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### **Overview**

H.F. 889 appropriates funds to the Office of Higher Education, the Minnesota State system, and the University of Minnesota. The bill also amends program parameters for the State Grant Program and establishes a grant program for future teachers at the Office of Higher Education.

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- 1 Summary of appropriations. Summarizes appropriations by agency and fund.
- **Higher education appropriations.** Specifies that appropriations contained in the bill are for fiscal years 2018 (first year) and 2019 (second year).
- Minnesota Office of Higher Education. Appropriates \$271.72 million in fiscal year 2018 and \$266.98 million in fiscal year 2019 from the general fund to the Office of Higher Education, as described below.
  - State Grants at \$211.28 million in each year.
  - Child Care Grants at \$6.68 million per year.
  - State Work-Study at \$14.50 million per year.
  - **Interstate Tuition Reciprocity** at \$11.02 million per year, with transfer authority between years if necessary.

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• Safety Officer's Survivor Grants at \$100,000 per year, with transfer authority between years, if necessary. This program provides benefits to eligible dependent children and spouses of public safety officers killed in the line of duty.

- **Indian Scholarships** at \$3.5 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.
- **Tribal College Grants** at \$150,000 per year. These grants support enrollment of students at tribal colleges that are not members of a federally recognized tribe. Existing federal grant funding is not available for educational costs associated with enrollment of these students.
- 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 \$115,000 per year.
- Minnesota Education Equity Partnership at \$45,000 per year.
- United Family Medicine Residency Program at \$501,000 per year, to support up to 21 resident physicians in family practice. The program is intended to train doctors to practice family medicine in underserved urban and rural areas of the state.
- MnLINK Gateway and Minitex at \$5.91 million per year.
- Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (SLEDS) at \$882,000 per year.
- **Hennepin County Medical Center** at \$645,000 per year, to support graduate family medical education programs.
- MnSCU Two-Year Public College Program at \$2.78 million in fiscal year 2018 and \$0 in fiscal year 2019. Of the appropriation, \$545,000 is for mentoring and outreach and \$156,000 is for technology and administrative costs.
- College Possible at \$250,000 per year. The funds appropriated are for immediate transfer to College Possible to support programs of college admission and graduation. To the extent possible, funds must be proportionally allocated between greater Minnesota and the seven-county metro area. Requires a legislative report.
- Spinal Cord Injury and Traumatic Brain Injury Research Grant Program at \$500,000 per year.
- Summer Academic Enrichment Program at \$125,000 per year.
- **Dual Training Competency Grants** at \$2.00 million per year.
- **Concurrent Enrollment Courses** at \$340,000 per year. \$225,000 per year must be used to develop new concurrent enrollment courses. \$115,000 per year must be used

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for grants to postsecondary institutions to expand exiting concurrent enrollment programs.

- Campus Sexual Assault Reporting at \$25,000 per year. The new reporting requirements are established in article 3 of the bill.
- Campus Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Coordinator at \$150,000 per year. Funds must be used to staff a campus sexual violence prevention and response coordinator.
- **Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness** at \$200,000 per year.
- Addiction Medicine Graduate Fellowship Program at \$210,000 per year. Funds must be used to support up to four physicians enrolled each year in an addiction medicine graduate fellowship program.
- Student and Employer Connection Information System at \$405,000 for a grant to the St. Paul Foundation for the creation of a web-based job and intern-seeking tool.
- **Teacher Workforce** at \$2.50 million per year. Funds must be used for the Minnesota's Future Teachers grant program. Five percent of funds may be used to administer the program.
- Emergency Assistance for Postsecondary Students at \$125,000 per year. Funds must be for grants to schools with a demonstrable homeless student population to meet immediate student needs.
- **Agency Administration** at \$2.49 million per year.

This section allows any balances in the first year to carry forward to the second year, and permits transfer of funds between certain programs, with prior notice to the legislature.

- **Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.** Appropriates approximately \$735.81 million in fiscal year 2018 and \$760.81 million in fiscal year 2019 from the general fund, as described below.
  - Central Office and Shared Services Unit at \$33.07 million per year.
  - Operations and Maintenance at \$698.62 million in fiscal year 2018 and \$723.62 in fiscal year 2019.

Of this appropriation, \$12.5 million per year is for **upgrading the Integrated Statewide Record System ("ISRS").** 

This appropriation also includes: an average of \$57,500 per year for new credit transfer pathways; \$140,000 per year for the Cook County Higher Education Board; \$50,000 per year for online agricultural courses; \$35,000 per year to assist underrepresented groups in nursing programs; \$175,000 per year for a veterans-to-agriculture program; and \$40,000 per year to implement sexual assault policies.

- **Learning Network of Minnesota** at \$4.11 million per year.
- **Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota.** Appropriates approximately \$662.40 million in fiscal year 2018 and \$691.40 in fiscal year 2019, as described below.

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• Operations and Maintenance at \$591.81 million in fiscal year 2018 and \$620.81 in fiscal year 2019.

Of this appropriation, \$15 million per year is for the medical school; \$6.8 million in fiscal year 2018 and \$8.8 million in fiscal year 2019 for health training restoration; \$2 million in fiscal year 2018 and \$6 million in fiscal year 2019 for cancer care research; and \$1.3 million per year for the CORE 2025 diversity program and other programs on several campuses.

- **Primary Care Education Initiatives** at \$2.15 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 \$9.2 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 physician associates program, the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, health sciences research, dental care, the Biomedical Engineering Center, and the collaborative partnership between the University of Minnesota and Mayo Clinic for regenerative medicine, research, clinical translation, and commercialization.
  - Institute of Technology at \$1.14 million per year for the geological survey and the talented youth mathematics program.
  - ➤ System Special at \$7.18 million per year for general research, the Labor Education Service, Natural Resources Research Institute, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, Bell Museum of Natural History, and the Humphrey exhibit.
  - ▶ University of Minnesota and Mayo Foundation Partnership at \$7.99 million per year, for direct and indirect expenses associated with the collaborative research partnership between the University and the Mayo Foundation. The appropriation supports research in biotechnology and medical genomics, as well as competitive grants for Alzheimer's disease and dementia research.
- The **Academic Health Center** is estimated to receive funding of \$22.25 million each year from the dedication of a portion of cigarette taxes.
- **Mayo Clinic.** Appropriates approximately \$1.35 million per year from the general fund, as described below.
  - **Medical School**, at \$665,000 per year, to pay a capitation each year for students who are residents of Minnesota. The appropriation is intended to increase the number of doctors practicing in rural areas.
  - Family Practice and Graduate Residency Program, at \$686,000 per year, to pay stipend support for up to 27 residents each year.

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7 Office of the Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities.
Appropriates \$100,000 per year for the office's monitoring of clinical drug trials at the University of Minnesota's Department of Psychiatry.

- **Assigned family responsibility.** Lowers the state grant program assigned family responsibility for all students by \$500.
- **Grant stipends.** For students currently ineligible for a federal Pell Grant because they do not have a high school credential or citizenship/permanent residence status, provides a state grant equal to the Pell Grant they would otherwise receive.
- 10 Cost of attendance. Increases the living and miscellaneous expense (LME) allowance for the state grant program from 100 percent to 106 percent of the federal poverty line.
- Minnesota's Future Teachers program. Establishes the Minnesota's Future Teachers program at the Office of Higher Education.
  - **Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines "qualified candidate" as a student enrolled at an institution eligible for state financial aid who:
    - (1) intends to teach in a shortage area; or
    - (2) identifies as a member of an underrepresented racial or ethnic group.

Defines "shortage area" as a license field or economic development region defined as a shortage area by the Minnesota Department of Education.

- **Subd. 2. Grant criteria.** Requires the commissioners to award grants to postsecondary institutions eligible for state financial aid to facilitate students to become teachers. Stipulates that grants must be awarded to postsecondary institutions that meet demonstrate:
  - (1) 75 percent of the grant will be used to reduce tuition and fees for qualified candidates;
  - (2) the ability to perform outreach activities to underrepresented students interested in teaching in a shortage area;
  - (3) qualified candidates will be provided with support services to encourage persistence and completion; and
  - (4) qualified candidates will be provided with opportunities to explore teacher and educator experiences.
- **Subd. 3. Mentoring.** Requires grantees be provided with mentoring. This must include, but is not limited to, communicating frequently, developing a personalized success plan, connecting student to on campus resources, and financial planning.

Requires student success plans to include concrete steps toward program completion and job placement.