 136A.834 or 136A.61 to 136A.71
 54.10 as approved by the office.

54.11 (e) "Industry-recognized accredited degrees, certificates, or credentials" means:

54.12 (1) certificates, diplomas, or degrees issued by ~~a~~ an accredited postsecondary institution;

54.13 (2) registered apprenticeship certifications or certificates;

54.14 (3) occupational licenses or registrations;

54.15 (4) certifications issued by, or recognized by, industry or professional associations; and

54.16 (5) other certifications as approved by the commissioner.

54.17 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.246, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

54.18 Subd. 3. **Eligible training provider.** The Office of Higher Education and the Department
 54.19 of Labor and Industry must cooperate in maintaining an inventory of accredited degree,
 54.20 certificate, and credential programs that provide training to meet competency standards.
 54.21 The inventory must be posted on each agency's website with contact information for each
 54.22 program. The postings must be updated periodically.

40.20 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.65, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

40.21 Subd. 4. **Criteria for approval.** (a) A school applying to be registered and to have its

40.22 degree or degrees and name approved must substantially meet the following criteria:

40.23 (1) the school has an organizational framework with administrative and teaching personnel

40.24 to provide the educational programs offered;

40.25 (2) the school has financial resources sufficient to meet the school's financial obligations,

40.26 including refunding tuition and other charges consistent with its stated policy if the institution

40.27 is dissolved, or if claims for refunds are made, to provide service to the students as promised,

40.28 and to provide educational programs leading to degrees as offered;

40.29 (3) the school operates in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles

40.30 according to the type of school;

40.31 (4) the school provides an educational program leading to the degree it offers;

41.1 (5) the school provides appropriate and accessible library, laboratory, and other physical

41.2 facilities to support the educational program offered;

41.3 (6) the school has a policy on freedom or limitation of expression and inquiry for faculty

41.4 and students which is published or available on request;

41.5 (7) the school uses only publications and advertisements which are truthful and do not

41.6 give any false, fraudulent, deceptive, inaccurate, or misleading impressions about the school,

41.7 its personnel, programs, services, or occupational opportunities for its graduates for promotion

41.8 and student recruitment;

41.9 (8) the school's compensated recruiting agents who are operating in Minnesota identify

41.10 themselves as agents of the school when talking to or corresponding with students and

41.11 prospective students;

41.12 (9) the school provides information to students and prospective students concerning:

41.13 (i) comprehensive and accurate policies relating to student admission, evaluation,

41.14 suspension, and dismissal;

41.15 (ii) clear and accurate policies relating to granting credit for prior education, training,

41.16 and experience and for courses offered by the school;

41.17 (iii) current schedules of fees, charges for tuition, required supplies, student activities,

41.18 housing, and all other standard charges;

41.19 (iv) policies regarding refunds and adjustments for withdrawal or modification of

41.20 enrollment status; and

41.21 (v) procedures and standards used for selection of recipients and the terms of payment

41.22 and repayment for any financial aid program;

54.23 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.65, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

54.24 Subd. 4. **Criteria for approval.** (a) A school applying to be registered and to have its

54.25 degree or degrees and name approved must substantially meet the following criteria:

54.26 (1) the school has an organizational framework with administrative and teaching personnel

54.27 to provide the educational programs offered;

54.28 (2) the school has financial resources sufficient to meet the school's financial obligations,

54.29 including refunding tuition and other charges consistent with its stated policy if the institution

55.1 is dissolved, or if claims for refunds are made, to provide service to the students as promised,

55.2 and to provide educational programs leading to degrees as offered;

55.3 (3) the school operates in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles

55.4 according to the type of school;

55.5 (4) the school provides an educational program leading to the degree it offers;

55.6 (5) the school provides appropriate and accessible library, laboratory, and other physical

55.7 facilities to support the educational program offered;

55.8 (6) the school has a policy on freedom or limitation of expression and inquiry for faculty

55.9 and students which is published or available on request;

55.10 (7) the school uses only publications and advertisements which are truthful and do not

55.11 give any false, fraudulent, deceptive, inaccurate, or misleading impressions about the school,

55.12 its personnel, programs, services, or occupational opportunities for its graduates for promotion

55.13 and student recruitment;

55.14 (8) the school's compensated recruiting agents who are operating in Minnesota identify

55.15 themselves as agents of the school when talking to or corresponding with students and

55.16 prospective students;

55.17 (9) the school provides information to students and prospective students concerning:

55.18 (i) comprehensive and accurate policies relating to student admission, evaluation,

55.19 suspension, and dismissal;

55.20 (ii) clear and accurate policies relating to granting credit for prior education, training,

55.21 and experience and for courses offered by the school;

55.22 (iii) current schedules of fees, charges for tuition, required supplies, student activities,

55.23 housing, and all other standard charges;

55.24 (iv) policies regarding refunds and adjustments for withdrawal or modification of

55.25 enrollment status; and

55.26 (v) procedures and standards used for selection of recipients and the terms of payment

55.27 and repayment for any financial aid program;

41.23 (10) the school must not withhold a student's official transcript because the student is
41.24 in arrears or in default on any loan issued by the school to the student if the loan qualifies
41.25 as an institutional loan under United States Code, title 11, section 523(a)(8)(b);

41.26 (11) the school has a process to receive and act on student complaints;

41.27 (12) if the school is unaccredited, the school includes a joint and several liability provision
41.28 for torts and compliance with the requirements of sections 136A.61 to 136A.71 in any
41.29 contract effective after July 1, 2026, with any individual, entity, or postsecondary school
41.30 located in another state for the purpose of providing educational or training programs or
41.31 awarding postsecondary credits or continuing education credits to Minnesota residents that
41.32 may be applied to a degree program; and

42.1 (13) the school must not use nondisclosure agreements or other contracts restricting a
42.2 student's ability to disclose information in connection with school actions or conduct that
42.3 would be covered under section 136A.672.

42.4 (b) An application for degree approval must also include:

42.5 (i) title of degree and formal recognition awarded;

42.6 (ii) location where such degree will be offered;

42.7 (iii) proposed implementation date of the degree;

42.8 (iv) admissions requirements for the degree;

42.9 (v) length of the degree;

42.10 (vi) projected enrollment for a period of five years;

42.11 (vii) the curriculum required for the degree, including course syllabi or outlines;

42.12 (viii) statement of academic and administrative mechanisms planned for monitoring the
42.13 quality of the proposed degree;

42.14 (ix) statement of satisfaction of professional licensure criteria, if applicable;

42.15 (x) documentation of the availability of clinical, internship, externship, or practicum
42.16 sites, if applicable; and

42.17 (xi) statement of how the degree fulfills the institution's mission and goals, complements
42.18 existing degrees, and contributes to the school's viability.

42.19 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.653, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

42.20 Subd. 5. **Higher Learning Commission accredited institutions in Minnesota.** (a) A
42.21 postsecondary institution accredited by the Higher Learning Commission or its successor
42.22 with its primary physical location in Minnesota is exempt from the provisions of sections
42.23 136A.61 to 136A.71, including related fees, when it creates new or modifies existing:

55.28 (10) the school must not withhold a student's official transcript because the student is
55.29 in arrears or in default on any loan issued by the school to the student if the loan qualifies
55.30 as an institutional loan under United States Code, title 11, section 523(a)(8)(b);

55.31 (11) the school has a process to receive and act on student complaints;

56.1 (12) if the school is unaccredited, the school includes a joint and several liability provision
56.2 for torts and compliance with the requirements of sections 136A.61 to 136A.71 in any
56.3 contract effective after July 1, 2026, with any individual, entity, or postsecondary school
56.4 located in another state for the purpose of providing educational or training programs or
56.5 awarding postsecondary credits or continuing education credits to Minnesota residents that
56.6 may be applied to a degree program; and

56.7 (13) the school must not use nondisclosure agreements or other contracts restricting a
56.8 student's ability to disclose information in connection with school actions or conduct that
56.9 would be covered under section 136A.672.

56.10 (b) An application for degree approval must also include:

56.11 (i) title of degree and formal recognition awarded;

56.12 (ii) location where such degree will be offered;

56.13 (iii) proposed implementation date of the degree;

56.14 (iv) admissions requirements for the degree;

56.15 (v) length of the degree;

56.16 (vi) projected enrollment for a period of five years;

56.17 (vii) the curriculum required for the degree, including course syllabi or outlines;

56.18 (viii) statement of academic and administrative mechanisms planned for monitoring the
56.19 quality of the proposed degree;

56.20 (ix) statement of satisfaction of professional licensure criteria, if applicable;

56.21 (x) documentation of the availability of clinical, internship, externship, or practicum
56.22 sites, if applicable; and

56.23 (xi) statement of how the degree fulfills the institution's mission and goals, complements
56.24 existing degrees, and contributes to the school's viability.

56.25 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.653, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

56.26 Subd. 5. **Higher Learning Commission accredited institutions in Minnesota.** (a) A
56.27 postsecondary institution accredited by the Higher Learning Commission or its successor
56.28 with its primary physical location in Minnesota is exempt from the provisions of sections
56.29 136A.61 to 136A.71, including related fees, when it creates new or modifies existing:

42.24 (1) program degree levels, program degree types, majors, minors, concentrations,
42.25 specializations, and areas of emphasis within approved degrees;

42.26 (2) nondegree programs within approved degrees;

42.27 (3) underlying curriculum or courses;

42.28 (4) modes of delivery; and

42.29 (5) locations; and

43.1 (6) course or term changes that do not impact the number of instructional hours.

43.2 (b) The institution must annually notify the commissioner of the exempt actions listed
43.3 in paragraph (a) and, upon the commissioner's request, must provide additional information
43.4 about the action.

43.5 (c) The institution must notify the commissioner within 60 days of a program closing.

43.6 (d) Nothing in this subdivision exempts an institution from the annual registration and
43.7 degree approval requirements of sections 136A.61 to 136A.71.

43.8 (e) An institution exempt under this subdivision may advertise, recruit, and enroll students
43.9 while the program is evaluated for an exemption. In the event the program is determined
43.10 not to be exempt, the institution must submit the full review application to the office within
43.11 60 days of notification or cease advertisement, recruitment, and enrollment of students and
43.12 may be subject to the provisions of sections 136A.65, subdivision 8, 136A.705, and 136A.71.

43.13 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.658, is amended to read:

43.14 **136A.658 EXEMPTION; STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY**
43.15 **AGREEMENT SCHOOLS.**

43.16 (a) The office may participate in an interstate reciprocity agreement regarding
43.17 postsecondary distance education if it determines that participation is in the best interest of
43.18 Minnesota postsecondary students.

43.19 (b) If the office decides to participate in an interstate reciprocity agreement, an institution
43.20 that meets the following requirements is exempt from the provisions of sections 136A.61
43.21 to 136A.71:

43.22 (1) the institution is situated in a state which is also participating in the interstate
43.23 reciprocity agreement;

43.24 (2) the institution has been approved to participate in the interstate reciprocity agreement
43.25 by the institution's home state and other entities with oversight of the interstate reciprocity
43.26 agreement; and

43.27 (3) the institution has elected to participate in and operate in compliance with the terms
43.28 of the interstate reciprocity agreement.

57.1 (1) program degree levels, program degree types, majors, minors, concentrations,
57.2 specializations, and areas of emphasis within approved degrees;

57.3 (2) nondegree programs within approved degrees;

57.4 (3) underlying curriculum or courses;

57.5 (4) modes of delivery; and

57.6 (5) locations; and

57.7 (6) course or term changes that do not impact the number of instructional hours.

57.8 (b) The institution must annually notify the commissioner of the exempt actions listed
57.9 in paragraph (a) and, upon the commissioner's request, must provide additional information
57.10 about the action.

57.11 (c) The institution must notify the commissioner within 60 days of a program closing.

57.12 (d) Nothing in this subdivision exempts an institution from the annual registration and
57.13 degree approval requirements of sections 136A.61 to 136A.71.

57.14 (e) Institutions under this provision may advertise, recruit, and enroll students while the
57.15 program is evaluated for an exemption. In the event the program is determined not to be
57.16 exempt, institutions must complete the full review application to the office within 60 days
57.17 of notification or cease advertisement, recruitment, and enrollment of students and will be
57.18 subject to the penalty provisions of sections 136A.65, subdivision 8, 136A.705, and 136A.71.

57.19 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.658, is amended to read:

57.20 **136A.658 EXEMPTION; STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY**
57.21 **AGREEMENT SCHOOLS.**

57.22 (a) The office may participate in an interstate reciprocity agreement regarding
57.23 postsecondary distance education if it determines that participation is in the best interest of
57.24 Minnesota postsecondary students.

57.25 (b) If the office decides to participate in an interstate reciprocity agreement, an institution
57.26 that meets the following requirements is exempt from the provisions of sections 136A.61
57.27 to 136A.71:

57.28 (1) the institution is situated in a state which is also participating in the interstate
57.29 reciprocity agreement;

58.1 (2) the institution has been approved to participate in the interstate reciprocity agreement
58.2 by the institution's home state and other entities with oversight of the interstate reciprocity
58.3 agreement; and

58.4 (3) the institution has elected to participate in and operate in compliance with the terms
58.5 of the interstate reciprocity agreement.

43.29 (c) If the office participates in an interstate reciprocity agreement and the office is
43.30 responsible for the administration of that interstate reciprocity agreement, which may include
43.31 the approval of applications for membership of in-state institutions to participate in the
43.32 interstate reciprocity agreement, the office shall collect reasonable fees sufficient to recover,
44.1 but not exceed, its costs to administer the interstate reciprocity agreement. The office
44.2 processing fees for approving an in-state institution application shall be as follows:

44.3 (1) ~~\$750~~ \$1,500 for institutions with ~~fewer than 2,500~~ or fewer full-time equivalent
44.4 enrollment;

44.5 (2) ~~\$3,000~~ \$5,000 for institutions with 2,501 to ~~20,000~~ 12,500 full-time equivalent
44.6 enrollment; and

44.7 (3) \$7,500 for institutions with greater than ~~20,000~~ 12,500 full-time equivalent enrollment.

44.8 Full-time equivalent enrollment is established using the previous year's full-time equivalent
44.9 enrollment as established in the United States Department of Education Integrated
44.10 Postsecondary Education Data System.

44.11 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.69, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

44.12 Subdivision 1. **Registration fees.** (a) The office shall collect reasonable registration fees
44.13 that are sufficient to recover, but do not exceed, its costs of administering the registration
44.14 program. The office shall charge the fees listed in paragraphs (b) to (d) for new registrations.

44.15 (b) A new school ~~offering no more than one degree at each level during its first year~~
44.16 must pay registration fees ~~for each applicable level~~ based on the institution's total full-time
44.17 equivalent enrollment in the following amounts:

44.18	associate degree	\$2,000
44.19	baccalaureate degree	\$2,500
44.20	master's degree	\$3,000
44.21	doctorate degree	\$3,500

44.22 (1) \$5,000 for institutions with 2,500 or fewer full-time equivalent enrollment;
44.23 (2) \$7,500 for institutions with 2,501 to 5,000 full-time equivalent enrollment;
44.24 (3) \$10,000 for institutions with 5,001 to 7,500 full-time equivalent enrollment;
44.25 (4) \$15,000 for institutions with 7,501 to 10,000 full-time equivalent enrollment; and
44.26 (5) \$20,000 for institutions with 10,001 or greater full-time equivalent enrollment, and
44.27 for institutions with no data on the previous year's full-time equivalent enrollment.

58.6 (c) If the office participates in an interstate reciprocity agreement and the office is
58.7 responsible for the administration of that interstate reciprocity agreement, which may include
58.8 the approval of applications for membership of in-state institutions to participate in the
58.9 interstate reciprocity agreement, the office shall collect reasonable fees sufficient to recover,
58.10 but not exceed, its costs to administer the interstate reciprocity agreement. The office
58.11 processing fees for approving an in-state institution application shall be as follows:

58.12 (1) ~~\$750~~ \$1,500 for institutions with ~~fewer than 2,500~~ or fewer full-time equivalent
58.13 enrollment;

58.14 (2) ~~\$3,000~~ \$5,000 for institutions with 2,501 to ~~20,000~~ 12,500 full-time equivalent
58.15 enrollment; and

58.16 (3) \$7,500 for institutions with greater than ~~20,000~~ 12,500 full-time equivalent enrollment.

58.17 Full-time equivalent enrollment is established using the previous year's full-time equivalent
58.18 enrollment as established in the United States Department of Education Integrated
58.19 Postsecondary Education Data System.

58.20 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.69, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

58.21 Subdivision 1. **Registration fees.** (a) The office shall collect reasonable registration fees
58.22 that are sufficient to recover, but do not exceed, its costs of administering the registration
58.23 program. The office shall charge the fees listed in paragraphs (b) to (d) for new registrations.

58.24 (b) A new school ~~offering no more than one degree at each level during its first year~~
58.25 must pay registration fees ~~for each applicable level~~ based on the institution's total full-time
58.26 equivalent enrollment in the following amounts:

58.27	associate degree	\$2,000
58.28	baccalaureate degree	\$2,500
58.29	master's degree	\$3,000
58.30	doctorate degree	\$3,500

58.31 (1) \$5,000 for institutions with 2,500 or fewer full-time equivalent enrollment;
58.32 (2) \$7,500 for institutions with 2,501 to 5,000 full-time equivalent enrollment;
59.1 (3) \$10,000 for institutions with 5,001 to 7,500 full-time equivalent enrollment;
59.2 (4) \$15,000 for institutions with 7,501 to 10,000 full-time equivalent enrollment; and
59.3 (5) \$20,000 for institutions with 10,001 or greater full-time equivalent enrollment, and
59.4 for institutions with no data on the previous year's full-time equivalent enrollment.

44.28 Full-time equivalent enrollment is established using the previous year's full-time equivalent
44.29 enrollment as established in the United States Department of Education Integrated
44.30 Postsecondary Education Data System.

45.1 (c) A new school ~~that will offer more than one degree per level during its first year~~ must
45.2 pay registration fees in an amount equal to the fee ~~for the first degree at each degree level~~
45.3 under paragraph (b), plus fees for each ~~additional~~ nondegree program or degree as follows:

45.4	nondegree program	\$250
45.5	additional associate degree	\$250
45.6	additional baccalaureate degree	\$500
45.7	additional master's degree program	\$750
45.8	additional doctorate degree	\$1,000

45.9 (d) In addition to the fees under paragraphs (b) and (c), a fee of \$600 must be paid for
45.10 an initial application that: (1) has had four revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or
45.11 application reminders for the same application or registration requirement; or (2) cumulatively
45.12 has had six revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application reminders for the
45.13 same license application and the school seeks to continue with the application process with
45.14 additional application submissions. If this fee is paid, the school may submit two final
45.15 application submissions for review prior to application denial under section 136A.65,
45.16 subdivision 8. This provision excludes from its scope nonrepetitive questions or clarifications
45.17 initiated by the school before the submission of the application, initial interpretation questions
45.18 or inquiries from the office regarding a completed application, and initial requests from the
45.19 office for verification or validation of a completed application.

45.20 (e) The annual renewal registration fee is ~~\$1,500~~ based on an institution's total full-time
45.21 equivalent enrollment in the following amounts:

45.22 (1) \$1,500 for institutions with 2,500 or fewer full-time equivalent enrollment;
45.23 (2) \$3,000 for institutions with 2,501 to 5,000 full-time equivalent enrollment;
45.24 (3) \$5,000 for institutions with 5,001 to 10,000 full-time equivalent enrollment; and
45.25 (4) \$7,500 for institutions with 10,001 or greater full-time equivalent enrollment, and
45.26 for institutions with no data on the previous year's full-time equivalent enrollment.

45.27 Full-time equivalent enrollment is established using the previous year's full-time equivalent
45.28 enrollment as established in the United States Department of Education Integrated
45.29 Postsecondary Education Data System.

45.30 (f) In addition to the fee under paragraph (e), a fee of \$600 must be paid for a renewal
45.31 application that: (1) has had four revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application

59.5 Full-time equivalent enrollment is established using the previous year's full-time equivalent
59.6 enrollment as established in the United States Department of Education Integrated
59.7 Postsecondary Education Data System.

59.8 (c) A new school ~~that will offer more than one degree per level during its first year~~ must
59.9 pay registration fees in an amount equal to the fee ~~for the first degree at each degree level~~
59.10 under paragraph (b), plus fees for each ~~additional~~ nondegree program or degree as follows:

59.11	nondegree program	\$250
59.12	additional associate degree	\$250
59.13	additional baccalaureate degree	\$500
59.14	additional master's degree program	\$750
59.15	additional doctorate degree	\$1,000

59.16 (d) In addition to the fees under paragraphs (b) and (c), a fee of \$600 must be paid for
59.17 an initial application that: (1) has had four revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or
59.18 application reminders for the same application or registration requirement; or (2) cumulatively
59.19 has had six revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application reminders for the
59.20 same license application and the school seeks to continue with the application process with
59.21 additional application submissions. If this fee is paid, the school may submit two final
59.22 application submissions for review prior to application denial under section 136A.65,
59.23 subdivision 8. This provision excludes from its scope nonrepetitive questions or clarifications
59.24 initiated by the school before the submission of the application, initial interpretation questions
59.25 or inquiries from the office regarding a completed application, and initial requests from the
59.26 office for verification or validation of a completed application.

59.27 (e) The annual renewal registration fee is ~~\$1,500~~ based on an institution's total full-time
59.28 equivalent enrollment in the following amounts:

59.29 (1) \$1,500 for institutions with 2,500 or fewer full-time equivalent enrollment;
59.30 (2) \$3,000 for institutions with 2,501 to 5,000 full-time equivalent enrollment;
59.31 (3) \$5,000 for institutions with 5,001 to 10,000 full-time equivalent enrollment; and
59.32 (4) \$7,500 for institutions with 10,001 or greater full-time equivalent enrollment, and
59.33 for institutions with no data on the previous year's full-time equivalent enrollment.

60.1 Full-time equivalent enrollment is established using the previous year's full-time equivalent
60.2 enrollment as established in the United States Department of Education Integrated
60.3 Postsecondary Education Data System.

60.4 (f) In addition to the fee under paragraph (e), a fee of \$600 must be paid for a renewal
60.5 application that: (1) has had four revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application

45.32 reminders for the same application or registration requirement; or (2) cumulatively has had
45.33 six revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application reminders for the same license
46.1 application and the school seeks to continue with the application process with additional
46.2 application submissions. If this fee is paid, the school may submit two final application
46.3 submissions for review prior to application denial under section 136A.65, subdivision 8.
46.4 This provision excludes from its scope nonrepetitive questions or clarifications initiated by
46.5 the school before the submission of the application, initial interpretation questions or inquiries
46.6 from the office regarding a completed application, and initial requests from the office for
46.7 verification or validation of a completed application.

46.8 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.82, is amended to read:

46.9 **136A.82 POLICY; CITATION.**

46.10 Subdivision 1. **Policy.** The legislature has found and hereby declares that the availability
46.11 of legitimate vocational programs offered by responsible nonprofit and for-profit private
46.12 career schools are in the best interests of the people of this state. The legislature has found
46.13 and declares that the state can provide assistance and protection for persons choosing
46.14 vocational programs by establishing policies and procedures to ensure the authenticity and
46.15 legitimacy of vocational programs offered by nonprofit and for-profit private career schools.
46.16 The legislature has found and declares that this same policy applies to any nonprofit and
46.17 for-profit private career schools located in another state or country that offers or makes
46.18 available to a Minnesota resident any vocational program which does not require leaving
46.19 the state for its completion.

46.20 Subd. 2. **Citation.** Sections 136A.82 to 136A.834 may be cited as the "Private Career
46.21 School Act."

46.22 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

46.23 Subd. 4. **Person.** "Person" means any individual, partnership, company, firm, society,
46.24 trust, association, or corporation or any combination thereof. Person does not extend to:

46.25 (1) a government body;

46.26 (2) a public school as defined in section 120A.05, subdivisions 9, 11, 13, and 17; or

46.27 (3) a nonpublic school, religious organization, or home school as defined in section
46.28 120A.22, subdivision 4.

46.29 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

46.30 Subd. 5. **Private career school.** "Private career school" means a person who maintains
46.31 a physical presence for any program at less than an associate degree level, ~~is not registered~~
47.1 ~~as a private institution under sections 136A.61 to 136A.71;~~ and is not specifically exempted
47.2 by section 136A.833. Private career school does not extend to:

60.6 reminders for the same application or registration requirement; or (2) cumulatively has had
60.7 six revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application reminders for the same license
60.8 application and the school seeks to continue with the application process with additional
60.9 application submissions. If this fee is paid, the school may submit two final application
60.10 submissions for review prior to application denial under section 136A.65, subdivision 8.
60.11 This provision excludes from its scope nonrepetitive questions or clarifications initiated by
60.12 the school before the submission of the application, initial interpretation questions or inquiries
60.13 from the office regarding a completed application, and initial requests from the office for
60.14 verification or validation of a completed application.

60.15 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

60.16 Subd. 4. **Person.** "Person" means any individual, partnership, company, firm, society,
60.17 trust, association, or corporation or any combination thereof. Person does not extend to:

60.18 (1) a government body;

60.19 (2) a public school as defined in section 120A.05, subdivisions 9, 11, 13, and 17; or

60.20 (3) a nonpublic school, religious organization, or home school as defined in section
60.21 120A.22, subdivision 4.

60.22 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

60.23 Subd. 5. **Private career school.** "Private career school" means a person who maintains
60.24 a physical presence for any program at less than an associate degree level, ~~is not registered~~
60.25 ~~as a private institution under sections 136A.61 to 136A.71;~~ and is not specifically exempted
60.26 by section 136A.833. Private career school does not extend to:

- 47.3 (1) public postsecondary institutions with a physical presence in Minnesota;
- 47.4 (2) postsecondary institutions registered under sections 136A.61 to 136A.71;
- 47.5 (3) postsecondary institutions exempt from registration under [section](#) 136A.653,
 47.6 subdivisions 1b, 2, 3, and 3a; 136A.657; or 136A.658 due to the nature of the institution's
 47.7 programs;
- 47.8 (4) schools exclusively engaged in training physically or mentally disabled persons;
- 47.9 (5) courses taught to students in an apprenticeship program registered by the United
 47.10 States Department of Labor or Minnesota Department of Labor and taught by or required
 47.11 by a trade union in which students are not responsible for tuition, fees, or any other charges,
 47.12 regardless of payment or reimbursement method;
- 47.13 (6) programs contracted by persons or government agencies for the training of their own
 47.14 employees for which no fee is charged to the employee, regardless of whether that fee is
 47.15 reimbursed by the employer or a third party after the employee successfully completes the
 47.16 training, except [for](#) institutions or programs required to obtain a limited license exclusively
 47.17 to receive the dual training grant;
- 47.18 (7) schools with no physical presence in Minnesota engaged exclusively in offering
 47.19 distance programs that are located in and approved by other states or jurisdictions if the
 47.20 distance education program does not include internships, externships, field placements, or
 47.21 clinical placements for residents of Minnesota;
- 47.22 (8) schools licensed or approved by other state boards or agencies authorized under
 47.23 Minnesota law to issue licenses for institutions or programs, except for institutions or
 47.24 programs required to be licensed exclusively to participate in state financial aid [or](#) be listed
 47.25 on the eligible training provider list, access WIOA funding, or receive the dual training
 47.26 grant;
- 47.27 (9) review classes, courses, or programs intended to prepare students to sit for
 47.28 undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate, or occupational licensing, certification, or entrance
 47.29 examinations;
- 47.30 (10) classes, courses, or programs conducted by a bona fide trade, professional, or
 47.31 fraternal organization, solely for that organization's membership and not available to the
 47.32 public. In making the determination that the organization is bona fide, the office may request
 48.1 the school provide three certified letters from persons that qualify as evaluators under section
 48.2 136A.828, subdivision 3, paragraph (l), that the organization is recognized in Minnesota;
- 48.3 (11) programs in the fine arts provided by organizations exempt from taxation under
 48.4 section 290.05 and registered with the attorney general under chapter 309. For purposes of
 48.5 this clause, "fine arts" means activities resulting in artistic creation or artistic performance
 48.6 of works of the imagination which are engaged in for the primary purpose of creative

- 60.27 (1) public postsecondary institutions with a physical presence in Minnesota;
- 60.28 (2) postsecondary institutions registered under sections 136A.61 to 136A.71;
- 60.29 (3) postsecondary institutions exempt from registration under [sections](#) 136A.653,
 60.30 subdivisions 1b, 2, 3, and 3a; 136A.657; or 136A.658 due to the nature of the institution's
 60.31 programs;
- 61.1 (4) schools exclusively engaged in training physically or mentally disabled persons;
- 61.2 (5) courses taught to students in an apprenticeship program registered by the United
 61.3 States Department of Labor or Minnesota Department of Labor and taught by or required
 61.4 by a trade union in which students are not responsible for tuition, fees, or any other charges,
 61.5 regardless of payment or reimbursement method;
- 61.6 (6) programs contracted by persons or government agencies for the training of their own
 61.7 employees for which no fee is charged to the employee, regardless of whether that fee is
 61.8 reimbursed by the employer or a third party after the employee successfully completes the
 61.9 training, except institutions or programs required to obtain a limited license exclusively to
 61.10 receive the dual training grant;
- 61.11 (7) schools with no physical presence in Minnesota engaged exclusively in offering
 61.12 distance programs that are located in and approved by other states or jurisdictions if the
 61.13 distance education program does not include internships, externships, field placements, or
 61.14 clinical placements for residents of Minnesota;
- 61.15 (8) schools licensed or approved by other state boards or agencies authorized under
 61.16 Minnesota law to issue licenses for institutions or programs, except for institutions or
 61.17 programs required to be licensed exclusively to participate in state financial aid, be listed
 61.18 on the eligible training provider list, access WIOA funding, or receive the dual training
 61.19 grant;
- 61.20 (9) review classes, courses, or programs intended to prepare students to sit for
 61.21 undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate, or occupational licensing, certification, or entrance
 61.22 examinations;
- 61.23 (10) classes, courses, or programs conducted by a bona fide trade, professional, or
 61.24 fraternal organization, solely for that organization's membership and not available to the
 61.25 public. In making the determination that the organization is bona fide, the office may request
 61.26 the school provide three certified letters from persons that qualify as evaluators under section
 61.27 136A.828, subdivision 3, paragraph (l), that the organization is recognized in Minnesota;
- 61.28 (11) programs in the fine arts provided by organizations exempt from taxation under
 61.29 section 290.05 and registered with the attorney general under chapter 309. For purposes of
 61.30 this clause, "fine arts" means activities resulting in artistic creation or artistic performance
 61.31 of works of the imagination which are engaged in for the primary purpose of creative

48.7 expression rather than commercial sale, vocational or career advancement, or employment;
48.8 or
48.9 (12) classes, courses, or programs intended to fulfill the continuing education
48.10 requirements for a bona fide licensure or certification in a profession that have been approved
48.11 by a legislatively or judicially established board or agency responsible for regulating the
48.12 practice of the profession or by an industry-specific certification entity and that are offered
48.13 exclusively to individuals with the professional licensure or certification.
48.14 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision
48.15 to read:
48.16 Subd. 21. **Vocational.** "Vocational" means education or training for skills used in the
48.17 labor market.
48.18 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision
48.19 to read:
48.20 Subd. 22. **Trade union.** "Trade union" means an organization of workers in a skilled
48.21 occupation who act together to secure all members favorable wages, hours, or other working
48.22 conditions.
48.23 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision
48.24 to read:
48.25 Subd. 23. **Eligible training provider.** "Eligible training provider" has the meaning given
48.26 in Code of Federal Regulations, title 20, section 680.410.
48.27 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision
48.28 to read:
48.29 Subd. 24. **Eligible training provider list.** "Eligible training provider list" means the list
48.30 of eligible training providers that the state must maintain under Code of Federal Regulations,
48.31 title 20, section 680.430.
49.1 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision
49.2 to read:
49.3 Subd. 25. **State financial aid.** For purposes of sections 136A.82 to 136A.834, "state
49.4 financial aid" includes all financial aid that may be awarded under chapter 136A, with the
49.5 exception of the dual training grant.
49.6 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision
49.7 to read:
49.8 Subd. 26. **WIOA funding.** "WIOA funding" means any funding available through the
49.9 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act under Code of Federal Regulations, title 20,
49.10 section 680.

61.32 expression rather than commercial sale, vocational or career advancement, or employment;
61.33 or
62.1 (12) classes, courses, or programs intended to fulfill the continuing education
62.2 requirements for a bona fide licensure or certification in a profession that have been approved
62.3 by a legislatively or judicially established board or agency responsible for regulating the
62.4 practice of the profession or by an industry-specific certification entity and that are offered
62.5 exclusively to individuals with the professional licensure or certification.
62.6 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision
62.7 to read:
62.8 Subd. 21. **Vocational.** "Vocational" means education or training for skills used in the
62.9 labor market.
62.10 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision
62.11 to read:
62.12 Subd. 22. **Trade union.** "Trade union" means an organization of workers in a skilled
62.13 occupation who act together to secure all members favorable wages, hours, or other working
62.14 conditions.
62.15 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision
62.16 to read:
62.17 Subd. 23. **Eligible training provider.** "Eligible training provider" has the meaning given
62.18 in Code of Federal Regulations, title 20, section 680.410.
62.19 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision
62.20 to read:
62.21 Subd. 24. **Eligible training provider list.** "Eligible training provider list" means the list
62.22 of eligible training providers that the state must maintain under Code of Federal Regulations,
62.23 title 20, section 680.430.
62.24 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision
62.25 to read:
62.26 Subd. 25. **State financial aid** For the purposes of sections 136A.82 to 136A.834, "state
62.27 financial aid" includes all financial aid that may be awarded under chapter 136A, with the
62.28 exception of the dual training grant under section 136A.246.
63.1 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision
63.2 to read:
63.3 Subd. 26. **WIOA funding.** "WIOA funding" means any money available through the
63.4 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act under Code of Federal Regulations, title 20,
63.5 section 680.

49.11 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision
49.12 to read:

49.13 Subd. 27. **Dual training grant.** "Dual training grant" means any money awarded under
49.14 section 136A.246.

49.15 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.822, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

49.16 Subd. 3. **Refunds.** If a contract is ~~deemed~~ determined by the office to be unenforceable
49.17 under subdivision 2, a private career school must refund tuition, fees, and other charges
49.18 received from a student or on behalf of a student within 30 days of receiving written
49.19 notification and demand for refund from the office.

49.20 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.822, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

49.21 Subd. 6. **Bond.** (a) No license shall be issued to any private career school with a physical
49.22 presence within the state of Minnesota for any program, unless the applicant files with the
49.23 office a continuous corporate surety bond written by a company authorized to do business
49.24 in Minnesota conditioned upon the faithful performance of all contracts and agreements
49.25 with students made by the applicant.

49.26 (b)~~(1)~~ The amount of the surety bond shall be ten percent of the preceding year's net
49.27 revenue from student tuition, fees, and other required institutional charges collected, but in
49.28 no event less than \$10,000, except that a private career school may deposit a greater amount
49.29 at its own discretion. A private career school in each annual application for licensure must
49.30 compute the amount of the surety bond and verify that the amount of the surety bond complies
49.31 with this subdivision. A private career school that operates at two or more locations may
50.1 combine net revenue from student tuition, fees, and other required institutional charges
50.2 collected for all locations for the purpose of determining the annual surety bond requirement.
50.3 The net revenue from tuition and fees used to determine the amount of the surety bond
50.4 required for a private career school having a license for the sole purpose of recruiting students
50.5 in Minnesota shall be only that paid to the private career school by the students recruited
50.6 from Minnesota.

50.7 ~~(2) A person required to obtain a private career school license due to the use of~~
50.8 ~~"academy," "institute," "college," or "university" in its name and which is also licensed by~~
50.9 ~~another state agency or board, except not including those schools licensed exclusively in~~
50.10 ~~order to participate in state grants or SELF loan financial aid programs, shall be required~~
50.11 ~~to provide a school bond of \$10,000.~~

50.12 (c) The bond shall run to the state of Minnesota and to any person who may have a cause
50.13 of action against the applicant arising at any time after the bond is filed and before it is
50.14 canceled for breach of any contract or agreement made by the applicant with any student.
50.15 The aggregate liability of the surety for all breaches of the conditions of the bond shall not
50.16 exceed the principal sum deposited by the private career school under paragraph (b). The
50.17 surety of any bond may cancel it upon giving 60 days' notice in writing to the office and

63.6 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.821, is amended by adding a subdivision
63.7 to read:

63.8 Subd. 27. **Dual training grant.** "Dual training grant" means any money awarded under
63.9 section 136A.246.

63.10 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.822, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

63.11 Subd. 3. **Refunds.** If a contract is ~~deemed~~ determined by the office to be unenforceable
63.12 under subdivision 2, a private career school must refund tuition, fees, and other charges
63.13 received from a student or on behalf of a student within 30 days of receiving written
63.14 notification and demand for refund from the office.

63.15 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.822, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

63.16 Subd. 6. **Bond.** (a) No license shall be issued to any private career school with a physical
63.17 presence within the state of Minnesota for any program, unless the applicant files with the
63.18 office a continuous corporate surety bond written by a company authorized to do business
63.19 in Minnesota conditioned upon the faithful performance of all contracts and agreements
63.20 with students made by the applicant.

63.21 (b)~~(1)~~ The amount of the surety bond shall be ten percent of the preceding year's net
63.22 revenue from student tuition, fees, and other required institutional charges collected, but in
63.23 no event less than \$10,000, except that a private career school may deposit a greater amount
63.24 at its own discretion. A private career school in each annual application for licensure must
63.25 compute the amount of the surety bond and verify that the amount of the surety bond complies
63.26 with this subdivision. A private career school that operates at two or more locations may
63.27 combine net revenue from student tuition, fees, and other required institutional charges
63.28 collected for all locations for the purpose of determining the annual surety bond requirement.
63.29 The net revenue from tuition and fees used to determine the amount of the surety bond
63.30 required for a private career school having a license for the sole purpose of recruiting students
63.31 in Minnesota shall be only that paid to the private career school by the students recruited
63.32 from Minnesota.

64.1 ~~(2) A person required to obtain a private career school license due to the use of~~
64.2 ~~"academy," "institute," "college," or "university" in its name and which is also licensed by~~
64.3 ~~another state agency or board, except not including those schools licensed exclusively in~~
64.4 ~~order to participate in state grants or SELF loan financial aid programs, shall be required~~
64.5 ~~to provide a school bond of \$10,000.~~

64.6 (c) The bond shall run to the state of Minnesota and to any person who may have a cause
64.7 of action against the applicant arising at any time after the bond is filed and before it is
64.8 canceled for breach of any contract or agreement made by the applicant with any student.
64.9 The aggregate liability of the surety for all breaches of the conditions of the bond shall not
64.10 exceed the principal sum deposited by the private career school under paragraph (b). The
64.11 surety of any bond may cancel it upon giving 60 days' notice in writing to the office and

50.18 shall be relieved of liability for any breach of condition occurring after the effective date
50.19 of cancellation.

50.20 (d) In lieu of bond, the applicant may deposit with the commissioner of management
50.21 and budget a sum equal to the amount of the required surety bond in cash, an irrevocable
50.22 letter of credit issued by a financial institution equal to the amount of the required surety
50.23 bond, or securities as may be legally purchased by savings banks or for trust funds in an
50.24 aggregate market value equal to the amount of the required surety bond.

50.25 (e) Failure of a private career school to post and maintain the required surety bond or
50.26 deposit under paragraph (d) may result in denial, suspension, or revocation of the school's
50.27 license.

50.28 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.822, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

50.29 Subd. 8. **Minimum standards.** A license shall be issued if the office first determines:

50.30 (1) that the applicant has a sound financial condition with sufficient resources available
50.31 to:

50.32 (i) meet the private career school's financial obligations;

51.1 (ii) refund all tuition and other charges, within ~~a reasonable period of time~~ 60 days, in
51.2 the event of dissolution of the private career school or in the event of any justifiable claims
51.3 for refund against the private career school by the student body;

51.4 (iii) provide adequate service to its students and prospective students; and

51.5 (iv) maintain and support the private career school;

51.6 (2) that the applicant has satisfactory facilities with sufficient tools and equipment and
51.7 the necessary number of work stations to prepare adequately the students currently enrolled,
51.8 and those proposed to be enrolled;

51.9 (3) that the applicant employs a sufficient number of qualified teaching personnel to
51.10 provide the educational programs contemplated;

51.11 (4) that the private career school has an organizational framework with administrative
51.12 and instructional personnel to provide the programs and services it intends to offer;

51.13 (5) that the quality and content of each occupational course or program of study provides
51.14 education and adequate preparation to enrolled students for entry level positions in the
51.15 occupation for which prepared;

51.16 (6) that the premises and conditions where the students work and study and the student
51.17 living quarters which are owned, maintained, recommended, or approved by the applicant
51.18 are sanitary, healthful, and safe, as evidenced by certificate of occupancy issued by the
51.19 municipality or county where the private career school is physically situated, a fire inspection
51.20 by the local or state fire marshal, or another verification deemed acceptable by the office;

64.12 shall be relieved of liability for any breach of condition occurring after the effective date
64.13 of cancellation.

64.14 (d) In lieu of bond, the applicant may deposit with the commissioner of management
64.15 and budget a sum equal to the amount of the required surety bond in cash, an irrevocable
64.16 letter of credit issued by a financial institution equal to the amount of the required surety
64.17 bond, or securities as may be legally purchased by savings banks or for trust funds in an
64.18 aggregate market value equal to the amount of the required surety bond.

64.19 (e) Failure of a private career school to post and maintain the required surety bond or
64.20 deposit under paragraph (d) may result in denial, suspension, or revocation of the school's
64.21 license.

64.22 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.822, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

64.23 Subd. 8. **Minimum standards.** A license shall be issued if the office first determines:

64.24 (1) that the applicant has a sound financial condition with sufficient resources available
64.25 to:

64.26 (i) meet the private career school's financial obligations;

64.27 (ii) refund all tuition and other charges, within ~~a reasonable period of time~~ 60 days, in
64.28 the event of dissolution of the private career school or in the event of any justifiable claims
64.29 for refund against the private career school by the student body;

64.30 (iii) provide adequate service to its students and prospective students; and

64.31 (iv) maintain and support the private career school;

65.1 (2) that the applicant has satisfactory facilities with sufficient tools and equipment and
65.2 the necessary number of work stations to prepare adequately the students currently enrolled,
65.3 and those proposed to be enrolled;

65.4 (3) that the applicant employs a sufficient number of qualified teaching personnel to
65.5 provide the educational programs contemplated;

65.6 (4) that the private career school has an organizational framework with administrative
65.7 and instructional personnel to provide the programs and services it intends to offer;

65.8 (5) that the quality and content of each occupational course or program of study provides
65.9 education and adequate preparation to enrolled students for entry level positions in the
65.10 occupation for which prepared;

65.11 (6) that the premises and conditions where the students work and study and the student
65.12 living quarters which are owned, maintained, recommended, or approved by the applicant
65.13 are sanitary, healthful, and safe, as evidenced by certificate of occupancy issued by the
65.14 municipality or county where the private career school is physically situated, a fire inspection
65.15 by the local or state fire marshal, or another verification deemed acceptable by the office;

51.21 (7) that the contract or enrollment agreement used by the private career school complies
 51.22 with the provisions in section 136A.826;

51.23 (8) that contracts and agreements do not contain a wage assignment provision or a
 51.24 confession of judgment clause;

51.25 (9) that there has been no adjudication of fraud or misrepresentation in any criminal,
 51.26 civil, or administrative proceeding in any jurisdiction against the private career school or
 51.27 its owner, officers, agents, or sponsoring organization;

51.28 (10) that the private career school or its owners, officers, agents, or sponsoring
 51.29 organization has not had a license revoked under section 136A.829 or its equivalent in other
 51.30 states or has closed the institution prior to all students, enrolled at the time of the closure,
 51.31 completing their program within two years of the effective date of the revocation; and

52.1 (11) that the school includes a joint and several liability provision for torts and compliance
 52.2 with the requirements of sections 136A.82 to 136A.834 in any contract effective after July
 52.3 1, 2026, with any individual, entity, or postsecondary school located in another state for the
 52.4 purpose of providing educational or training programs or awarding postsecondary credits
 52.5 to Minnesota residents that may be applied to a program.

52.6 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.822, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

52.7 Subd. 13. **Private career schools licensed by another state agency or board Limited**
 52.8 **license.** (a) Unless otherwise exempt under sections 136A.82 to 136A.834:

52.9 (1) a private career school licensed by another state agency or board must be required
 52.10 to obtain a private career school limited license due to the use of "academy," "institute,"
 52.11 "college," or "university" in its name or licensed for the purpose of participating participate
 52.12 in state financial aid under chapter 136A, and which is also licensed by another state agency
 52.13 or board; and

52.14 (2) a private career school exclusively seeking to be listed on the eligible training provider
 52.15 list, access WIOA funding, or receive the dual training grant shall be required to obtain a
 52.16 limited license;

52.17 (b) A private career school seeking a limited license under this subdivision shall be
 52.18 required to satisfy only the requirements of subdivisions 4, clauses (1), (2), (3), ~~(5)~~, (7), (8),
 52.19 (9), and (10); 5; 6, paragraph (b), clause (2); 8, clauses (1), (4), (7), (8), and (9), and (10);
 52.20 9; 10; 11; and 12. If a school is licensed to participate in state financial aid under this chapter,
 52.21 the school must follow the refund policy in section 136A.827, even if that section conflicts
 52.22 with the refund policy of the licensing agency or board. A distance education private career
 52.23 school located in another state, or a school licensed to recruit Minnesota residents for
 52.24 attendance at a school outside of this state, or a school licensed by another state agency as
 52.25 its primary licensing body, may continue to use the school's name as permitted by its home
 52.26 state or its primary licensing body.

65.16 (7) that the contract or enrollment agreement used by the private career school complies
 65.17 with the provisions in section 136A.826;

65.18 (8) that contracts and agreements do not contain a wage assignment provision or a
 65.19 confession of judgment clause;

65.20 (9) that there has been no adjudication of fraud or misrepresentation in any criminal,
 65.21 civil, or administrative proceeding in any jurisdiction against the private career school or
 65.22 its owner, officers, agents, or sponsoring organization;

65.23 (10) that the private career school or its owners, officers, agents, or sponsoring
 65.24 organization has not had a license revoked under section 136A.829 or its equivalent in other
 65.25 states or has closed the institution prior to all students, enrolled at the time of the closure,
 65.26 completing their program within two years of the effective date of the revocation; and

65.27 (11) that the school includes a joint and several liability provision for torts and compliance
 65.28 with the requirements of sections 136A.82 to 136A.834 in any contract effective after July
 65.29 1, 2026, with any individual, entity, or postsecondary school located in another state for the
 65.30 purpose of providing educational or training programs or awarding postsecondary credits
 65.31 to Minnesota residents that may be applied to a program.

66.1 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.822, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

66.2 Subd. 13. **Private career schools licensed by another state agency or board Limited**
 66.3 **license.** Unless otherwise exempt under this act:

66.4 (1) a private career school, which is licensed by another state agency or board, is required
 66.5 to obtain a private career school limited license due to the use of "academy," "institute,"
 66.6 "college," or "university" in its name or licensed for the purpose of participating participate
 66.7 in state financial aid under chapter 136A, and which is also licensed by another state agency
 66.8 or board;

66.9 (2) a private career school seeking exclusively to be listed on the eligible training provider
 66.10 list, access WIOA funding, or receive the dual training grant shall be required to obtain a
 66.11 limited license; and

66.12 (3) a private career school seeking a limited license under this subdivision is shall be
 66.13 required to satisfy only the requirements of subdivisions 4, clauses (1), (2), (3), ~~(5)~~, (7), (8),
 66.14 (9), and (10); 5; 6, paragraph (b), clause (2); 8, clauses (1), (4), (7), (8), and (9), and (10);
 66.15 9; 10; 11; and 12. If a school is licensed to participate in state financial aid under this chapter,
 66.16 the school must follow the refund policy in section 136A.827, even if that section conflicts
 66.17 with the refund policy of the licensing agency or board. A distance education private career
 66.18 school located in another state, or a school licensed to recruit Minnesota residents for
 66.19 attendance at a school outside of this state, or a school licensed by another state agency as
 66.20 its primary licensing body, may continue to use the school's name as permitted by its home
 66.21 state or its primary licensing body.

52.27 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.824, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

52.28 Subdivision 1. **Initial licensure fee.** (a) The office processing fee for an initial licensure

52.29 application is:

52.30 (1) ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,730 for a private career school that will offer no more than one program

52.31 during its first year of operation;

53.1 (2) ~~\$750~~ \$1,500 for a private career school licensed exclusively ~~due to the use of the~~

53.2 ~~term "college," "university," "academy," or "institute" in its name, or licensed exclusively~~

53.3 ~~in order~~ to participate in state ~~grant or SELF loan~~ financial aid programs, be listed on the

53.4 ~~eligible training provider list, access WIOA funding, or receive the dual training grant; and~~

53.5 (3) ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,730, plus \$500 for each additional program offered by the private career

53.6 school, for a private career school during its first year of licensed operation.

53.7 (b) In addition to the fee under paragraph (a), a fee of \$600 must be paid for an initial

53.8 application that: (1) has had four revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application

53.9 reminders for the same application or licensure requirement; or (2) cumulatively has had

53.10 six revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application reminders for the same license

53.11 application and the private career school seeks to continue with the application process with

53.12 additional application submissions. If this fee is paid, the private career school may submit

53.13 two final application submissions for review prior to application denial under section

53.14 136A.829, subdivision 1, clause (2). This provision excludes from its scope nonrepetitive

53.15 questions or clarifications initiated by the school before the submission of the application,

53.16 initial interpretation questions or inquiries from the office regarding a completed application,

53.17 and initial requests from the office for verification or validation of a completed application.

53.18 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.824, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

53.19 Subd. 2. **Renewal licensure fee; late fee.** (a) The office processing fee for a renewal

53.20 licensure application is:

53.21 (1) for a private career school ~~that offers one program~~, the license renewal fee is ~~\$1,150~~

53.22 ~~\$3,160; and~~

53.23 ~~(2) for a private career school that offers more than one program, the license renewal~~

53.24 ~~fee is \$1,150, plus \$200 for each additional program with a maximum renewal licensing~~

53.25 ~~fee of \$2,000;~~

53.26 ~~(3) for a private career school licensed exclusively due to the use of the term "college,"~~

53.27 ~~"university," "academy," or "institute" in its name, the license renewal fee is \$750; and~~

53.28 ~~(4) (2) for a private career school licensed by another state agency and also licensed~~

53.29 ~~with the office exclusively in order to participate in state student financial aid programs, be~~

53.30 ~~listed on the eligible training provider list, access WIOA funding, or receive the dual training~~

53.31 ~~grant, the license renewal fee is \$750~~ \$1,500.

66.22 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.824, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

66.23 Subdivision 1. **Initial licensure fee.** (a) The office processing fee for an initial licensure

66.24 application is:

66.25 (1) ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,730 for a private career school that will offer no more than one program

66.26 during its first year of operation;

66.27 (2) ~~\$750~~ \$1,500 for a private career school licensed exclusively ~~due to the use of the~~

66.28 ~~term "college," "university," "academy," or "institute" in its name, or licensed exclusively~~

66.29 ~~in order~~ to participate in state ~~grant or SELF loan~~ financial aid programs, be listed on the

66.30 ~~eligible training provider list, access WIOA funding, or receive the dual training grant; and~~

66.31 (3) ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,730, plus \$500 for each additional program offered by the private career

66.32 school, for a private career school during its first year of licensed operation.

67.1 (b) In addition to the fee under paragraph (a), a fee of \$600 must be paid for an initial

67.2 application that: (1) has had four revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application

67.3 reminders for the same application or licensure requirement; or (2) cumulatively has had

67.4 six revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application reminders for the same license

67.5 application and the private career school seeks to continue with the application process with

67.6 additional application submissions. If this fee is paid, the private career school may submit

67.7 two final application submissions for review prior to application denial under section

67.8 136A.829, subdivision 1, clause (2). This provision excludes from its scope nonrepetitive

67.9 questions or clarifications initiated by the school before the submission of the application,

67.10 initial interpretation questions or inquiries from the office regarding a completed application,

67.11 and initial requests from the office for verification or validation of a completed application.

67.12 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.824, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

67.13 Subd. 2. **Renewal licensure fee; late fee.** (a) The office processing fee for a renewal

67.14 licensure application is:

67.15 (1) for a private career school ~~that offers one program~~, the license renewal fee is ~~\$1,150~~

67.16 ~~\$3,160; and~~

67.17 ~~(2) for a private career school that offers more than one program, the license renewal~~

67.18 ~~fee is \$1,150, plus \$200 for each additional program with a maximum renewal licensing~~

67.19 ~~fee of \$2,000;~~

67.20 ~~(3) for a private career school licensed exclusively due to the use of the term "college,"~~

67.21 ~~"university," "academy," or "institute" in its name, the license renewal fee is \$750; and~~

67.22 ~~(4) (2) for a private career school licensed by another state agency and also licensed~~

67.23 ~~with the office exclusively in order to participate in state student financial aid programs, be~~

67.24 ~~listed on the eligible training provider list, access WIOA funding, or receive the dual training~~

67.25 ~~grant, the license renewal fee is \$750~~ \$1,500.

54.1 (b) If a license renewal application is not received by the office by ~~the close of business~~
 54.2 ~~at least 60 days before~~ the expiration of the current license, a late fee of \$100 per business
 54.3 day, not to exceed \$3,000, shall be assessed.

54.4 (c) In addition to the fee under paragraph (a), a fee of \$600 must be paid for a renewal
 54.5 application that: (1) has had four revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application
 54.6 reminders for the same application or licensure requirement; or (2) cumulatively has had
 54.7 six revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application reminders for the same license
 54.8 application and the private career school seeks to continue with the application process with
 54.9 additional application submissions. If this fee is paid, the private career school may submit
 54.10 two final application submissions for review prior to application denial under section
 54.11 136A.829, subdivision 1, clause (2). This provision excludes from its scope nonrepetitive
 54.12 questions or clarifications initiated by the school before the submission of the application,
 54.13 initial interpretation questions or inquiries from the office regarding a completed application,
 54.14 and initial requests from the office for verification or validation of a completed application.

54.15 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.824, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

54.16 Subd. 6. **Solicitor permit fee.** The solicitor permit fee is ~~\$350~~ \$500 and must be paid
 54.17 annually.

54.18 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.824, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

54.19 Subd. 7. **Multiple location fee.** Private career schools wishing to operate at multiple
 54.20 locations must pay the greater of:

54.21 (1) ~~\$250~~ \$500 per location, for locations two to five; and, or

54.22 (2) ~~an additional \$100 for each location over five.~~ the actual cost of travel expenses,
 54.23 lodging, and customary meals incurred for an in-person site visit, should the office determine
 54.24 one is necessary.

54.25 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.833, is amended to read:

54.26 **136A.833 EXEMPTIONS.**

54.27 Subdivision 1. **Application for exemptions.** (a) A school that seeks an exemption from
 54.28 the provisions of sections 136A.822 to 136A.834 for the school and all of its programs or
 54.29 some of its programs must apply to the office to establish that the school or program meets
 54.30 the requirements of an exemption. An exemption for the school or program expires two
 54.31 years from the date of approval or when a school adds a new program or makes a
 55.1 modification equal to or greater than 25 percent to an existing educational program. If a
 55.2 school is reapplying for an exemption, the application must be submitted to the office 90
 55.3 days before the current exemption expires. If a school fails to apply within 90 days of
 55.4 expiration, the school is subject to fees and penalties under sections 136A.831 and 136A.832.
 55.5 This exemption shall not extend to any school that uses any publication or advertisement
 55.6 that is not truthful and gives any false, fraudulent, deceptive, inaccurate, or misleading
 55.7 impressions about the school or its personnel, programs, services, or occupational

67.26 (b) If a license renewal application is not received by the office by ~~the close of business~~
 67.27 ~~at least 60 days before~~ the expiration of the current license, a late fee of \$100 per business
 67.28 day, not to exceed \$3,000, shall be assessed.

67.29 (c) In addition to the fee under paragraph (a), a fee of \$600 must be paid for a renewal
 67.30 application that: (1) has had four revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application
 67.31 reminders for the same application or licensure requirement; or (2) cumulatively has had
 67.32 six revisions, corrections, amendment requests, or application reminders for the same license
 67.33 application and the private career school seeks to continue with the application process with
 68.1 additional application submissions. If this fee is paid, the private career school may submit
 68.2 two final application submissions for review prior to application denial under section
 68.3 136A.829, subdivision 1, clause (2). This provision excludes from its scope nonrepetitive
 68.4 questions or clarifications initiated by the school before the submission of the application,
 68.5 initial interpretation questions or inquiries from the office regarding a completed application,
 68.6 and initial requests from the office for verification or validation of a completed application.

68.7 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.824, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

68.8 Subd. 6. **Solicitor permit fee.** The solicitor permit fee is ~~\$350~~ \$500 and must be paid
 68.9 annually.

68.10 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.824, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

68.11 Subd. 7. **Multiple location fee.** Private career schools wishing to operate at multiple
 68.12 locations must pay the greater of:

68.13 (1) ~~\$250~~ \$500 per location, for locations two to five; and, or

68.14 (2) ~~an additional \$100 for each location over five.~~ the actual cost of travel expenses,
 68.15 lodging, and customary meals incurred for an in-person site visit, should the office determine
 68.16 one is necessary.

68.17 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.833, is amended to read:

68.18 **136A.833 EXEMPTIONS.**

68.19 Subdivision 1. **Application for exemptions.** (a) A school that seeks an exemption from
 68.20 the provisions of sections 136A.822 to 136A.834 for the school and all of its programs or
 68.21 some of its programs must apply to the office to establish that the school or program meets
 68.22 the requirements of an exemption. An exemption for the school or program expires two
 68.23 years from the date of approval or when a school adds a new program or makes a
 68.24 modification equal to or greater than 25 percent to an existing educational program. If a
 68.25 school is reapplying for an exemption, the application must be submitted to the office 90
 68.26 days before the current exemption expires. If a school fails to apply within 90 days of
 68.27 expiration, the school is subject to fees and penalties under sections 136A.831 and 136A.832.
 68.28 This exemption shall not extend to any school that uses any publication or advertisement
 68.29 that is not truthful and gives any false, fraudulent, deceptive, inaccurate, or misleading
 68.30 impressions about the school or its personnel, programs, services, or occupational

55.8 opportunities for its graduates for promotion and student recruitment. Exemptions denied
 55.9 under this section are subject to appeal under section 136A.829. If an appeal is initiated,
 55.10 the denial of the exemption is not effective until the final determination of the appeal, unless
 55.11 immediate effect is ordered by the court.

55.12 (b) A school that meets any of the exemptions in this section and exclusively seeks to
 55.13 be listed on the eligible training provider list, access WIOA funding, or receive the dual
 55.14 training grant, is exempt from sections 136A.822 to 136A.834, except the school must
 55.15 satisfy the requirements of section 136A.822, subdivisions 4, clauses (1), (2), and (3); 8,
 55.16 clauses (9) and (10); 10, clause (8); and 12.

55.17 Subd. 2. **Exemption reasons.** Sections 136A.821 to 136A.832 shall not apply to the
 55.18 following:

55.19 (1) ~~public postsecondary institutions;~~

55.20 (2) ~~postsecondary institutions registered under sections 136A.61 to 136A.71;~~

55.21 (3) ~~postsecondary institutions exempt from registration under sections 136A.653,~~
 55.22 ~~subdivisions 1b, 2, 3, and 3a; 136A.657; and 136A.658;~~

55.23 (4) ~~private schools complying with the requirements of section 120A.22, subdivision 4;~~

55.24 (5) ~~courses taught to students in an apprenticeship program registered by the United~~
 55.25 ~~States Department of Labor or Minnesota Department of Labor and taught by or required~~
 55.26 ~~by a trade union. A trade union is an organization of workers in the same skilled occupation~~
 55.27 ~~or related skilled occupations who act together to secure all members favorable wages,~~
 55.28 ~~hours, and other working conditions;~~

55.29 (6) ~~private career schools exclusively engaged in training physically or mentally disabled~~
 55.30 ~~persons;~~

55.31 (7) ~~private career schools licensed or approved by boards authorized under Minnesota~~
 55.32 ~~law to issue licenses for training programs except private career schools required to obtain~~
 56.1 ~~a private career school license due to the use of "academy," "institute," "college," or~~
 56.2 ~~"university" in their names;~~

56.3 (8) ~~private career schools and educational programs, or training programs, contracted~~
 56.4 ~~for by persons, firms, corporations, government agencies, or associations, for the training~~
 56.5 ~~of their own employees, for which no fee is charged the employee, regardless of whether~~
 56.6 ~~that fee is reimbursed by the employer or third party after the employee successfully~~
 56.7 ~~completes the training;~~

56.8 (9) ~~(1) private career schools engaged exclusively in the teaching of purely avocational~~
 56.9 ~~programs that are engaged primarily for personal development, recreational recreation, or~~
 56.10 ~~remedial subjects that education, and are not advertised or maintained generally intended~~
 56.11 ~~for vocational or career advancement, including adult basic education, exercise or fitness~~
 56.12 ~~teacher programs, modeling, or acting, as determined by the office except private career~~

68.31 opportunities for its graduates for promotion and student recruitment. Exemptions denied
 68.32 under this section are subject to appeal under section 136A.829. If an appeal is initiated,
 69.1 the denial of the exemption is not effective until the final determination of the appeal, unless
 69.2 immediate effect is ordered by the court.

69.3 (b) A school that meets any of the exemptions in this section and exclusively seeks to
 69.4 be listed on the eligible training provider list, access WIOA funding, or receive the dual
 69.5 training grant is exempt from sections 136A.822 to 136A.834, except ~~that~~ the school must
 69.6 satisfy the requirements of section 136A.822, subdivisions 4, clauses (1), (2), and (3); 8,
 69.7 clauses (9) and (10); 10, clause (8); and 12.

69.8 Subd. 2. **Exemption reasons.** Sections 136A.821 to 136A.832 shall not apply to the
 69.9 following:

69.10 (1) ~~public postsecondary institutions;~~

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69.12 (3) ~~postsecondary institutions exempt from registration under sections 136A.653,~~
 69.13 ~~subdivisions 1b, 2, 3, and 3a; 136A.657; and 136A.658;~~

69.14 (4) ~~private schools complying with the requirements of section 120A.22, subdivision 4;~~

69.15 (5) ~~courses taught to students in an apprenticeship program registered by the United~~
 69.16 ~~States Department of Labor or Minnesota Department of Labor and taught by or required~~
 69.17 ~~by a trade union. A trade union is an organization of workers in the same skilled occupation~~
 69.18 ~~or related skilled occupations who act together to secure all members favorable wages,~~
 69.19 ~~hours, and other working conditions;~~

69.20 (6) ~~private career schools exclusively engaged in training physically or mentally disabled~~
 69.21 ~~persons;~~

69.22 (7) ~~private career schools licensed or approved by boards authorized under Minnesota~~
 69.23 ~~law to issue licenses for training programs except private career schools required to obtain~~
 69.24 ~~a private career school license due to the use of "academy," "institute," "college," or~~
 69.25 ~~"university" in their names;~~

69.26 (8) ~~private career schools and educational programs, or training programs, contracted~~
 69.27 ~~for by persons, firms, corporations, government agencies, or associations, for the training~~
 69.28 ~~of their own employees, for which no fee is charged the employee, regardless of whether~~
 69.29 ~~that fee is reimbursed by the employer or third party after the employee successfully~~
 69.30 ~~completes the training;~~

69.31 (9) ~~(1) private career schools engaged exclusively in the teaching of purely avocational~~
 69.32 ~~programs that are engaged primarily for personal development, recreational recreation, or~~
 70.1 ~~remedial subjects that education, and are not advertised or maintained generally intended~~
 70.2 ~~for vocational or career advancement, including adult basic education, exercise or fitness~~
 70.3 ~~teacher programs, modeling, or acting, as determined by the office except private career~~

56.13 schools required to obtain a private career school license due to the use of "college" or
 56.14 "university" in their names;

56.15 (10) classes, courses, or programs conducted by a bona fide trade, professional, or
 56.16 fraternal organization, solely for that organization's membership and not available to the
 56.17 public. In making the determination that the organization is bona fide, the office may request
 56.18 the school provide three certified letters from persons that qualify as evaluators under section
 56.19 136A.828, subdivision 3, paragraph (1), that the organization is recognized in Minnesota;

56.20 (11) programs in the fine arts provided by organizations exempt from taxation under
 56.21 section 290.05 and registered with the attorney general under chapter 309. For the purposes
 56.22 of this clause, "fine arts" means activities resulting in artistic creation or artistic performance
 56.23 of works of the imagination which are engaged in for the primary purpose of creative
 56.24 expression rather than commercial sale, vocational or career advancement, or employment.
 56.25 In making this determination the office may seek the advice and recommendation of the
 56.26 Minnesota Board of the Arts;

56.27 (12) classes, courses, or programs intended to fulfill the continuing education
 56.28 requirements for a bona fide licensure or certification in a profession, that have been approved
 56.29 by a legislatively or judicially established board or agency responsible for regulating the
 56.30 practice of the profession or by an industry-specific certification entity, and that are offered
 56.31 exclusively to individuals with the professional licensure or certification. In making the
 56.32 determination that the licensure or certification is bona fide, the office may request the
 56.33 school provide three certified letters from persons that qualify as evaluators under section
 57.1 136A.828, subdivision 3, paragraph (1), that the licensure and certification is recognized in
 57.2 Minnesota;

57.3 (13) review classes, courses, or programs intended to prepare students to sit for
 57.4 undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate, or occupational licensing, certification, or entrance
 57.5 examinations and does not include the instruction to prepare students for that license,
 57.6 occupation, certification, or exam;

57.7 ~~(14)~~ (2) classes, courses, or programs providing ~~16~~ 40 or fewer clock hours of instruction;
 57.8 and

57.9 (15) classes, courses, or programs providing instruction in personal development that is
 57.10 not advertised or maintained for vocational or career advancement, modeling, or acting;

57.11 (16) private career schools with no physical presence in Minnesota engaged exclusively
 57.12 in offering distance instruction that are located in and regulated by other states or jurisdictions
 57.13 if the distance education instruction does not include internships, externships, field
 57.14 placements, or clinical placements for residents of Minnesota; and

57.15 ~~(17)~~ (3) private career schools providing ~~exclusively~~ training, instructional programs,
 57.16 or courses where tuition, fees, and any other charges, ~~regardless of payment or reimbursement~~
 57.17 ~~method~~, for a student to participate do not exceed \$100 \$500.

70.4 schools required to obtain a private career school license due to the use of "college" or
 70.5 "university" in their names;

70.6 (10) classes, courses, or programs conducted by a bona fide trade, professional, or
 70.7 fraternal organization, solely for that organization's membership and not available to the
 70.8 public. In making the determination that the organization is bona fide, the office may request
 70.9 the school provide three certified letters from persons that qualify as evaluators under section
 70.10 136A.828, subdivision 3, paragraph (1), that the organization is recognized in Minnesota;

70.11 (11) programs in the fine arts provided by organizations exempt from taxation under
 70.12 section 290.05 and registered with the attorney general under chapter 309. For the purposes
 70.13 of this clause, "fine arts" means activities resulting in artistic creation or artistic performance
 70.14 of works of the imagination which are engaged in for the primary purpose of creative
 70.15 expression rather than commercial sale, vocational or career advancement, or employment.
 70.16 In making this determination the office may seek the advice and recommendation of the
 70.17 Minnesota Board of the Arts;

70.18 (12) classes, courses, or programs intended to fulfill the continuing education
 70.19 requirements for a bona fide licensure or certification in a profession, that have been approved
 70.20 by a legislatively or judicially established board or agency responsible for regulating the
 70.21 practice of the profession or by an industry-specific certification entity, and that are offered
 70.22 exclusively to individuals with the professional licensure or certification. In making the
 70.23 determination that the licensure or certification is bona fide, the office may request the
 70.24 school provide three certified letters from persons that qualify as evaluators under section
 70.25 136A.828, subdivision 3, paragraph (1), that the licensure and certification is recognized in
 70.26 Minnesota;

70.27 (13) review classes, courses, or programs intended to prepare students to sit for
 70.28 undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate, or occupational licensing, certification, or entrance
 70.29 examinations and does not include the instruction to prepare students for that license,
 70.30 occupation, certification, or exam;

70.31 ~~(14)~~ (2) classes, courses, or programs providing ~~16~~ 40 or fewer clock hours of instruction;
 70.32 and

70.33 (15) classes, courses, or programs providing instruction in personal development that is
 70.34 not advertised or maintained for vocational or career advancement, modeling, or acting;

71.1 (16) private career schools with no physical presence in Minnesota engaged exclusively
 71.2 in offering distance instruction that are located in and regulated by other states or jurisdictions
 71.3 if the distance education instruction does not include internships, externships, field
 71.4 placements, or clinical placements for residents of Minnesota; and

71.5 ~~(17)~~ (3) private career schools providing ~~exclusively~~ training, instructional programs,
 71.6 or courses where tuition, fees, and any other charges, ~~regardless of payment or reimbursement~~
 71.7 ~~method~~, for a student to participate do not exceed \$100 \$500.

57.18 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.834, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

57.19 Subdivision 1. **Exemption.** (a) A program is exempt from the provisions of sections

57.20 136A.821 to 136A.832 if it is:

57.21 (1) offered by a ~~private career~~ school or any department or branch of a ~~private career~~

57.22 school that is substantially owned, operated, or supported by a bona fide church or religious

57.23 organization;

57.24 (2) primarily designed for, aimed at, and attended by persons who sincerely hold or seek

57.25 to learn the particular religious faith or beliefs of that church or religious organization; and

57.26 (3) primarily intended to prepare its students to become ministers of, to enter into some

57.27 other vocation closely related to, or to conduct their lives in consonance with the particular

57.28 faith of that church or religious organization.

57.29 (b) Any ~~private career~~ school or any department or branch of a ~~private career~~ school is

57.30 exempt from the provisions of sections 136A.821 to 136A.832 if all of its programs are

57.31 exempt under paragraph (a).

58.1 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.834, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

58.2 Subd. 5. **Application.** A school that seeks an exemption from the provisions of sections

58.3 136A.82 to 136A.834 must apply to the office to establish that the school meets the

58.4 requirements of an exemption. An exemption expires two years from the date of approval

58.5 or when a school adds a new program or makes a modification equal to or greater than 25

58.6 percent to an existing educational program. If a school is reapplying for an exemption, the

58.7 application must be submitted to the office 90 days before the current exemption expires.

58.8 If a school fails to apply within 90 days of expiration, the school is subject to the fees and

58.9 penalties under sections 136A.831 and 136A.832.

71.8 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.834, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

71.9 Subdivision 1. **Exemption.** (a) A program is exempt from the provisions of sections

71.10 136A.821 to 136A.832 if it is:

71.11 (1) offered by a ~~private career~~ school or any department or branch of a ~~private career~~

71.12 school that is substantially owned, operated, or supported by a bona fide church or religious

71.13 organization;

71.14 (2) primarily designed for, aimed at, and attended by persons who sincerely hold or seek

71.15 to learn the particular religious faith or beliefs of that church or religious organization; and

71.16 (3) primarily intended to prepare its students to become ministers of, to enter into some

71.17 other vocation closely related to, or to conduct their lives in consonance with the particular

71.18 faith of that church or religious organization.

71.19 (b) Any ~~private career~~ school or any department or branch of a ~~private career~~ school is

71.20 exempt from the provisions of sections 136A.821 to 136A.832 if all of its programs are

71.21 exempt under paragraph (a).

71.22 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.834, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

71.23 Subd. 5. **Application.** A school that seeks an exemption from the provisions of sections

71.24 136A.82 to 136A.834 must apply to the office to establish that the school meets the

71.25 requirements of an exemption. An exemption expires two years from the date of approval

71.26 or when a school adds a new program or makes a modification equal to or greater than 25

71.27 percent to an existing educational program. If a school is reapplying for an exemption, the

71.28 application must be submitted to the office 90 days before the current exemption expires.

71.29 If a school fails to apply within 90 days of expiration, the school is subject to the fees and

71.30 penalties under sections 136A.831 and 136A.832.

72.1 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.87, is amended to read:

72.2 **136A.87 PLANNING INFORMATION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.**

72.3 (a) The office shall make available to all residents beginning in 7th grade through

72.4 adulthood information about planning and preparing for postsecondary opportunities.

72.5 Information must be provided to all 7th grade students and their parents annually by

72.6 September 30 about planning for their postsecondary education. The office may also provide

72.7 information to high school students and their parents, to adults, and to out-of-school youth.

72.8 ~~(b) The office shall gather and share information with students and parents about the~~

72.9 ~~dual credit acceptance policies of each Minnesota public and private college and university.~~

72.10 ~~The office shall gather and share information related to the acceptance policies for concurrent~~

72.11 ~~enrollment courses, postsecondary enrollment options courses, advanced placement courses,~~

72.12 ~~and international baccalaureate courses. This information must be shared on the office's~~

72.13 ~~website and included in the information under paragraph (a).~~

58.10 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.901, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

58.11 Subdivision 1. **Grant program.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a grant program

58.12 to award grants to institutions in Minnesota for research into spinal cord injuries and traumatic

58.13 brain injuries. Grants shall be awarded to conduct research into new and innovative treatments

58.14 and rehabilitative efforts for the functional improvement of people with spinal cord and

58.15 traumatic brain injuries. Research topics may include, but are not limited to, pharmaceutical,

58.16 medical device, brain stimulus, and rehabilitative approaches and techniques. The

58.17 commissioner, in consultation with the advisory council established under section 136A.902,

58.18 shall award 50 percent of the grant funds for research involving spinal cord injuries and 50

58.19 percent to research involving traumatic brain injuries. In addition to the amounts appropriated

58.20 by law, the commissioner may accept additional funds from private and public sources.

58.21 Amounts received from these sources are appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes

58.22 of issuing grants under this section.

72.14 ~~(b) The information provided under paragraph (a) may include the following:~~

72.15 (1) the need to start planning early;

72.16 (2) the availability of assistance in educational planning from educational institutions

72.17 and other organizations;

72.18 (3) suggestions for studying effectively during high school;

72.19 (4) high school courses necessary to be adequately prepared for postsecondary education;

72.20 (5) encouragement to involve parents actively in planning for all phases of education;

72.21 (6) information about postsecondary education and training opportunities existing in the

72.22 state, their respective missions and expectations for students, their preparation requirements,

72.23 admission requirements, and student placement;

72.24 (7) ways to evaluate and select postsecondary institutions;

72.25 (8) the process of transferring credits among Minnesota postsecondary institutions and

72.26 systems;

72.27 (9) the costs of postsecondary education and the availability of financial assistance in

72.28 meeting these costs, including specific information about the Minnesota Promise;

72.29 (10) the interrelationship of assistance from student financial aid, public assistance, and

72.30 job training programs;

72.31 (11) financial planning for postsecondary education; and

73.1 (12) postsecondary education options for students with intellectual and developmental

73.2 disabilities.

73.3 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.901, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

73.4 Subdivision 1. **Grant program.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a grant program

73.5 to award grants to institutions in Minnesota for research into spinal cord injuries and traumatic

73.6 brain injuries. Grants shall be awarded to conduct research into new and innovative treatments

73.7 and rehabilitative efforts for the functional improvement of people with spinal cord and

73.8 traumatic brain injuries. Research topics may include, but are not limited to, pharmaceutical,

73.9 medical device, brain stimulus, and rehabilitative approaches and techniques. The

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73.12 percent to research involving traumatic brain injuries. In addition to the amounts appropriated

73.13 by law, the commissioner may accept additional funds from private and public sources.

73.14 Amounts received from these sources are appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes

73.15 of issuing grants under this section.

58.23 (b) Institutions that are eligible to apply for a grant under this section include
 58.24 postsecondary institutions and nonprofit organizations.

58.25 (c) A spinal cord and traumatic brain injury grant account is established in the special
 58.26 revenue fund. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner to make grants
 58.27 and to administer the grant program under this section. Appropriations to the commissioner
 58.28 for the program are for transfer to the account. Appropriations from the account do not
 58.29 cancel and are available until expended.

73.16 (b) Institutions that are eligible to apply for a grant under this section include
 73.17 postsecondary institutions, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit organizations.

73.18 ~~(b)~~ (c) A spinal cord and traumatic brain injury grant account is established in the special
 73.19 revenue fund. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner to make grants
 73.20 and to administer the grant program under this section. Appropriations to the commissioner
 73.21 for the program are for transfer to the account. Appropriations from the account do not
 73.22 cancel and are available until expended.

73.23 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 137.022, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

73.24 Subd. 3. **Endowed chair account.** (a) For purposes of this section, the permanent
 73.25 university fund has three accounts. The sources of the money in the endowed mineral
 73.26 research and endowed scholarship accounts are set out in paragraph (b) and subdivision 4.
 73.27 All money in the fund that is not otherwise allocated is in the endowed chair account. The
 73.28 income from the endowed chair account must be used, and capital gains allocated to that
 73.29 account may be used, to provide endowment support for professorial chairs in academic
 73.30 disciplines. The endowment support for the chairs from the income and the capital gains
 73.31 must not total more than six percent per year of the 36-month trailing average market value
 73.32 of the endowed chair account of the fund, as computed quarterly or otherwise as directed
 73.33 by the regents. The endowment support from the income and the capital gains must not
 74.1 provide more than half the sum of the endowment support for all university chairs and
 74.2 professorships endowed, with nonstate sources providing the remainder. The endowment
 74.3 support from the income and the capital gains may provide more than half the endowment
 74.4 support of an individual chair.

74.5 (b) If any portion of the annual appropriation of the income is not used for the purposes
 74.6 specified in paragraph (a) or subdivision 4, that portion lapses and must be added to the
 74.7 principal of the three accounts of the permanent university fund in proportion to the market
 74.8 value of each account.

74.9 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 137.022, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

74.10 Subd. 4. **Mineral research; scholarships.** (a) All income credited after July 1, 1992,
 74.11 to the permanent university fund from royalties for mining under state mineral leases from
 74.12 and after July 1, 1991, must be allocated as provided in this subdivision.

74.13 (b) ~~(1)~~ Beginning January 1, ~~2013~~ 2026, ~~50 percent of~~ the income must be allocated
 74.14 according to this paragraph.

74.15 ~~One-half~~ (1) One-fourth of the income under this paragraph, up to ~~\$50,000,000~~
 74.16 \$100,000,000, must be credited to the endowed mineral research account of the fund ~~to be~~
 74.17 ~~allocated for the Natural Resources Research Institute-Duluth and Coleraine facilities; for~~
 74.18 mineral and mineral-related research, including mineral-related environmental research, at
 74.19 the Natural Resources Research Institute-Duluth and Coleraine facilities.

74.20 ~~The other one-half~~ (2) One-fourth of the income under this paragraph, up to \$25,000,000,
 74.21 ~~is must be credited to an endowment for the costs of operating mining, mineral, and~~
 74.22 ~~mineral-related, degree programs or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics~~
 74.23 (STEM) degree programs offered through the University of Minnesota at Minnesota North
 74.24 College and the University of Minnesota Duluth Swenson College of Science and Engineering
 74.25 ~~at Duluth~~ to support workforce development and collaborations benefiting regional
 74.26 academics, industry, and natural resources on the Iron Range in northeast Minnesota, and
 74.27 for providing scholarships for Minnesota students, prioritizing students in the Minnesota
 74.28 Economic Development Region 3, to attend the mining, mineral, mineral-related, or STEM
 74.29 degree programs. The maximum scholarship awarded to attend the degree programs funded
 74.30 under this paragraph cannot exceed 75 percent of current resident tuition rates per academic
 74.31 year and may be awarded a maximum of four academic years.

74.32 (3) One-fourth of the income under this paragraph must be credited to the Natural
 74.33 Resources Research Institute for general operating and research costs.

75.1 ~~(2) The remainder of the income under paragraph (a)~~ (4) One-fourth of the income under
 75.2 this paragraph, plus the amount of any remainder of the income allocated under clause (1)
 75.3 after \$50,000,000 \$100,000,000 has been credited to the endowed mineral research account
 75.4 for the Natural Resources Research Institute and the amount of any income over the
 75.5 \$25,000,000 for the programming in clause (1) and the remainder of the income allocated
 75.6 under clause (2) after \$25,000,000 has been credited to an endowment for mining, mineral,
 75.7 mineral-related, or STEM degree programs and scholarships, must be credited to the endowed
 75.8 scholarship account of the fund for distribution annually for scholastic achievement as
 75.9 provided by the Board of Regents to undergraduates enrolled at the University of Minnesota
 75.10 who are resident students as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision 8.

75.11 (c) The annual distribution from the endowed scholarship account must be allocated to
 75.12 the various campuses of the University of Minnesota in proportion to the number of
 75.13 undergraduate resident students enrolled on each campus.

75.14 (d) The Board of Regents must report to the education committees of the legislature
 75.15 biennially at the time of the submission of its budget request on the disbursement of money
 75.16 from the endowed scholarship account and to the environment and natural resources
 75.17 committees on the use of the mineral research account.

75.18 (e) Capital gains and losses and portfolio income of the permanent university fund must
 75.19 be credited to its three accounts in proportion to the market value of each account.

75.20 (f) The endowment support from the income and capital gains of the endowed mineral
 75.21 research and endowed scholarship accounts of the fund must not total more than six percent
 75.22 per year of the 36-month trailing average market value of the account from which the support
 75.23 is derived.

75.24 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 137.375, is amended to read:

75.25 **137.375 DISABLED VETERANS; UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE**
75.26 **ARBORETUM.**

75.27 (a) For purposes of this section, "disabled veteran" means a veteran as defined in section
75.28 197.447 who is certified as disabled. "Certified as disabled" means certified in writing by
75.29 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the state commissioner of veterans
75.30 affairs as having a permanent service-connected disability.

75.31 (b) The University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum is requested to provide a disabled
75.32 veteran and one guest unlimited access to the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
75.33 located in the city of Chaska free of charge. The disabled veteran must provide a veteran
76.1 photo identification card with the term "service-connected" on the identification card,
76.2 verifying that the disabled veteran has a service-connected disability.

76.3 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 151.37, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

76.4 Subd. 12. **Administration of opiate antagonists for drug overdose.** (a) A licensed
76.5 physician, a licensed advanced practice registered nurse authorized to prescribe drugs
76.6 pursuant to section 148.235, or a licensed physician assistant may authorize the following
76.7 individuals to administer opiate antagonists, as defined in section 604A.04, subdivision 1:

76.8 (1) an emergency medical responder registered pursuant to section 144E.27;

76.9 (2) a peace officer as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraphs (c) and (d);

76.10 (3) correctional employees of a state or local political subdivision;

76.11 (4) staff of community-based health disease prevention or social service programs;

76.12 (5) a volunteer firefighter;

76.13 (6) a nurse or any other personnel employed by, or under contract with, a postsecondary
76.14 institution or a charter, public, or private school; and

76.15 (7) transit rider investment program personnel authorized under section 473.4075.

76.16 (b) For the purposes of this subdivision, opiate antagonists may be administered by one
76.17 of these individuals only if:

76.18 (1) the licensed physician, licensed physician assistant, or licensed advanced practice
76.19 registered nurse has issued a standing order to, or entered into a protocol with, the individual;
76.20 and

76.21 (2) the individual has training in the recognition of signs of opiate overdose and the use
76.22 of opiate antagonists as part of the emergency response to opiate overdose.

76.23 (c) Nothing in this section prohibits the possession and administration of naloxone
76.24 pursuant to section 604A.04.

76.25 (d) Notwithstanding section 148.235, subdivisions 8 and 9, a licensed practical nurse is
 76.26 authorized to possess and administer according to this subdivision an opiate antagonist in
 76.27 a school setting.

76.28 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 474A.061, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

76.29 Subd. 2b. **Small issue pool allocation.** Commencing on the second Tuesday in January
 76.30 and continuing on each Monday through the last Monday in June, the commissioner shall
 77.1 allocate available bonding authority from the small issue pool to applications received on
 77.2 or before the Monday of the preceding week for manufacturing projects and enterprise zone
 77.3 facility projects. From the second Tuesday in January through the last Monday in June, the
 77.4 commissioner shall reserve \$5,000,000 of the available bonding authority from the small
 77.5 issue pool for applications for agricultural development bond loan projects of the Minnesota
 77.6 Rural Finance Authority.

77.7 Beginning in calendar year ~~2002~~ 2026, on the second Tuesday in January through the
 77.8 last Monday in June, the commissioner shall reserve ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$25,000,000 of available
 77.9 bonding authority in the small issue pool for applications for student loan bonds of or on
 77.10 behalf of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education. The total amount of allocations for
 77.11 student loan bonds from the small issue pool may not exceed ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$25,000,000 per
 77.12 year.

77.13 The commissioner shall reserve \$10,000,000 until the day after the last Monday in
 77.14 February, \$10,000,000 until the day after the last Monday in April, and \$10,000,000 until
 77.15 the day after the last Monday in June in the small issue pool for enterprise zone facility
 77.16 projects and manufacturing projects. The amount of allocation provided to an issuer for a
 77.17 specific enterprise zone facility project or manufacturing project will be based on the number
 77.18 of points received for the proposed project under the scoring system under section 474A.045.

77.19 If there are two or more applications for manufacturing and enterprise zone facility
 77.20 projects from the small issue pool and there is insufficient bonding authority to provide
 77.21 allocations for all projects in any one week, the available bonding authority shall be awarded
 77.22 based on the number of points awarded a project under section 474A.045, with those projects
 77.23 receiving the greatest number of points receiving allocation first. If two or more applications
 77.24 receive an equal number of points, available bonding authority shall be awarded by lot
 77.25 unless otherwise agreed to by the respective issuers.

77.26 Sec. 60. Laws 2023, chapter 41, article 2, section 31, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

77.27 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education
 77.28 shall establish a program to provide ~~up to 600~~ scholarships to students entering paramedic
 77.29 programs ~~by 2026~~.

77.30 Sec. 61. Laws 2023, chapter 41, article 2, section 31, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

77.31 Subd. 4. **Reporting.** By February 1, ~~2025, and again by February 1, 2026~~ each year, the
 77.32 commissioner must submit a report on the program to the chairs and ranking minority

77.33 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education finance and
 78.1 policy. The report must include the following information and any other information the
 78.2 commissioner considers relevant:

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

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

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

78.9 (i) year of award;

78.10 (ii) postsecondary institution attended; and

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

78.12 Sec. 62. **SURPLUS APPROPRIATION UNAVAILABLE.**

78.13 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.121, subdivision 7a, the commissioner
 78.14 of the Office of Higher Education must not apply the adjustments to grant awards provided
 78.15 in Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.121, subdivision 7a, in the fiscal years 2026 through
 78.16 2028.

78.17 Sec. 63. **MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ENROLLMENT**
 78.18 **FRAUD WORKING GROUP.**

78.19 The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must convene
 78.20 a working group to develop policies and procedures to prevent fraudulent enrollment in
 78.21 online courses for the purpose of gaining access to financial aid, campus information
 78.22 technology systems, and student support services. The board must submit a report to the
 78.23 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over
 78.24 higher education by January 15, 2026. No additional compensation will be provided for
 78.25 participation in this working group. The working group must include representatives from:

78.26 (1) the Minnesota State University Student Association;

78.27 (2) the Minnesota State College Student Association;

78.28 (3) the Minnesota State College Faculty;

78.29 (4) the Inter Faculty Organization;

78.30 (5) the Minnesota Association of Professional Employees;

79.1 (6) the Minnesota State University Association of Administrative and Service Faculty;

79.2 and

- 23.10 Sec. 7. **REPEALER.**
- 23.11 (a) Laws 2022, chapter 42, section 2, as amended by Laws 2024, chapter 124, article 1,
23.12 section 1, and Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 34, section 1, is repealed.
- 23.13 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 136A.091; 136A.1788; 136A.1789; 136A.1791,
23.14 subdivisions 1, 2, 3a, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10; and 136A.91, are repealed.
- 23.15 (c) Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1251, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 4, are repealed.
- 23.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraphs (a) and (b) are effective July 1, 2025. Money for
23.17 programs under Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 136A.1789 and 136A.1791, may remain
23.18 in their respective special revenue fund accounts to facilitate a close out of the programs.
23.19 Paragraph (c) is effective July 1, 2027.
- 59.9 Sec. 48. **REPEALER.**
- 59.10 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 5.41, subdivision 2; 136A.057; 136A.1251,
59.11 subdivision 5; 136A.246, subdivision 9; 136A.69, subdivisions 3 and 5; 136A.824,
59.12 subdivisions 3 and 5; 136A.861, subdivision 7; and 136A.901, subdivision 2, are repealed.
- 59.13 (b) Minnesota Rules, part 4850.0014, subparts 1 and 2, are repealed.
- 58.30 Sec. 47. **REVISOR INSTRUCTIONS.**
- 58.31 Subdivision 1. **Student parent support.** The revisor of statutes must renumber Minnesota
58.32 Statutes, section 136A.1251, as Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.915. The revisor must
58.33 also make cross-reference changes consistent with the renumbering.
- 59.1 Subd. 2. **Inclusive higher education.** The revisor of statutes must renumber Minnesota
59.2 Statutes, section 135A.161, as Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.921. The revisor of statutes
59.3 must renumber Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.162, as Minnesota Statutes, section
59.4 136A.922. The revisor must also make cross-reference changes consistent with the
59.5 renumbering.
- 59.6 Subd. 3. **Hunger-Free Campus designation.** The revisor of statutes must renumber
59.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.137, as Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.912. The revisor
59.8 must also make cross-reference changes consistent with the renumbering.

- 79.3 (7) others as deemed necessary by the working group.
- 79.16 Sec. 66. **REPEALER.**
- 79.17 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 135A.137; 136A.69, subdivisions 3 and 5; and
79.18 136A.824, subdivisions 3 and 5, are repealed.
- 79.19 (b) Laws 2023, chapter 41, article 2, section 31, subdivision 5, is repealed.
- 79.20 (c) Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 5.41, subdivision 2; 136A.057; 136A.1251,
79.21 subdivision 5; 136A.1788, subdivision 5; 136A.1791, subdivision 9; 136A.861, subdivision
79.22 7; and 136A.91, subdivision 3, are repealed.
- 79.23 (d) Minnesota Rules, part 4850.0014, subparts 1 and 2, are repealed.
- 79.7 Sec. 65. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**
- 79.8 Subdivision 1. **Student parent support.** The revisor of statutes must renumber Minnesota
79.9 Statutes, section 136A.1251, as Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.915. The revisor must
79.10 also make cross-reference changes consistent with the renumbering.
- 79.11 Subd. 2. **Inclusive higher education.** The revisor of statutes must renumber Minnesota
79.12 Statutes, section 135A.161, as Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.921. The revisor of statutes
79.13 must renumber Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.162, as Minnesota Statutes, section
79.14 136A.922. The revisor must also make cross-reference changes consistent with the
79.15 renumbering.
- 79.4 Sec. 64. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**
- 79.5 The revisor of statutes shall codify Laws 2023, chapter 41, article 2, section 31, as
79.6 amended by this act, as a new section in Minnesota Statutes numbered section 136A.1278.