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Overview

This is the Office of Higher Education's (OHE) agency bill. It makes technical and clarifying changes to several programs.

Section

- 1 P-20 Education Partnership: powers and duties; report.** The P-20 Education Partnership is an organization led by the statewide education groups in Minnesota. Its purpose is to create an integrated education system, from early childhood through postsecondary education. Clarifying changes in this section relate to the ability to the partnerships assessment of early childhood information contained in the Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (SLEDS).
- 2 Teacher candidate grants: eligibility.** Clarifies how a grant applicant may show intent to teach in a shortage area.
- 3 Teacher candidate grants: administration; repayment.** Eliminates the direction to the commission to establish a process for enforcing repayment responsibilities for applicants who do not complete their service requirements.
- 4 Eligible student definition.** Moves the definition of "eligible student" from § 136a.1701 and combines it with the existing "eligible student" in § 136a.15, the general definition section for student loan programs.
- 5 Designation.** Corrects a cross-reference.

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- 6** **Rules.** Amends the subdivision regarding OHE's rules and policies for administering student loan programs. Removes compatibility requirement with federal laws relating to student assistance.
- 7 - 9** **Student loan programs.** Corrects cross-references.
- 10** **Classification of data.** Adds a cross-reference to the student loan refinancing statute.
- 11** **Repayment of loans.** Strikes repayment procedures provided for supplemental loans under § 136A.1701, inserts a cross-reference to OHE's general rules and policies for student loan programs in § 136A.16.
- 12** **School to provide information.** In the Minnesota Private and Out-of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act, adds a school's required disclosure to students regarding the mandated student complaint process to the list of information that a registered school must provide to OHE.
- 13** **Additional security.** In the Minnesota Private and Out-of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act, provides a calculation for the amount of a surety bond required for new schools that have been granted conditional approval.
- 14** **Bond.** Corrects technical accounting terminology.
- 15** **Catalog, brochure, or electronic display.** In the Private Career School Act, adds the school's required disclosure to students regarding the mandated student complaint process to the list of information that a school must provide to OHE.
- 16** **Disclosure.** In the student complaints section of the Private Career School Act, adds a subdivision requiring a school publish information regarding its mandated student complaint process.
- 17** **Emergency assistance for postsecondary students.** In paragraph (a), a technical change to clarify that the program is limited to Minnesota schools. In paragraph (b), a change to conform to federal law regarding student financial aid.
- 18** **Repealer.** Technical change repealing certain definitions relating to student loan programs.