

# **Chapter 44**

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Subject Higher Education: Policy

Bill H.F. 1126

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#### **Overview**

This act contains provisions from the agency bill from the Office of Higher Education (OHE), H.F. 1126, which makes various technical changes to programs administered by OHE. It also includes a section affecting the University of Minnesota (UMN) permanent university fund, which was originally in H.F. 2613.

### **Summary**

#### **Section Description**

#### 1 Higher education attainment goal.

Amends the attainment goal statute to include industry-recognized workforce training credentials as well as postsecondary credentials. Also adds the Department of Labor and Industry to the list of agencies that will help estimate the number of credentials in the state population.

#### 2 State grant program: eligibility for grants.

Adds to the grant eligibility criteria a requirement that a student not be convicted of a crime of fraud.

#### 3 State grant program: data.

Clarifies that data on student enrollment and federal and state financial aid only needs to be provided if the institution's students are eligible to receive state financial aid.

#### 4 Fostering independence grants: foster grant amount; payment; opt-out.

Makes changes regarding the ability of private institutions to opt out of the program. Requires an opt-out institution to continue providing benefits to enrolled students who currently receive them.

#### 5 **SELF loans: data.**

Clarifies that data on student enrollment and federal and state financial aid only needs to be provided if the institution's students are eligible to receive SELF loans.

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Also requires registered private and out-of-state public postsecondary institutions and licensed career schools to submit data under this section.

### 6 Minnesota Private and Out-Of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act: Definitions: School.

Includes a Tribal college in the definition for "school." See also sections 7 and 8.

## 7 Minnesota Private and Out-Of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act: Definitions: Tribal college.

Adds a definition of "Tribal college." See also sections 6 and 8.

### 8 Minnesota Private and Out-Of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act: Exemptions: Tribal college.

Exempts Tribal colleges from the requirements of the Private and Out-Of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act. See also sections 6 and 7.

#### 9 Private Career School Act: exemptions.

Makes changes regarding what schools and institutions are exempt from the requirements of the Private Career School Act. Adds exemptions for institutions that are also exempt from the Private and Out-Of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act.

#### 10 Concurrent enrollment grants: grants.

Makes changes to the allowable uses of grants to expand existing concurrent enrollment programs.

#### 11 UMN permanent university fund: mineral research; scholarships.

From H.F. 2613. Amends a section of law addressing how money in the UMN's permanent fund resulting from mining leases may be spent. It updates and expands the programs and institutions supported by this money and increases the maximum amount of supported student scholarships from a flat \$6,500 to a variable amount equal to 75 percent of current resident tuition rates. Students from Economic Development Region 3 (the arrowhead region) are also prioritized for receiving these scholarships.

#### 12 Repealer.

Repeals Rule 4830.0400, subpart 1, regarding financial assistance for dependents of prisoners of war and persons missing in action. Repeals Rule 4880.2500 regarding the licensure of private career schools.



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