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Overview

Distance Minnesota is a collaborative online learning program formed by Alexandria Technical and Community College, Northland Community and Technical College, Northwest Technical College, and Bemidji State University.

Distance Minnesota offers a number of online learning pathways including certificate, diploma, 2-year associate degree and baccalaureate degree completion options. One program offered by Distance Minnesota is the Northwestern Online College in the High School program. The 2014 Legislature appropriated \$160,000 on a onetime basis for the Northwestern Online College in the High School program.

This bill appropriates \$105,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$75,000 in fiscal year 2017 for the Northwestern Online College in the High School program.

Section

- 1 Appropriation; Northwestern Online College in the High School program.** Appropriates \$105,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$75,000 in fiscal year 2017 from the general fund to the Department of Education for a grant to the Northwestern Online College in the High School program.