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## Bill Summary

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This bill requires the Office of Higher Education (OHE) to study the for-profit graduate education sector in Minnesota. The study must include:

- rights and responsibilities of their graduate students;
- contractual arrangements and fulfillment of the contracts by the school and the student;
- protection of students' intellectual property rights;
- clear communication of graduation expectations and requirements;
- notice of and access to any changed graduation expectations;
- providing students clear guidelines on due process, academic freedom of inquiry, recourse to resolve conflicts, including alternative dispute resolution; and
- examples of effective graduate policies and guidelines.

OHE must report findings and recommendations for improving graduate education in the for-profit education sector to the legislature by January 15, 2013.