

..... moves to amend H.F. No. 2431, in conference committee, as follows:

On R14, House language, (H2431-2)

Page 10, line 28, after the period, insert "The board may use up to five percent of this appropriation to administer the programs. Of the amount appropriated, \$500,000 in the second year is for the law enforcement grant pilot program under article 2, section 47."

On R75, House language, (H2431-2)

Page 58, after line 29, insert:

"Sec. 47. **LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** To help recruit and retain law enforcement officers in the state, the Board of Trustees must establish a grant program to cover the cost of tuition and fees at institutions within the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system for students who satisfy the eligibility requirements under subdivision 3.

Subd. 2. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given:

(1) "gift aid" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1465, subdivision 1, clause (2);

(2) "law enforcement agency" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (f);

(3) "other expenses" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1465, subdivision 1, clause (3);

(4) "peace officer" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (c);

(5) "state college or university" means an institution operated by the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities;

(6) "total and permanent duty disability" means a condition qualifying for benefits under Minnesota Statutes, section 353.656, subdivision 1a; and

(7) "tuition and fees" means the actual tuition and mandatory fees charged by the state college or university attended by the eligible student.

Subd. 3. **Eligibility.** (a) An individual is eligible for a grant under this section if the individual:

(1) applies in the form and manner specified by the Board of Trustees;

(2) is a resident student, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.101, subdivision 8;

(3) is a graduate of a secondary school or its equivalent, or is 17 years of age or older and has met all requirements for admission as a student to a public postsecondary educational institution;

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

(5) is enrolled in at least one credit per fall, spring, or summer semester in an undergraduate certificate, diploma, or degree program at a state college or university;

(6) has not (i) obtained a baccalaureate degree, or (ii) been enrolled for 12 semesters or the equivalent, excluding courses taken that qualify as developmental education or below college-level and are subject to subdivision 5, paragraph (b);

(7) is not in default for any federal or state student educational loan;

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

(9) has not been convicted of or pled nolo contendere or guilty to a crime involving fraud in obtaining federal Title IV funds within the meaning of Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 668.32;

(10) is meeting satisfactory academic progress as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.101, subdivision 10; and

3.1 (11) is either:

3.2 (i) the dependent child of a peace officer employed by a Minnesota law enforcement
3.3 agency;

3.4 (ii) the dependent child of an individual who, while employed by a Minnesota law
3.5 enforcement agency as a peace officer, suffered a total and permanent duty disability; or

3.6 (iii) enrolled in at least one credit per fall, spring, or summer semester in an undergraduate
3.7 baccalaureate degree program at a public postsecondary educational institution in the field
3.8 of criminal justice, law enforcement, or a similar field.

3.9 Subd. 4. **Award amount.** (a) Scholarships must be awarded to eligible students in an
3.10 amount equal to 100 percent of tuition and fees after gift aid is deducted.

3.11 (b) If there is a projected shortfall in available resources, the Board of Trustees may
3.12 proportionately reduce awards to keep spending within available resources.

3.13 Subd. 5. **Duration of grant.** (a) Each scholarship is for a period of one semester or
3.14 equivalent term. A scholarship may be renewed if the eligible student continues to meet the
3.15 conditions of eligibility. A grant award is terminated upon failure to meet the eligibility
3.16 requirements under subdivision 3.

3.17 (b) A student is entitled to an additional semester or the equivalent of grant eligibility
3.18 if the student withdraws from enrollment:

3.19 (1) for active military service because the student was ordered to active military service
3.20 as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 190.05, subdivision 5b or 5c;

3.21 (2) for a serious health condition, while under the care of a medical professional, that
3.22 substantially limits the student's ability to complete the term; or

3.23 (3) while providing care that substantially limits the student's ability to complete the
3.24 term to the student's spouse, child, or parent who has a serious health condition.

3.25 Subd. 6. **Administration.** (a) The first round of grants shall be awarded in the 2026-2027
3.26 academic year. The Board of Trustees must determine the time and manner of grant
3.27 applications. The board must require an applicant to provide documentation verifying that
3.28 the applicant meets the eligibility criteria under subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (11).

3.29 (b) The scholarship must be paid directly to the state college or university where the
3.30 student is enrolled.

3.31 (c) The board must prepare promotional and informational materials about the grant
3.32 program under this section and disseminate the materials to law enforcement agencies

4.1 throughout the state. The board, the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education, and
4.2 the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training may collaborate on promotion and
4.3 administration of the program.

4.4 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, 2027."

4.5 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

4.6 Amend the title accordingly