

H.F. 165

As introduced

Subject Higher education: paramedic scholarship program

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Overview

This bill establishes a new, temporary scholarship program for students entering paramedic programs.

Summary

Section Description

1 Paramedic scholarship program.

Subd. 1. Establishment. Establishes the program within the Office of Higher Education. Sets a goal of providing up to 600 scholarships by 2026.

Subd. 2. Eligible students. Sets eligibility criteria for the scholarship, which includes Minnesota residency and intent to work as a paramedic in Minnesota after graduation. Allows a student to receive a scholarship under this section no more than twice.

Subd. 3. Administration; award amount. Instructs the Office of Higher Education to establish guidelines for the program and award the first set of scholarships in the 2024-2025 academic year. The scholarship is a flat amount of \$5,000.

Subd. 4. Reporting. Requires two legislative reports on the program.

Subd. 5. Expiration. Expires the program on June 30, 2026.

2 Appropriation; paramedic scholarship program

Makes a one-time appropriation of \$3,200,000 for the program in fiscal year 2024. This appropriation is available until expiration of the program.

