

A bill for an act
relating to higher education; establishing tuition increase limits on public
postsecondary institutions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
chapters 136F; 137.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[136F.702] LIMITATION ON TUITION INCREASES.**

Subdivision 1. **Tuition cap.** Except as provided in this section, the tuition per credit charged to an undergraduate eligible student by the same college or university may not exceed the tuition per credit that the student was charged at the time of initial enrollment. The cap is effective for a five-year period from the commencement of classes at the initial enrollment. If a student is enrolled at the same college or university after the five-year period, a new cap consisting of the tuition in effect at the first enrollment after the five-year period applies. There is no limit to the number of tuition cap periods that may apply to a particular student and each cap period shall have a five-year duration. For the purpose of this subdivision, an "eligible student" means a student described in section 135A.031, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (5).

Subd. 2. **Allowed inflation adjustments.** Notwithstanding subdivision 1, the tuition per credit may be increased annually by a percentage amount not to exceed the percentage change for the preceding year in the Consumer Price Index for urban consumers prepared by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2008, and applies to tuition charged for courses that commence on or after that date. A student enrolled prior to the effective date shall have the tuition cap set at the tuition charged for the student's first enrollment period commencing on or after that date.

2.1 Sec. 2. **[137.101] LIMITATION ON TUITION INCREASES.**

2.2 Subdivision 1. **Tuition cap.** The University of Minnesota is requested to adopt a
2.3 tuition cap. Except as provided in this section, the tuition charged to an undergraduate
2.4 eligible student at the University of Minnesota may not exceed the tuition per credit
2.5 that the student was charged at the time of initial enrollment. The cap is effective for a
2.6 five-year period from the commencement of classes at the initial enrollment. If a student
2.7 is enrolled after the five-year period, a new cap consisting of the tuition in effect at the
2.8 first enrollment after the five-year period applies. There is no limit to the number of
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