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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill authorizes Fond du Lac tribal and community college to offer two baccalaureate degrees in support of its unique mission as having federal land grant status and responsibility to serve American Indians. Fond du Lac is both a tribal college recognized in federal law and a community college in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU). Current law limits community colleges to lower division courses. The authority for two four-year degrees in this bill is notwithstanding the statutory prohibition to upper division course offerings.

#### Section

- 1** **Fond du Lac campus; mission.** Provides that Fond du Lac's mission should support its federal land grant status.
- 2** **Selected programs.** Authorizes Fond du Lac, notwithstanding the prohibition in current law, to offer baccalaureate programs in elementary education and sustainable development as approved by the governing boards of MnSCU and the college, and in furtherance of its unique missions.
- 3** **Bargaining assignment.** Provides for the representation of faculty teaching upper division courses.