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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill changes the name of the Higher Education Services Office to the Office of Higher Education and restructures its governance. The office director is made a gubernatorial appointee with the advice and consent of the Senate. The number of advisory boards is reduced from three to one, with the repeal of the existing citizen and student advisory boards. The higher education advisory council continues to exist with an increased membership and changed responsibilities.

#### Section

- 1** **Executive officers; employees.** Renames the office to "the office of higher education" and requires the governor to appoint the office director with the advice and consent of the senate. Provides that the office is under the administrative control of the director and the director's salary is established according to law.
- 2** **Higher education advisory council.** Changes the composition and responsibilities of the existing council. The council membership is increased from nine members (two from the University of Minnesota, four from MnSCU, two from organizations of private institutions and the commissioner of children, families and learning) to 15 members (one from the University of Minnesota, one from MnSCU, two from organizations of private institutions, the commissioner of children, families and learning, the HESO director, five citizens, and four students). The governor appoints the citizens and student members. Citizens serve five-year terms and students serve two-year terms. The bill makes the council advisory to the governor as requested. In current law, the council reviews, comments, and advises a citizen board that is repealed in section 0.
- 3** **Expiration.** Sunsets the advisory council on June 30, 2005.

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- 4**      **Revisor's instruction.** Directs the revisor to change the name to "office of higher education" in Minnesota statutes and rules.
- 5**      **Repealer.** Repeals the following statutes: § 15A.081, authorizing the higher education services council to set the director's salary; § 136A.011, the higher education services council composed of nine citizens appointed by the governor to appoint the director of the office and review the office performance; § 136A.031, subdivision 1, the authority of the repealed higher education services council; § 136A.031, subdivisions 3 and 4, the student advisory council consisting of students from public and private post secondary institutions; and § 136A.07, requirements for the office to report to the governor and legislature.