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Overview

This bill modifies the reporting requirements related to safety and security incidents in study abroad programs.

These incident reports were first enacted in 2014, in a law that also mandated that the Office of Higher Education study the issue and submit additional recommendations to the legislature by February 1, 2015. The bill implements several of the recommendations contained in that report.

The full study abroad report compiled by the Office of Higher Education is available online, here:

<http://archive.leg.state.mn.us/docs/2015/mandated/150209.pdf>

Section

- 1 Report.** Requires that deaths, accidents, and illnesses on study abroad programs reported to the secretary of state under current law must specify the program's name and host, as well as the program's type, when those incidents are reported.

This section also newly requires that postsecondary institutions request that students disclose any incidents, upon completion of the study abroad program.
- 2 Secretary of state; publication of program information.** Requires the secretary of state to post a web link to reports from the United States Department of State related to safety and security abroad, in addition to publicly available reports on sexual assaults and other criminal activity affecting study abroad program participants.