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## **Bill Summary**

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### Overview

This bill appropriates funds to the Office of Higher Education, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, the University of Minnesota, and the Mayo Clinic.

Among other items, the bill prohibits the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities from setting tuition rates during the biennium at a rate higher than that charged in 2012-2013 and withholds release of funds to the University of Minnesota until the Board of Regents certifies that it has adopted a similar policy related to resident undergraduate students. The bill also prohibits certain bonus payments in employment contracts at MnSCU and prohibits use of state funds for this purpose at the University of Minnesota.

The bill also establishes a system of funding for the Minnesota Discovery, Research, and InnoVation Economy (MnDRIVE) program.

#### **Article 1: Higher Education Appropriations**

This article appropriates funds in fiscal years 2014 and 2015 for higher education.

#### **Section**

**1 Summary of appropriations.** Summarizes appropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2015. Total appropriations of approximately \$2.72 billion consist of \$2.715 billion from the general fund, and \$4.3 million from the health care access fund.

- 2 Higher education appropriations. Specifies that appropriations contained in the bill are for fiscal years 2014 (first year) and 2015 (second year).
- 3 Minnesota Office of Higher Education. Appropriates \$195.97 million in fiscal year 2014 and \$196.2 million in fiscal year 2015 from the general fund to the Office of Higher Education, as described below.
  - State Grants at \$160 million in FY 2014 and \$160.2 million in FY 2015, and sets the tuition maximum for students in four-year programs at \$10,488. For students in two-year programs, the tuition maximum is \$5,808 in FY 2014 and \$5,865 in FY 2015. The living and miscellaneous expense allowance is \$7,000 each year.

The appropriation also includes funding to temporarily decrease the assigned family responsibility (AFR) for independent students. For independent students without dependents other than a spouse, the AFR is 53 percent of the student contribution. For independent students with dependents other than a spouse, the AFR is 80 percent of the student contribution.

- Child Care Grants at \$6.68 million per year.
- **State Work-Study** at \$14.5 million per year.
- Interstate Tuition Reciprocity at \$3.25 million per year, with transfer authority between years if necessary.
- **Safety Officer's Survivor Grants** at \$100,000 per year, with transfer authority between years, if necessary.
- **Indian Scholarships** at \$1.85 million per year, with a requirement that at least one person with demonstrated competence in American Indian culture and who lives in or near Bemidji be employed to assist students with the American Indian scholarship and other financial aid programs at Bemidji State University.
- Intervention for College Attendance Program Grants at \$671,000 per year, which includes funding to administer the program grants.
- Student-Parent Information at \$122,000 per year.
- Get Ready at \$180,000 per year.
- Midwest Higher Education Compact at \$95,000 per year.
- Minnesota Minority Partnership at \$45,000 per year.
- United Family Medicine Residency Program at \$351,000 per year.
- MnLINK Gateway and Minitex at \$5.6 million per year.

• Agency Administration at \$2.49 million per year.

This section allows any balances in the first year to carry forward to the second year.

- **4 Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.** Appropriates approximately \$570.87 million in FY 2014 and \$597.87 million in FY 2015 from the general fund, as described below.
  - Central Office and Shared Services Unit at \$33.07 million per year.
  - **Operations and Maintenance** at \$533.68 million in FY 2014 and \$560.68 million in FY 2015. Of this appropriation, \$25.5 million in FY 2014 and \$52.5 million in FY 2015 is for student tuition relief.

For the biennium, the Board of Trustees is prohibited from setting tuition rates for any degree granting program at a rate greater than that charged in the 2012-2013 academic year, and the tuition relief may not be offset by increases in mandatory fees, charges, or other assessments to the student that would result in an estimated cost of attendance directly attributable to the board, institution, or program greater than that estimate for the 2012-2013 academic year.

• Learning Network of Minnesota at \$4.12 million per year.

**Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota.** Appropriates approximately \$570.83 in FY 2014 and \$585.03 million in FY 2015 from the general fund, and \$2.16 million in each year from the health care access fund, as described below.

• **Operations and Maintenance** at \$507.08 million in FY 2014 and \$521.28 million in FY 2015. Of this appropriation:

--\$14.2 million on FY 2014 and \$28.4 million in FY 2015 are for **tuition relief** for resident undergraduate students. The commissioner of management and budget is prohibited from releasing funds appropriated under this subdivision until the Board of Regents has certified that it has established resident tuition rates for courses in all baccalaureate programs at no greater than the rate charged during the 2012-2013 academic year, and that the tuition relief is not offset by increases in mandatory fees, charges, or other assessments to the student that would result in an estimated cost of attendance directly attributable to the board, institution, or program greater than that estimate for the 2012-2013 academic year.

--\$645,000 in each year must be transferred to the **Hennepin County Medical Center** for graduate family medicine education programs.

--\$9 million in each year is for the **Minnesota Discovery, Research, and InnoVation Economy funding program** (MnDRIVE).

• **Primary Care Education Initiatives** at \$2.16 million per year from the health care access fund.

• **Special Appropriations,** as follows:

--Agricultural and Extension Service at \$42.92 million per year, for a number of specified purposes described in the bill, with a required report to the legislature on the status and outcomes of research funded by this appropriation.

--Health Sciences at \$4.85 million per year. Of this appropriation, \$346,000 per year is to support up to 12 resident physicians at the St. Cloud Hospital family practice residency program. The remainder of the appropriation is for the rural physicians associates program, the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, health sciences research, dental care, and the Biomedical Engineering Center.

--Institute of Technology at \$1.14 million per year, for the Geological Survey and the talented youth mathematics program.

--System Special at \$5.18 million per year, for general research, industrial relations education, Natural Resources Research Institute, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, Bell Museum of Natural History, and the Humphrey exhibit. \$125,000 in each year is for the Labor Education Service.

--University of Minnesota and Mayo Foundation Partnership at \$7.49 million per year.

- The Academic Health Center is estimated to receive funding of \$22.25 million each year from the dedication of a portion of cigarette taxes.
- **6 Mayo Clinic.** Appropriates approximately \$1.35 million in each year from the general fund, as described below.
  - Medical School, at \$665,000 per year.
  - Family Practice and Graduate Residency Program, at \$686,000 per year.

#### **Article 2: Higher Education Policy**

This article prohibits MnSCU contracts from including provisions allowing for bonus payments, and provides that state appropriations to the University of Minnesota do not include funding for bonus payments to certain administrators. The article also establishes a funding mechanism for the MnDRIVE program.

#### <u>Section</u>

1 **Contracts.** Prohibits a MnSCU contract with an employee from including a provision that authorizes or provides for a discretionary or mandatory bonus payment.

This section would apply to contracts entered into on or after the day following final enactment.

- 2 **Appropriation; fringe benefits.** Provides that direct appropriations to the University of Minnesota do not include, and may not be used to pay, any mandatory or discretionary bonus payment provided for in an employment contract with certain specified administrators.
- 3 Minnesota Discovery, Research, and Innovation Economy (MnDRIVE) funding program. Establishes the MnDRIVE funding program in statute, and provides a mechanism for funding requests. The Board of Regents is requested to submit investment proposals consistent with the goals and objectives of the program to the legislature for consideration. The governor is required to submit a recommendation regarding MnDRIVE funding requests to the legislature.

An accountability report must be submitted to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with oversight over higher education policy and finance by March 1 of each odd-numbered year.