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Overview

This bill establishes a guaranteed tuition rate at MnSCU institutions in which the tuition rate for an undergraduate student for a five year period is equal to the tuition rate in their first semester of enrollment plus an inflationary increase equal to or less than the CPI. The University of Minnesota is encouraged to adopt a similar tuition policy for undergraduates.

Section

- 1** **Limitation on tuition increases; Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.** Freezes the tuition charged to an undergraduate student for a five year period at the tuition rate charged to the student in the student's first semester of enrollment. After five years, the student is charged the tuition rate in effect for new students at the institution. The new cap applies to the student's next five years of enrollment. Tuition under this cap may be increased annually by an amount equal to or less than the increase in the consumer price index in the preceding year.

Students eligible for the tuition freeze are: Minnesota residents for one-year or more before applying for postsecondary enrollment; dependents of Minnesota residents, or residents temporarily absent from Minnesota; students attending under a reciprocity agreement; migrant farm workers under federal law or their dependents; or persons who have been moved to Minnesota by their employer, or their spouses or dependents.

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2 The tuitions cap is effective July 1, 2008. The cap for students enrolled before the effective date is the tuition rate in effect for the first enrollment period following the effective date.

Limitation on tuition increases; University of Minnesota. Requests the University of Minnesota to adopt a tuition freeze policy that would freeze the tuition charged to an undergraduate student attending the University for a five year period at the tuition rate charged to the student in the student's first semester of enrollment. After five years, the student is charged the tuition rate in effect for new students at the University. The new cap applies to the student's next five years of enrollment. Tuition under this cap may be increased annually by an amount equal to or less than the increase in the consumer price index in the preceding year.

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