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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill has a one-year tuition freeze at the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU). It also requires a plan to consolidate job training programs that would save \$1 million a year. The bill appropriates \$ 1 million to MnSCU for online education.

#### Section

- 1 Tuition freeze; Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.** Freezes the 2007-2008 tuition at MnSCU institutions at the tuition rate charged in 2006-2007.
- 2 Consolidation of job training programs.** Requires the commissioner of DEED, in cooperation with the MnSCU board of trustees and the governor's cabinet, to develop and implement a plan to consolidate job training programs and achieve savings of \$1 million from the implementation.
- 3 Appropriation; online courses; MnSCU.** Appropriates \$1 million to the board of trustees for fiscal year 2008 to expand the number of online courses, programs and degrees offered at MnSCU institutions.