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This bill sets the age of eligibility for the senior citizen higher education program at 62 years, reversing the change made in law in 2010 to increase the eligibility age to 66 years.

The senior citizen higher education program at the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities allows eligible senior citizens to enroll or audit any credit courses and enroll in noncredit courses on a space available basis. The governing board may establish an administrative fee for senior citizens who take a course for credit. In addition senior citizens must pay course charges for materials, personal property, or services. Administrative fees are not charged to senior citizens who audit courses. Courses specifically offered for senior citizens are excluded from the senior citizen higher education program.