

**Subject** Higher Education: restricting funds to low-earning degree programs

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## Overview

This bill would prohibit the Office of Higher Education (OHE) from using any state funds to directly or indirectly support degree programs that have been designated as “low-earning programs” based on a federal analysis and determination.

## Summary

Section	Description
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1	<b>Restricting state money for low-earning degree programs.</b>
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**Subd. 1. Definition.** Defines a “low-earning degree program” by reference to a federal statute excluding low-earning outcome programs from federal direct loans.

**Subd. 2. State money restricted.** Prohibits OHE from using any state funds to directly or indirectly support a low-earning degree program, including through financial aid to students.

**Subd. 3. Public information; legislative report.** Requires OHE to review and publish a list of current low-earning degree programs subject to the restriction. Requires an annual legislative report.

**Subd. 4. Rules.** Authorizes rulemaking to implement this section.