

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

S.F. No. 2075

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02/27/2023	1124	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Higher Education
04/11/2023		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to higher education; providing funding and policy related changes for the

1.3 Office of Higher Education, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, the

1.4 University of Minnesota, and the Mayo Clinic; creating and modifying certain

1.5 scholarships and student aid programs; creating a direct admissions program;

1.6 requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections

1.7 136A.101, subdivisions 5a, 7; 136A.121, subdivisions 6, 9, 13; 136A.1241,

1.8 subdivision 5; 136A.125, subdivision 4; 136A.126, subdivision 4; 136A.1312;

1.9 136A.1796; 136A.246, subdivisions 5, 6, 8; proposing coding for new law in

1.10 Minnesota Statutes, chapters 135A; 136A.

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

1.12 **ARTICLE 1**

1.13 **APPROPRIATIONS**

1.14 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.15 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies

1.16 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,

1.17 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.

1.18 The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under

1.19 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively.

1.20 "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium"

1.21 is fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

1.22	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
1.23	<u>Available for the Year</u>	
1.24	<u>Ending June 30</u>	
1.25	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>

1.26 **Sec. 2. MINNESOTA OFFICE OF HIGHER**

1.27 **EDUCATION**

2.1	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$ 341,367,000</u>	<u>\$ 332,230,000</u>
2.2	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>		
2.3	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>		
2.4	<u>subdivisions.</u>		
2.5	<u>Subd. 2. State Grants</u>	<u>247,737,000</u>	<u>240,066,000</u>
2.6	<u>(a) If the appropriation in this subdivision for</u>		
2.7	<u>either year is insufficient, the appropriation</u>		
2.8	<u>for the other year is available for it.</u>		
2.9	<u>(b) The base for this appropriation is</u>		
2.10	<u>\$262,866,000 for fiscal year 2026 and later.</u>		
2.11	<u>Subd. 3. Child Care Grants</u>	<u>6,694,000</u>	<u>6,694,000</u>
2.12	<u>Subd. 4. State Work-Study</u>	<u>14,502,000</u>	<u>14,502,000</u>
2.13	<u>Subd. 5. Interstate Tuition Reciprocity</u>	<u>8,500,000</u>	<u>8,500,000</u>
2.14	<u>If the appropriation in this subdivision for</u>		
2.15	<u>either year is insufficient, the appropriation</u>		
2.16	<u>for the other year is available to meet</u>		
2.17	<u>reciprocity contract obligations.</u>		
2.18	<u>Subd. 6. Safety Officer's Survivors</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
2.19	<u>This appropriation is to provide educational</u>		
2.20	<u>benefits under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
2.21	<u>299A.45, to eligible dependent children and</u>		
2.22	<u>to the spouses of public safety officers killed</u>		
2.23	<u>in the line of duty.</u>		
2.24	<u>If the appropriation in this subdivision for</u>		
2.25	<u>either year is insufficient, the appropriation</u>		
2.26	<u>for the other year is available for it.</u>		
2.27	<u>Subd. 7. American Indian Scholarships</u>	<u>3,500,000</u>	<u>3,500,000</u>
2.28	<u>The commissioner must contract with or</u>		
2.29	<u>employ at least one person with demonstrated</u>		
2.30	<u>competence in American Indian culture and</u>		
2.31	<u>residing in or near the city of Bemidji to assist</u>		
2.32	<u>students with the scholarships under</u>		

3.1	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.126, and</u>		
3.2	<u>with other information about financial aid for</u>		
3.3	<u>which the students may be eligible. This</u>		
3.4	<u>appropriation includes funding to administer</u>		
3.5	<u>the American Indian scholarship program.</u>		
3.6	<u>Subd. 8. Tribal College Grants</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>
3.7	<u>For Tribal college assistance grants under</u>		
3.8	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1796.</u>		
3.9	<u>The commissioner may use no more than three</u>		
3.10	<u>percent of this appropriation to administer the</u>		
3.11	<u>program grants.</u>		
3.12	<u>Subd. 9. Intervention for College Attendance</u>		
3.13	<u>Program Grants</u>	<u>1,942,000</u>	<u>1,142,000</u>
3.14	<u>For the intervention for college attendance</u>		
3.15	<u>program under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
3.16	<u>136A.861.</u>		
3.17	<u>\$300,000 in fiscal year 2024 is for providing</u>		
3.18	<u>one-time catalyst funding on a competitive</u>		
3.19	<u>basis to postsecondary institutions, nonprofit</u>		
3.20	<u>organizations, and local government</u>		
3.21	<u>organizations to create or enhance supports,</u>		
3.22	<u>navigation, and precollege services for</u>		
3.23	<u>students who were formerly incarcerated.</u>		
3.24	<u>The commissioner may use no more than three</u>		
3.25	<u>percent of this appropriation to administer the</u>		
3.26	<u>intervention for college attendance program</u>		
3.27	<u>grants.</u>		
3.28	<u>Subd. 10. Student-Parent Information</u>	<u>122,000</u>	<u>122,000</u>
3.29	<u>Subd. 11. Get Ready!</u>	<u>180,000</u>	<u>180,000</u>
3.30	<u>Subd. 12. Minnesota Education Equity</u>		
3.31	<u>Partnership</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
3.32	<u>Subd. 13. Midwest Higher Education Compact</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>115,000</u>

4.1	<u>Subd. 14. United Family Medicine Residency</u>		
4.2	<u>Program</u>	<u>501,000</u>	<u>501,000</u>
4.3	<u>For a grant to United Family Medicine</u>		
4.4	<u>residency program. This appropriation shall</u>		
4.5	<u>be used to support up to 21 resident physicians</u>		
4.6	<u>each year in family practice at United Family</u>		
4.7	<u>Medicine residency programs and shall</u>		
4.8	<u>prepare doctors to practice family care</u>		
4.9	<u>medicine in underserved rural and urban areas</u>		
4.10	<u>of the state. It is intended that this program</u>		
4.11	<u>will improve health care in underserved</u>		
4.12	<u>communities, provide affordable access to</u>		
4.13	<u>appropriate medical care, and manage the</u>		
4.14	<u>treatment of patients in a cost-effective</u>		
4.15	<u>manner.</u>		
4.16	<u>Subd. 15. MnLINK Gateway and Minitex</u>	<u>6,555,000</u>	<u>6,605,000</u>
4.17	<u>The base for this appropriation for fiscal year</u>		
4.18	<u>2026 is \$6,655,000 and for fiscal year 2027 is</u>		
4.19	<u>\$6,708,000.</u>		
4.20	<u>Subd. 16. Statewide Longitudinal Education</u>		
4.21	<u>Data System</u>	<u>2,550,000</u>	<u>2,550,000</u>
4.22	<u>Subd. 17. Hennepin Healthcare</u>	<u>645,000</u>	<u>645,000</u>
4.23	<u>For transfer to Hennepin Healthcare for</u>		
4.24	<u>graduate family medical education programs</u>		
4.25	<u>at Hennepin Healthcare.</u>		
4.26	<u>Subd. 18. College Possible</u>	<u>550,000</u>	<u>550,000</u>
4.27	<u>(a) This appropriation is for immediate transfer</u>		
4.28	<u>to College Possible to support programs of</u>		
4.29	<u>college admission and college graduation for</u>		
4.30	<u>low-income students through an intensive</u>		
4.31	<u>curriculum of coaching and support at both</u>		
4.32	<u>the high school and postsecondary levels.</u>		
4.33	<u>(b) This appropriation must, to the extent</u>		
4.34	<u>possible, be proportionately allocated between</u>		

5.1 students from greater Minnesota and students
5.2 in the seven-county metropolitan area.

5.3 (c) This appropriation must be used by College
5.4 Possible only for programs supporting students
5.5 who are residents of Minnesota and attending
5.6 colleges or universities within Minnesota.

5.7 (d) By February 1 of each year, College
5.8 Possible must report to the chairs and ranking
5.9 minority members of the legislative
5.10 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
5.11 over higher education and E-12 education on
5.12 activities funded by this appropriation. The
5.13 report must include but is not limited to
5.14 information about the work of College
5.15 Possible Minnesota throughout the state; the
5.16 number of College Possible coaches hired; the
5.17 number of existing partner high schools; the
5.18 geographic distribution of participants; the
5.19 number of high school and college students
5.20 specifically supported by the appropriations
5.21 funds; the percentages of students who applied
5.22 to college, were admitted into college, and
5.23 enrolled in college from the previous program
5.24 year; the number of college graduates
5.25 supported by the appropriation funding in the
5.26 previous program year; and a list of all
5.27 communities and partner institutions
5.28 benefiting from coaching and support through
5.29 College Possible programming.

5.30 **Subd. 19. Spinal Cord Injury and Traumatic**
5.31 **Brain Injury Research Grant Program**

3,000,000

3,000,000

5.32 For transfer to the spinal cord and traumatic
5.33 brain injury grant account in the special
5.34 revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes,
5.35 section 136A.901, subdivision 1.

6.1 The commissioner may use no more than three
 6.2 percent of the amount transferred under this
 6.3 subdivision to administer the grant program.

6.4 **Subd. 20. Summer Academic Enrichment**
 6.5 **Program**

250,000

250,000

6.6 For summer academic enrichment grants under
 6.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.091.

6.8 The commissioner may use no more than three
 6.9 percent of this appropriation to administer the
 6.10 grant program under this subdivision.

6.11 **Subd. 21. Dual Training Competency Grants;**
 6.12 **Office of Higher Education**

2,000,000

2,000,000

6.13 For transfer to the Dual Training Competency
 6.14 Grants account in the special revenue fund
 6.15 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.246,
 6.16 subdivision 10.

6.17 **Subd. 22. Campus Sexual Assault Reporting**

25,000

25,000

6.18 For the sexual assault reporting required under
 6.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.15.

6.20 **Subd. 23. Campus Sexual Violence Prevention**
 6.21 **and Response Coordinator**

150,000

150,000

6.22 For the Office of Higher Education to staff a
 6.23 campus sexual violence prevention and
 6.24 response coordinator to serve as a statewide
 6.25 resource providing professional development
 6.26 and guidance on best practices for
 6.27 postsecondary institutions. \$50,000 each year
 6.28 is for administrative funding to conduct
 6.29 trainings and provide materials to
 6.30 postsecondary institutions.

6.31 **Subd. 24. Emergency Assistance for**
 6.32 **Postsecondary Students**

2,500,000

2,500,000

6.33 (a) For the Office of Higher Education to
 6.34 allocate grant funds on a matching basis to

7.1 eligible institutions as defined under
 7.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.103, located
 7.3 in Minnesota with a demonstrable homeless
 7.4 student population.

7.5 (b) This appropriation shall be used to meet
 7.6 immediate student needs that could result in
 7.7 a student not completing the term or their
 7.8 program including, but not limited to,
 7.9 emergency housing, food, and transportation.

7.10 Institutions shall minimize any negative
 7.11 impact on student financial aid resulting from
 7.12 the receipt of emergency funds.

7.13 (c) The commissioner shall determine the
 7.14 application process and the grant amounts.

7.15 The Office of Higher Education shall partner
 7.16 with interested postsecondary institutions,
 7.17 other state agencies, and student groups to
 7.18 establish the programs.

7.19 (d) The base amount for this appropriation for
 7.20 fiscal year 2026 is \$1,159,000 and for fiscal
 7.21 year 2027 and later is \$1,160,000.

7.22	<u>Subd. 25. Grants to Student Teachers in</u>		
7.23	<u>Shortage Areas</u>	<u>3,500,000</u>	<u>3,500,000</u>

7.24 For grants to student teachers in shortage areas
 7.25 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1275.

7.26 The commissioner may use no more than three
 7.27 percent of the appropriation for administration
 7.28 of the program.

7.29	<u>Subd. 26. Grants to Underrepresented Student</u>		
7.30	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>1,925,000</u>	<u>1,925,000</u>

7.31 For grants to underrepresented student teachers
 7.32 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1274.

8.1 The commissioner may use no more than three
 8.2 percent of the appropriation for administration
 8.3 of the program.

8.4 **Subd. 27. Teacher Shortage Loan Repayment** 1,000,000 1,000,000

8.5 For transfer to the teacher shortage loan
 8.6 repayment account in the special revenue fund
 8.7 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1791,
 8.8 subdivision 8.

8.9 The commissioner may use no more than three
 8.10 percent of the amount transferred under this
 8.11 subdivision to administer the program.

8.12 **Subd. 28. Large Animal Veterinarian Loan**
 8.13 **Forgiveness Program** 375,000 375,000

8.14 For transfer to the large animal veterinarian
 8.15 loan forgiveness program account in the
 8.16 special revenue fund under Minnesota
 8.17 Statutes, section 136A.1795, subdivision 2.

8.18 **Subd. 29. Agricultural Educators Loan**
 8.19 **Forgiveness** 50,000 50,000

8.20 For transfer to the agricultural education loan
 8.21 forgiveness account in the special revenue
 8.22 fund under Minnesota Statutes, section
 8.23 136A.1794, subdivision 2.

8.24 **Subd. 30. Aviation Degree Loan Forgiveness**
 8.25 **Program** 25,000 25,000

8.26 For transfer to the aviation degree loan
 8.27 forgiveness program account in the special
 8.28 revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes,
 8.29 section 136A.1789, subdivision 2.

8.30 **Subd. 31. Grants for Students with Intellectual**
 8.31 **and Developmental Disabilities** 200,000 200,000

8.32 For grants for students with intellectual and
 8.33 developmental disabilities under Minnesota
 8.34 Statutes, section 136A.1215.

9.1	<u>Subd. 32. Loan Repayment Assistance Program</u>	<u>61,000</u>	<u>61,000</u>
9.2	<u>For a grant to the Loan Repayment Assistance</u>		
9.3	<u>Program of Minnesota to provide education</u>		
9.4	<u>debt relief to attorneys with full-time</u>		
9.5	<u>employment providing legal advice or</u>		
9.6	<u>representation to low-income clients or support</u>		
9.7	<u>services for this work.</u>		
9.8	<u>Subd. 33. Minnesota Independence College and</u>		
9.9	<u>Community</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
9.10	<u>For a grant to Minnesota Independence</u>		
9.11	<u>College and Community for need-based</u>		
9.12	<u>scholarships and tuition reduction. Beginning</u>		
9.13	<u>with students first enrolled in the fall of 2019,</u>		
9.14	<u>eligibility is limited to resident students as</u>		
9.15	<u>defined in Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
9.16	<u>136A.101, subdivision 8.</u>		
9.17	<u>Subd. 34. Student Loan Debt Counseling</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
9.18	<u>For student loan debt counseling under</u>		
9.19	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1788.</u>		
9.20	<u>The Office of Higher Education may use no</u>		
9.21	<u>more than three percent of the appropriation</u>		
9.22	<u>to administer the student loan debt counseling</u>		
9.23	<u>program.</u>		
9.24	<u>Subd. 35. Hunger-Free Campus Grants</u>	<u>102,000</u>	<u>102,000</u>
9.25	<u>For the Office of Higher Education to provide</u>		
9.26	<u>initial and sustaining grants to Minnesota</u>		
9.27	<u>public postsecondary institutions and Tribal</u>		
9.28	<u>colleges under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
9.29	<u>135A.137, subdivision 3, to meet and maintain</u>		
9.30	<u>the criteria in that same section to address food</u>		
9.31	<u>insecurity on campus.</u>		

10.1	<u>Subd. 36. Fostering Independence Higher</u>		
10.2	<u>Education Grants</u>	<u>3,761,000</u>	<u>3,761,000</u>
10.3	<u>For grants to eligible students under Minnesota</u>		
10.4	<u>Statutes, section 136A.1241.</u>		
10.5	<u>The Office of Higher Education may use no</u>		
10.6	<u>more than three percent of the appropriation</u>		
10.7	<u>to administer the grants.</u>		
10.8	<u>Subd. 37. Concurrent Enrollment Grants</u>	<u>340,000</u>	<u>340,000</u>
10.9	<u>For concurrent enrollment grants under</u>		
10.10	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.91.</u>		
10.11	<u>Subd. 38. Student Parent Support Initiative</u>	<u>6,924,000</u>	<u>6,439,000</u>
10.12	<u>For grants to support student parents under</u>		
10.13	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1251. Of</u>		
10.14	<u>this amount, up to five percent each year is</u>		
10.15	<u>for administrative costs.</u>		
10.16	<u>The base amount for this appropriation in</u>		
10.17	<u>fiscal year 2026 and later is \$5,939,000.</u>		
10.18	<u>Subd. 39. P-20 Partnership Executive Director</u>	<u>134,000</u>	<u>143,000</u>
10.19	<u>Subd. 40. Director of Tribal Relations, Public</u>		
10.20	<u>Engagement, and Equal Opportunity</u>	<u>134,000</u>	<u>143,000</u>
10.21	<u>Subd. 41. Direct Admissions Program</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
10.22	<u>For the direct admissions program under</u>		
10.23	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.84.</u>		
10.24	<u>Subd. 42. American Indian Scholars</u>	<u>8,500,000</u>	<u>8,500,000</u>
10.25	<u>To support implementation of Minnesota</u>		
10.26	<u>Statutes, section 135A.121.</u>		
10.27	<u>Of this amount, \$4,031,801 in fiscal year 2024</u>		
10.28	<u>and \$4,031,801 in fiscal year 2025 is for</u>		
10.29	<u>transfer to Board of Regents of the University</u>		
10.30	<u>of Minnesota.</u>		
10.31	<u>Of this amount, \$4,468,199 in fiscal year 2024</u>		
10.32	<u>and \$4,468,199 in fiscal year 2025 is for</u>		

11.1	<u>transfer to Board of Trustees of the Minnesota</u>		
11.2	<u>State Colleges and Universities.</u>		
11.3	<u>Subd. 43. Next Generation Nursing Initiative</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
11.4	<u>For transfer to the Board of Trustees of the</u>		
11.5	<u>Minnesota State Colleges and Universities for</u>		
11.6	<u>HealthForce Minnesota to coordinate and</u>		
11.7	<u>implement the Next Generation Nursing</u>		
11.8	<u>Assistant Training Program for the recruitment</u>		
11.9	<u>and training of students to become certified</u>		
11.10	<u>nursing assistants. The program must use a</u>		
11.11	<u>"free up-front" model for covering the student</u>		
11.12	<u>costs. This appropriation may also be used for</u>		
11.13	<u>marketing and outreach across the state and</u>		
11.14	<u>covering the cost for retraining, retesting, and</u>		
11.15	<u>refresher courses.</u>		
11.16	<u>Subd. 44. Child Development Associate Pathway</u>	<u>475,000</u>	<u>0</u>
11.17	<u>For transfer to the Board of Trustees of the</u>		
11.18	<u>Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to</u>		
11.19	<u>develop a transparent pathway for current</u>		
11.20	<u>child development associate credential holders</u>		
11.21	<u>to be awarded academic credit that aligns with</u>		
11.22	<u>related academic certificate, diploma, and</u>		
11.23	<u>degree programs. Funds must be used to</u>		
11.24	<u>develop curriculum at eight colleges and</u>		
11.25	<u>universities, develop training and advising</u>		
11.26	<u>tools for those institutions, and form a</u>		
11.27	<u>statewide advisory committee to advise the</u>		
11.28	<u>project development.</u>		
11.29	<u>Subd. 45. Agency Administration</u>	<u>6,498,000</u>	<u>6,724,000</u>
11.30	<u>The base amount for this appropriation for</u>		
11.31	<u>fiscal years 2026 and later is \$6,096,000.</u>		
11.32	<u>Subd. 46. Balances Forward</u>		

12.1 A balance in the first year under this section
12.2 does not cancel, but is available for the second
12.3 year.

12.4 **Subd. 47. Transfers**

12.5 The commissioner of the Office of Higher
12.6 Education may transfer unencumbered
12.7 balances from the appropriations in this
12.8 section to the state grant appropriation, the
12.9 interstate tuition reciprocity appropriation, the
12.10 child care grant appropriation, the Indian
12.11 scholarship appropriation, the state work-study
12.12 appropriation, the get ready appropriation, the
12.13 intervention for college attendance
12.14 appropriation, the student-parent information
12.15 appropriation, the summer academic
12.16 enrichment program appropriation, the public
12.17 safety officers' survivors appropriation, and
12.18 the fostering independence higher education
12.19 grant program. The commissioner may transfer
12.20 unencumbered balances from the hunger-free
12.21 campus appropriations to the emergency
12.22 assistance for postsecondary students grant.

12.23 To the extent there is a projected surplus in
12.24 the appropriation for either the student
12.25 teachers in shortage areas grant program or
12.26 the underrepresented student teacher grant
12.27 program, the commissioner may transfer
12.28 unencumbered balances between the two
12.29 programs as needed to meet demand. Transfers
12.30 from the child care, state work-study, or the
12.31 hunger-free campus appropriations may only
12.32 be made to the extent there is a projected
12.33 surplus in the appropriation. A transfer may
12.34 be made only with prior written notice to the
12.35 chairs and ranking minority members of the

13.1 senate and house of representatives
 13.2 committees with jurisdiction over higher
 13.3 education finance.

13.4 **Sec. 3. BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**
 13.5 **MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND**
 13.6 **UNIVERSITIES**

13.7 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** \$ **855,361,000** \$ **855,361,000**

13.8 The amounts that may be spent for each
 13.9 purpose are specified in the following
 13.10 subdivisions.

13.11 **Subd. 2. Central Office and Shared Services**
 13.12 **Unit**

34,401,000 34,401,000

13.13 For the Office of the Chancellor and the
 13.14 Shared Services Division.

13.15 **Subd. 3. Operations and Maintenance**

816,845,000 816,845,000

13.16 (a) \$5,700,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
 13.17 \$5,700,000 in fiscal year 2025 are to provide
 13.18 supplemental aid for operations and
 13.19 maintenance to the president of each two-year
 13.20 institution in the system with at least one
 13.21 campus that is not located in a metropolitan
 13.22 county, as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
 13.23 section 473.121, subdivision 4. The board
 13.24 shall transfer at least \$158,000 for each
 13.25 campus not located in a metropolitan county
 13.26 in each year to the president of each institution
 13.27 that includes such a campus.

13.28 (b) The Board of Trustees is requested to help
 13.29 Minnesota close the attainment gap by funding
 13.30 activities which improve retention and
 13.31 completion for students of color.

13.32 (c) \$5,250,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
 13.33 \$5,250,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for
 13.34 workforce development scholarships under

- 14.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.38. The base
14.2 amount for this appropriation for fiscal year
14.3 2026 and later is \$4,500,000.
- 14.4 (d) \$300,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$300,000
14.5 in fiscal year 2025 are for transfer to the Cook
14.6 County Higher Education Board to provide
14.7 educational programming, workforce
14.8 development, and academic support services
14.9 to remote regions in northeastern Minnesota.
- 14.10 The Cook County Higher Education Board
14.11 shall continue to provide information to the
14.12 Board of Trustees on the number of students
14.13 served, credit hours delivered, and services
14.14 provided to students.
- 14.15 (e) \$40,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$40,000
14.16 in fiscal year 2025 to implement the sexual
14.17 assault policies required under Minnesota
14.18 Statutes, section 135A.15.
- 14.19 (f) \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
14.20 \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 for upgrading
14.21 the Integrated Statewide Record System.
- 14.22 (g) \$50,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$50,000
14.23 in fiscal year 2025 to implement the Z-Degree
14.24 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
14.25 136F.305.
- 14.26 (h) \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
14.27 \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 for student
14.28 supports, which include supports to allow
14.29 campuses to add more staff in the areas of
14.30 highest need, such as student advisors, social
14.31 workers, basic needs coordinators, community
14.32 resource connectors, and mental health support
14.33 staff; expand experiential education and
14.34 training opportunities focusing on mental

15.1 health and well-being, including mental health
 15.2 first aid and other evidence-based training;
 15.3 and fund, expand, and sustain student access
 15.4 to the Basic Needs Resource Hub. The base
 15.5 amount for this appropriation for fiscal year
 15.6 2026 and later is \$5,000,000.

15.7 (i) The total operations and maintenance base
 15.8 for fiscal year 2026 and later is \$841,095,000.

15.9 **Subd. 4. Learning Network of Minnesota** 4,115,000 4,115,000

15.10 **Sec. 4. BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE**
 15.11 **UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

15.12 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 726,413,000** **\$ 726,413,000**

15.13	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
15.14	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
15.15	<u>General</u> <u>724,256,000</u>	<u>724,256,000</u>
15.16	<u>Health Care Access</u> <u>2,157,000</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>

15.17 The amounts that may be spent for each
 15.18 purpose are specified in the following
 15.19 subdivisions.

15.20 **Subd. 2. Operations and Maintenance** 655,818,000 655,818,000

15.21 (a) \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
 15.22 \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are to: (1)
 15.23 increase the medical school's research
 15.24 capacity; (2) improve the medical school's
 15.25 ranking in National Institutes of Health
 15.26 funding; (3) ensure the medical school's
 15.27 national prominence by attracting and
 15.28 retaining world-class faculty, staff, and
 15.29 students; (4) invest in physician training
 15.30 programs in rural and underserved
 15.31 communities; and (5) translate the medical
 15.32 school's research discoveries into new
 15.33 treatments and cures to improve the health of
 15.34 Minnesotans.

16.1 (b) \$7,800,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
 16.2 \$7,800,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for health
 16.3 training restoration. This appropriation must
 16.4 be used to support all of the following: (1)
 16.5 faculty physicians who teach at eight residency
 16.6 program sites, including medical resident and
 16.7 student training programs in the Department
 16.8 of Family Medicine; (2) the Mobile Dental
 16.9 Clinic; and (3) expansion of geriatric
 16.10 education and family programs.

16.11 (c) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
 16.12 \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for the
 16.13 Minnesota Discovery, Research, and
 16.14 InnoVation Economy funding program for
 16.15 cancer care research.

16.16 (d) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000
 16.17 in fiscal year 2025 are for the University of
 16.18 Minnesota, Morris branch, to cover the costs
 16.19 of tuition waivers under Minnesota Statutes,
 16.20 section 137.16.

16.21 (e) The total operations and maintenance base
 16.22 for fiscal year 2026 and later is \$665,818,000.
 16.23 \$500,000 of the base amount for fiscal year
 16.24 2026 and later is for systemwide safety and
 16.25 security measures on University of Minnesota
 16.26 campuses.

16.27	<u>Subd. 3. Primary Care Education Initiatives</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>
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16.28 This appropriation is from the health care
 16.29 access fund.

16.30 Subd. 4. **Special Appropriations**

16.31	<u>(a) Agriculture and Extension Service</u>	<u>42,922,000</u>	<u>42,922,000</u>
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16.32 For the Agricultural Experiment Station and
 16.33 the Minnesota Extension Service:

17.1 (1) the agricultural experiment stations and
17.2 Minnesota Extension Service must convene
17.3 agricultural advisory groups to focus research,
17.4 education, and extension activities on producer
17.5 needs and implement an outreach strategy that
17.6 more effectively and rapidly transfers research
17.7 results and best practices to producers
17.8 throughout the state;

17.9 (2) this appropriation includes funding for
17.10 research and outreach on the production of
17.11 renewable energy from Minnesota biomass
17.12 resources, including agronomic crops, plant
17.13 and animal wastes, and native plants or trees.
17.14 The following areas should be prioritized and
17.15 carried out in consultation with Minnesota
17.16 producers, renewable energy, and bioenergy
17.17 organizations:

17.18 (i) biofuel and other energy production from
17.19 perennial crops, small grains, row crops, and
17.20 forestry products in conjunction with the
17.21 Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI);

17.22 (ii) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping
17.23 systems; and

17.24 (iii) biofuel coproducts used for livestock feed;

17.25 (3) this appropriation includes funding for the
17.26 College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural
17.27 Resources Sciences to establish and provide
17.28 leadership for organic agronomic,
17.29 horticultural, livestock, and food systems
17.30 research, education, and outreach and for the
17.31 purchase of state-of-the-art laboratory,
17.32 planting, tilling, harvesting, and processing
17.33 equipment necessary for this project;

- 18.1 (4) this appropriation includes funding for
18.2 research efforts that demonstrate a renewed
18.3 emphasis on the needs of the state's agriculture
18.4 community. The following areas should be
18.5 prioritized and carried out in consultation with
18.6 Minnesota farm organizations:
- 18.7 (i) vegetable crop research with priority for
18.8 extending the Minnesota vegetable growing
18.9 season;
- 18.10 (ii) fertilizer and soil fertility research and
18.11 development;
- 18.12 (iii) soil, groundwater, and surface water
18.13 conservation practices and contaminant
18.14 reduction research;
- 18.15 (iv) discovering and developing plant varieties
18.16 that use nutrients more efficiently;
- 18.17 (v) breeding and development of turf seed and
18.18 other biomass resources in all three Minnesota
18.19 biomes;
- 18.20 (vi) development of new disease-resistant and
18.21 pest-resistant varieties of turf and agronomic
18.22 crops;
- 18.23 (vii) utilizing plant and livestock cells to treat
18.24 and cure human diseases;
- 18.25 (viii) the development of dairy coproducts;
- 18.26 (ix) a rapid agricultural response fund for
18.27 current or emerging animal, plant, and insect
18.28 problems affecting production or food safety;
- 18.29 (x) crop pest and animal disease research;
- 18.30 (xi) developing animal agriculture that is
18.31 capable of sustainably feeding the world;

19.1 (xii) consumer food safety education and
 19.2 outreach;

19.3 (xiii) programs to meet the research and
 19.4 outreach needs of organic livestock and crop
 19.5 farmers; and

19.6 (xiv) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping
 19.7 systems; and growing, harvesting, and
 19.8 transporting biomass plant material; and

19.9 (5) by February 1, 2025, the Board of Regents
 19.10 must submit a report to the legislative
 19.11 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
 19.12 over agriculture and higher education finance
 19.13 on the status and outcomes of research and
 19.14 initiatives funded in this paragraph.

19.15	<u>(b) Health Sciences</u>	<u>9,204,000</u>	<u>9,204,000</u>
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19.16 \$346,000 each year is to support up to 12
 19.17 resident physicians in the St. Cloud Hospital
 19.18 family practice residency program. The
 19.19 program must prepare doctors to practice
 19.20 primary care medicine in rural areas of the
 19.21 state. The legislature intends this program to
 19.22 improve health care in rural communities,
 19.23 provide affordable access to appropriate
 19.24 medical care, and manage the treatment of
 19.25 patients in a more cost-effective manner. The
 19.26 remainder of this appropriation is for the rural
 19.27 physicians associates program; the Veterinary
 19.28 Diagnostic Laboratory; health sciences
 19.29 research; dental care; the Biomedical
 19.30 Engineering Center; and the collaborative
 19.31 partnership between the University of
 19.32 Minnesota and Mayo Clinic for regenerative
 19.33 medicine, research, clinical translation, and
 19.34 commercialization.

20.1	<u>(c) College of Science and Engineering</u>	<u>1,140,000</u>	<u>1,140,000</u>
20.2	<u>For the geological survey and the talented</u>		
20.3	<u>youth mathematics program.</u>		
20.4	<u>(d) System Special</u>	<u>7,181,000</u>	<u>7,181,000</u>
20.5	<u>For general research, the Labor Education</u>		
20.6	<u>Service, Natural Resources Research Institute,</u>		
20.7	<u>Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, Bell</u>		
20.8	<u>Museum of Natural History, and the</u>		
20.9	<u>Humphrey exhibit.</u>		
20.10	<u>\$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,000,000</u>		
20.11	<u>in fiscal year 2025 are for the Natural</u>		
20.12	<u>Resources Research Institute to invest in</u>		
20.13	<u>applied research for economic development.</u>		
20.14	<u>(e) University of Minnesota and Mayo</u>		
20.15	<u>Foundation Partnership</u>	<u>7,991,000</u>	<u>7,991,000</u>
20.16	<u>This appropriation is for the following</u>		
20.17	<u>activities:</u>		
20.18	<u>(1) \$7,491,000 in fiscal year 2024 and</u>		
20.19	<u>\$7,491,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for the</u>		
20.20	<u>direct and indirect expenses of the</u>		
20.21	<u>collaborative research partnership between the</u>		
20.22	<u>University of Minnesota and the Mayo</u>		
20.23	<u>Foundation for research in biotechnology and</u>		
20.24	<u>medical genomics. An annual report on the</u>		
20.25	<u>expenditure of these funds must be submitted</u>		
20.26	<u>to the governor and the chairs of the legislative</u>		
20.27	<u>committees responsible for higher education</u>		
20.28	<u>finance by June 30 of each fiscal year.</u>		
20.29	<u>(2) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000</u>		
20.30	<u>in fiscal year 2025 are to award competitive</u>		
20.31	<u>grants to conduct research into the prevention,</u>		
20.32	<u>treatment, causes, and cures of Alzheimer's</u>		
20.33	<u>disease and other dementias.</u>		
20.34	<u>Subd. 5. Academic Health Center</u>		

21.1 The appropriation for Academic Health Center
21.2 funding under Minnesota Statutes, section
21.3 297F.10, is estimated to be \$22,250,000 each
21.4 year.

21.5 **Sec. 5. MAYO CLINIC**

21.6 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$** **1,799,000** **\$** **1,799,000**

21.7 The amounts that may be spent are specified
21.8 in the following subdivisions.

21.9 **Subd. 2. Medical School** **665,000** **665,000**

21.10 The state must pay a capitation each year for
21.11 each student who is a resident of Minnesota.
21.12 The appropriation may be transferred between
21.13 each year of the biennium to accommodate
21.14 enrollment fluctuations. It is intended that
21.15 during the biennium the Mayo Clinic use the
21.16 capitation money to increase the number of
21.17 doctors practicing in rural areas in need of
21.18 doctors.

21.19 **Subd. 3. Family Practice and Graduate**
21.20 **Residency Program** **1,134,000** **1,134,000**

21.21 The state must pay stipend support for up to
21.22 27 residents each year.

21.23 **ARTICLE 2**

21.24 **HIGHER EDUCATION PROVISIONS**

21.25 **Section 1. [135A.121] AMERICAN INDIAN SCHOLARS.**

21.26 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The American Indian Scholars program is established
21.27 to provide a first-dollar tuition and fee free pathway for eligible Minnesota American Indian
21.28 students to complete an undergraduate education.

21.29 Subd. 2. Eligibility. To be eligible each year for the program a student must:

21.30 (1) be enrolled in an undergraduate certificate, diploma, or degree program at the
21.31 University of Minnesota or a Minnesota state college or university;

22.1 (2) be either (i) a Minnesota resident for resident tuition purposes who is an enrolled
 22.2 member or citizen of a federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Canadian First Nation,
 22.3 or (ii) an enrolled member or citizen of a Minnesota Tribal Nation, regardless of resident
 22.4 tuition status; and

22.5 (3) have not (i) obtained a baccalaureate degree, or (ii) been enrolled for 180 credits or
 22.6 the equivalent, excluding courses taken that qualify as developmental education or below
 22.7 college-level.

22.8 Subd. 3. **Administration.** Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must and the
 22.9 University of Minnesota is requested to provide a full tuition and fee waiver to a student
 22.10 eligible under subdivision 2. Funds appropriated with reference to this section may be used
 22.11 to offset the institutional costs of the waivers; fund existing waivers, scholarships, or grant
 22.12 programs for students eligible under subdivision 2; provide student supports for eligible
 22.13 students; and administer these programs.

22.14 Subd. 4. **Reports.** (a) Each institution receiving funds under this section must annually
 22.15 report to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education the following:

22.16 (1) how the systems or institutions have administered, distributed, and awarded the
 22.17 funds;

22.18 (2) enrollment and graduation data for all eligible students, including applicants and
 22.19 recipients of funds; and

22.20 (3) the aggregate awarded financial aid information for all recipients of funds under this
 22.21 program.

22.22 (b) Using the data submitted to the office by institutions pursuant to paragraph (a), as
 22.23 well as other data available to the office, the office shall provide the following on its website
 22.24 by placing a prominent link on its website home page:

22.25 (1) information made available in a searchable database, including but not limited to
 22.26 persistence and completion, debt of graduates, employment and wage information, and other
 22.27 relevant data for each institution subject to paragraph (a); and

22.28 (2) other information and links that are useful to students and parents who are in the
 22.29 process of selecting a college or university.

22.30 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.101, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

22.31 Subd. 5a. **Assigned family responsibility.** "Assigned family responsibility" means the
 22.32 amount of a family's contribution to a student's cost of attendance, as determined by a federal

23.1 need analysis. For dependent students, the assigned family responsibility is 79 percent of
 23.2 the parental contribution. If the parental contribution is less than \$0, the assigned family
 23.3 responsibility is 100 percent of the parental contribution. For independent students with
 23.4 dependents other than a spouse, the assigned family responsibility is 71 percent of the student
 23.5 contribution. For independent students without dependents other than a spouse, the assigned
 23.6 family responsibility is 35 percent of the student contribution. If the student contribution is
 23.7 less than \$0, the assigned family responsibility is 100 percent of the student contribution.
 23.8 For a student registering for less than full time, the office shall prorate the assigned family
 23.9 responsibility using the ratio of the number of credits the student is enrolled in to the number
 23.10 of credits for full-time enrollment.

23.11 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.101, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

23.12 Subd. 7. **Student.** "Student" means a person who is enrolled for at least ~~three credits~~
 23.13 one credit per term, in a program or course of study that applies to a degree, diploma, or
 23.14 certificate. Credit equivalencies assigned by an institution that are applicable to federal Pell
 23.15 grant calculations shall be counted as part of a student's credit load.

23.16 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.121, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

23.17 Subd. 6. **Cost of attendance.** (a) The recognized cost of attendance consists of: (1) an
 23.18 allowance specified in law for living and miscellaneous expenses, and (2) an allowance for
 23.19 tuition and fees equal to the lesser of the average tuition and fees charged by the institution,
 23.20 or a tuition and fee maximum if one is established in law. If no living and miscellaneous
 23.21 expense allowance is established in law, the allowance is equal to ~~109~~ 130 percent of the
 23.22 federal poverty guidelines for a one person household in Minnesota for nine months. If no
 23.23 tuition and fee maximum is established in law, the allowance for tuition and fees is equal
 23.24 to the lesser of: (1) the average tuition and fees charged by the institution, and (2) for
 23.25 two-year programs, an amount equal to the highest tuition and fees charged at a public
 23.26 two-year institution, or for four-year programs, an amount equal to the highest tuition and
 23.27 fees charged at a public university.

23.28 (b) For a student registering for less than full time, the office shall prorate the cost of
 23.29 attendance ~~to the actual number of credits for which the student is enrolled~~ using the ratio
 23.30 of the number of credits the student is enrolled in to the number of credits for full-time
 23.31 enrollment.

24.1 (c) The recognized cost of attendance for a student who is confined to a Minnesota
 24.2 correctional institution shall consist of the tuition and fee component in paragraph (a), with
 24.3 no allowance for living and miscellaneous expenses.

24.4 (d) For the purpose of this subdivision, "fees" include only those fees that are mandatory
 24.5 and charged to full-time resident students attending the institution. Fees do not include
 24.6 charges for tools, equipment, computers, or other similar materials where the student retains
 24.7 ownership. Fees include charges for these materials if the institution retains ownership. Fees
 24.8 do not include optional or punitive fees.

24.9 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.121, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

24.10 Subd. 9. **Awards.** An undergraduate student who meets the office's requirements is
 24.11 eligible to apply for and receive a grant in any year of undergraduate study unless the student
 24.12 has obtained a baccalaureate degree or ~~previously has been enrolled full-time or the equivalent~~
 24.13 ~~for eight semesters or the equivalent~~ previously has received a state grant award for 180
 24.14 credits or the equivalent, excluding (1) courses taken from a Minnesota school or
 24.15 postsecondary institution which is not participating in the state grant program and from
 24.16 which a student transferred no credit, and (2) courses taken that qualify as developmental
 24.17 education or below college-level. A student enrolled in a two-year program at a four-year
 24.18 institution is only eligible for the tuition and fee maximums established by law for two-year
 24.19 institutions.

24.20 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.121, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

24.21 Subd. 13. **Deadline.** The deadline for the office to accept applications for state grants
 24.22 for a term is ~~30 days after the start of that term~~ June 30 of the fiscal year for which the
 24.23 student applies for a grant.

24.24 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.1241, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

24.25 Subd. 5. **Foster grant amount; payment; opt-out.** (a) Each student shall be awarded
 24.26 a foster grant based on the federal need analysis. Applicants are encouraged to apply for all
 24.27 other sources of financial aid. The amount of the foster grant must be equal to the applicant's
 24.28 recognized cost of attendance after ~~deducting~~ accounting for:

- 24.29 (1) the ~~student aid index as calculated by~~ results of the federal need analysis;
 24.30 (2) the amount of a federal Pell Grant award for which the applicant is eligible;
 24.31 (3) the amount of the state grant;

- 25.1 (4) the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant;
- 25.2 (5) the sum of all Tribal scholarships;
- 25.3 (6) the amount of any other state and federal gift aid;
- 25.4 (7) the Education and Training Voucher Program;
- 25.5 (8) extended foster care benefits under section 260C.451;
- 25.6 (9) the amount of any private grants or scholarships, excluding grants and scholarships
- 25.7 provided by the private institution of higher education in which the eligible student is
- 25.8 enrolled; and
- 25.9 (10) for public institutions, the sum of all institutional grants, scholarships, tuition
- 25.10 waivers, and tuition remission amounts.
- 25.11 (b) The foster grant shall be paid directly to the eligible institution where the student is
- 25.12 enrolled.
- 25.13 (c) An eligible private institution may opt out of participating in the foster grant program
- 25.14 established under this section. To opt out, the institution shall provide notice to the office
- 25.15 by September 1 for the next academic year.
- 25.16 (d) An eligible private institution that does not opt out under paragraph (c) and accepts
- 25.17 the student's application to attend the institution must provide institutional grants,
- 25.18 scholarships, tuition waivers, or tuition remission in an amount equal to the difference
- 25.19 between:
- 25.20 (1) the institution's cost of attendance as calculated under subdivision 4, paragraph (b),
- 25.21 clause (1); and
- 25.22 (2) the sum of the foster grant under this subdivision and the sum of the amounts in
- 25.23 paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (9).
- 25.24 (e) An undergraduate student who is eligible may apply for and receive a foster grant
- 25.25 in any year of undergraduate study unless the student has obtained a baccalaureate degree
- 25.26 or previously has been enrolled full time as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision 7a,
- 25.27 or the equivalent for eight semesters or the equivalent, or received a foster grant for five
- 25.28 years, whichever occurs first. A foster grant must not be awarded to a student for more than
- 25.29 three years for a two-year degree, certificate, or diploma, or five years for a four-year
- 25.30 undergraduate degree.

26.1 (f) Foster grants may be awarded to an eligible student for four quarters, three semesters,
26.2 or the equivalent during the course of a single fiscal year. In calculating the award amount,
26.3 the office must use the same calculation it would for any other term.

26.4 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.125, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

26.5 Subd. 4. **Amount and length of grants.** (a) The maximum award to the applicant shall
26.6 be \$6,500 for each eligible child per academic year, except that the campus financial aid
26.7 officer may apply to the office for approval to increase grants by up to ten percent to
26.8 compensate for higher market charges for infant care in a community.

26.9 (b) Applicants with ~~expected family~~ contributions at or below the qualifying ~~expected~~
26.10 ~~family~~ contribution as determined by the federal need analysis for the federal Pell Grant,
26.11 as determined by the commissioner, qualify for the maximum award. Applicants with
26.12 ~~expected family~~ contributions as determined by the federal need analysis exceeding that
26.13 threshold but less than 200 percent of the qualifying ~~expected family~~ contribution receive
26.14 an amount proportional to their ~~expected family~~ contribution as determined by the
26.15 commissioner.

26.16 (c) The academic year award amount must be disbursed by academic term using the
26.17 following formula:

26.18 (1) the academic year amount described in paragraph (a);

26.19 (2) divided by the number of terms in the academic year; and

26.20 (3) multiplied by the applicable enrollment factor:

26.21 (i) 1.00 for undergraduate students enrolled in 12 or more semester credits or the
26.22 equivalent or for graduate students enrolled in six or more semester credits or the equivalent;

26.23 (ii) 0.75 for undergraduate students enrolled in nine, ten, or 11 semester credits or the
26.24 equivalent or for graduate students enrolled in five semester credits or the equivalent;

26.25 (iii) 0.50 for undergraduate students enrolled in six, seven, or eight semester credits or
26.26 the equivalent or for graduate students enrolled in three or four semester credits or the
26.27 equivalent; and

26.28 (iv) 0.25 for undergraduate students enrolled in at least one but less than six semester
26.29 credits or the equivalent or for graduate students enrolled in one or two semester credits or
26.30 the equivalent.

27.1 (d) Payments shall be made each academic term to the student or to the child care
 27.2 provider, as determined by the institution. Institutions may make payments more than once
 27.3 within the academic term.

27.4 Sec. 9. [136A.1251] STUDENT-PARENT SUPPORT INITIATIVE.

27.5 Subdivision 1. **Grants.** (a) To address the needs and support the educational goals of
 27.6 expectant and parenting college students across Minnesota, the commissioner shall award
 27.7 grants and provide support services to institutions and partnering entities that assist expectant
 27.8 parents and parents of young children. Grants shall be awarded to postsecondary institutions,
 27.9 professional organizations, community-based organizations, or other applicants deemed
 27.10 appropriate by the commissioner. Grants must be used to offer services to support the
 27.11 academic goals, health, and well-being of student parents. Services and costs eligible for
 27.12 grant funding include but are not limited to:

27.13 (1) program development costs;

27.14 (2) costs related to the start-up of on-campus child care;

27.15 (3) evaluation and data collection; and

27.16 (4) direct assistance to student parents including:

27.17 (i) scholarships;

27.18 (ii) basic needs support; and

27.19 (iii) expenses related to child care.

27.20 (b) Postsecondary institutions may act as the fiscal agents in partnership with a local
 27.21 nongovernmental agency, childcare center, or other organization that serves student parents.

27.22 Subd. 2. **Application process.** The commissioner shall develop a grant application
 27.23 process. The commissioner shall support projects in a manner that attempts to ensure eligible
 27.24 students throughout the state have access to program services.

27.25 Subd. 3. **Health-related supports.** The commissioner, in partnership with the Department
 27.26 of Health, shall provide health-related supports. Activities for health-related supports include:

27.27 (1) ensuring programs, services, and materials are medically accurate, age appropriate,
 27.28 culturally and linguistically appropriate, and inclusive of all populations;

27.29 (2) working with community health care providers and other service support organizations
 27.30 that serve the target population for this program; and

28.1 (3) providing technical assistance and training for institutional parent support center
 28.2 staff on how to conduct screenings and referrals for the health concerns of student parents,
 28.3 including alcohol misuse, substance use disorders, depression, anxiety, intimate partner
 28.4 violence, tobacco and nicotine, and other health concerns.

28.5 Subd. 4. **Report and evaluation.** By August 1 of each odd-numbered year, the
 28.6 commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
 28.7 legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education finance regarding the grant
 28.8 recipients and their activities. The report shall include information about the students served,
 28.9 the organizations providing services, program activities, program goals, and outcomes.

28.10 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.126, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

28.11 Subd. 4. **Award amount.** (a) Each student shall be awarded a scholarship based on the
 28.12 federal need analysis. Applicants are encouraged to apply for all other sources of financial
 28.13 aid. The amount of the award must not exceed the applicant's cost of attendance, as defined
 28.14 in subdivision 3, after ~~deducting~~ accounting for:

28.15 (1) ~~the expected family contribution as calculated by~~ results of the federal need analysis;

28.16 (2) the amount of a federal Pell Grant award for which the applicant is eligible;

28.17 (3) the amount of the state grant;

28.18 (4) the federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant;

28.19 (5) the sum of all institutional grants, scholarships, tuition waivers, and tuition remission
 28.20 amounts;

28.21 (6) the sum of all Tribal scholarships;

28.22 (7) the amount of any other state and federal gift aid; and

28.23 (8) the amount of any private grants or scholarships.

28.24 (b) The award shall be paid directly to the postsecondary institution where the student
 28.25 receives federal financial aid.

28.26 (c) Awards are limited as follows:

28.27 (1) the maximum award for an undergraduate is \$4,000 per academic year;

28.28 (2) the maximum award for a graduate student is \$6,000 per academic year; and

28.29 (3) the minimum award for all students is \$100 per academic year.

29.1 (d) Scholarships may not be given to any Indian student for more than three years of
 29.2 study for a two-year degree, certificate, or diploma program or five years of study for a
 29.3 four-year degree program at the undergraduate level and for more than five years at the
 29.4 graduate level. Students may acquire only one degree per level and one terminal graduate
 29.5 degree. Scholarships may not be given to any student for more than ten years including five
 29.6 years of undergraduate study and five years of graduate study.

29.7 (e) Scholarships may be given to an eligible student for four quarters, three semesters,
 29.8 or the equivalent during the course of a single fiscal year. In calculating the award amount,
 29.9 the office must use the same calculation it would for any other term.

29.10 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.1312, is amended to read:

29.11 **136A.1312 FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTRATOR, PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT.**

29.12 Nothing in this chapter or in the office's rules shall be interpreted as limiting the ability
 29.13 of student financial aid administrators, on the basis of adequate documentation, to ~~make~~
 29.14 ~~necessary adjustments to the cost of attendance and expected family contribution~~
 29.15 ~~computations~~ adjust a student's dependency status or elements of a student's cost of attendance
 29.16 for federal needs analysis calculation to allow for treatment of individual students with
 29.17 special circumstances, with the exception of the cost of attendance defined under section
 29.18 136A.121, subdivision 6. In addition, nothing in this chapter or in the office's rules shall be
 29.19 interpreted as limiting the ability of the student financial aid administrator to use
 29.20 supplementary information about the financial status of eligible applicants with special
 29.21 circumstances in selecting recipients of state financial aid and determining the amount of
 29.22 awards. Nothing in this section precludes a financial aid administrator from establishing an
 29.23 appeals process for other extenuating circumstances.

29.24 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.1796, is amended to read:

29.25 **136A.1796 TRIBAL COLLEGE SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT ASSISTANCE.**

29.26 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the
 29.27 meanings given them.

29.28 (b) "Beneficiary student" means a resident of Minnesota who is enrolled in a certificate,
 29.29 diploma, or degree program in a Tribally controlled college and is an enrolled member of
 29.30 a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

30.1 (c) "Nonbeneficiary student" means a resident of Minnesota who is enrolled in a
 30.2 certificate, diploma, or degree program in a Tribally controlled college but is not an enrolled
 30.3 member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

30.4 ~~(e)~~ (d) "Tribally controlled college" means an accredited institution of higher education
 30.5 located in this state that is formally controlled by or has been formally sanctioned or chartered
 30.6 by the governing body of a federally recognized Indian Tribe, or a combination of federally
 30.7 recognized Indian Tribes. Tribally controlled college does not include any institution or
 30.8 campus subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges
 30.9 and Universities or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota.

30.10 Subd. 2. **Eligibility; grant assistance.** (a) A Tribally controlled college is eligible to
 30.11 receive supplemental grant assistance from the office, as provided in this section, for
 30.12 beneficiary and nonbeneficiary student enrollment ~~if the college is not otherwise eligible~~
 30.13 ~~to receive federal grant funding for those students under United States Code, title 25, section~~
 30.14 ~~1808.~~

30.15 (b) The office shall make grants to Tribally controlled colleges to defray the costs of
 30.16 education associated with the enrollment of beneficiary and nonbeneficiary students. Grants
 30.17 made pursuant to this section must be provided directly to the recipient college.

30.18 Subd. 3. **Grant application.** To receive a grant under this section, a Tribally controlled
 30.19 college must submit an application in the manner required by the office. Upon submission
 30.20 of a completed application indicating that the Tribally controlled college is eligible, the
 30.21 office shall distribute to the college, during each year of the biennium, a grant ~~of \$5,300~~
 30.22 equal to the highest tuition and fees charged at a public two-year institution for each
 30.23 beneficiary and nonbeneficiary student on a full-time equivalent basis. If the amount
 30.24 appropriated for grants under this section is insufficient to cover the total amount of grant
 30.25 eligibility, the office shall distribute a prorated amount per beneficiary and nonbeneficiary
 30.26 student on a full-time equivalent basis.

30.27 Subd. 4. **Reporting by recipient institutions.** Each Tribally controlled college receiving
 30.28 a grant under this section shall provide to the office, on an annual basis, an accurate and
 30.29 detailed account of the expenditures of the grant funds received by the college, and a copy
 30.30 of the college's most recent audit report and documentation of the enrollment status and
 30.31 ethnic status of each beneficiary and nonbeneficiary student for which grant assistance is
 30.32 sought under this section.

31.1 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.246, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

31.2 Subd. 5. **Grant criteria.** (a) The commissioner shall make at least an approximately
31.3 equal dollar amount of grants for training for employees whose work site is projected to be
31.4 outside the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, as for employees
31.5 whose work site is projected to be within the metropolitan area.

31.6 (b) In determining the award of grants, the commissioner must consider, among other
31.7 factors:

31.8 (1) the aggregate state and regional need for employees with the competency to be
31.9 trained;

31.10 (2) the competency standards developed by the commissioner of labor and industry as
31.11 part of the Minnesota ~~PIPELINE Project~~ dual-training pipeline program;

31.12 (3) the per employee cost of training;

31.13 (4) the additional employment opportunities for employees because of the training;

31.14 (5) the on-the-job training the employee receives;

31.15 (6) the employer's demonstrated ability to recruit, train, and retain employees who are
31.16 recent high school graduates or who recently passed high school equivalency tests;

31.17 (7) projected increases in compensation for employees receiving the training; ~~and~~

31.18 (8) the amount of employer training cost match, if required, on both a per employee and
31.19 aggregate basis; and

31.20 (9) the employer's demonstrated ability to recruit, train, and retain employees who are
31.21 employees of color, American Indian employees, and employees with disabilities.

31.22 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.246, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

31.23 Subd. 6. **Employer match.** A large employer must pay for at least 25 percent of the
31.24 ~~eligible training provider's charge for the eligible training to the provider~~ cost of training.

31.25 For the purpose of this subdivision, a "large employer" means a business with more than
31.26 \$25,000,000 in annual gross revenue in the previous calendar year.

31.27 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.246, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

31.28 Subd. 8. **Grant amounts.** (a) The maximum grant for an application is \$150,000. The
31.29 office may allow for a grantee to utilize up to ten percent of the grant amount for the cost

32.1 of employees' trainee supports. A grant may not exceed \$6,000 per year for a maximum of
 32.2 four years \$24,000 per employee.

32.3 (b) An employee who is attending an eligible training provider that is an institution under
 32.4 section 136A.103 must apply for Pell and state grants as a condition of payment for training
 32.5 that employee under this section.

32.6 **Sec. 16. [136A.84] DIRECT ADMISSIONS PROGRAM.**

32.7 Subdivision 1. Authorization. The commissioner shall administer the direct admissions
 32.8 program in consultation with stakeholders, including Minnesota State Colleges and
 32.9 Universities, the University of Minnesota, the Student Advisory Council under section
 32.10 136A.031, the Minnesota Department of Education, the Minnesota Association of Secondary
 32.11 School Principals, and the Minnesota School Board Association, to automatically offer
 32.12 conditional admission into Minnesota public colleges and universities to Minnesota high
 32.13 school seniors based on a student's high school grade point average, high school and college
 32.14 transcript information, standardized tests, statewide assessments, and other measures as
 32.15 determined by stakeholders.

32.16 Subd. 2. Implementation. The program shall establish and, to the extent feasible,
 32.17 implement a process for leveraging existing kindergarten through grade 12 and higher
 32.18 education student information systems to automate the admissions process for students. The
 32.19 program must specifically evaluate the impact this process has on outcomes for students
 32.20 with lower levels of college knowledge, low-income students, and students from populations
 32.21 underserved in higher education. The office shall attempt to achieve statewide representation
 32.22 and may prioritize program participants to include high schools with a significant number
 32.23 of students of color, low-income students, or both.

32.24 Subd. 3. Report. Annually, by February 1, the Office of Higher Education shall report
 32.25 to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education
 32.26 finance and policy and higher education on activities occurring under this section. The report
 32.27 must include but is not limited to information about implementation, recommendations, and
 32.28 outcomes.

32.29 **Sec. 17. STATE GRANT FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND 2025 LIVING AND**
 32.30 **MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.**

32.31 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.121, subdivision 7a, the living and
 32.32 miscellaneous expense allowance for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 is equal to 120 percent of
 32.33 the federal poverty guidelines for a one-person household in Minnesota for nine months.