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575 Introduction and first reading  
Referred to E-12 Finance

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education finance; reinstating funding for the college-level examination  
1.3 program; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section  
1.4 120B.131.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.131, is amended to read:

1.7 **120B.131 COLLEGE-LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP).**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Program structure.** The college-level examination program (CLEP)  
1.9 offered by the College Board provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate  
1.10 college-level achievement and receive college credit or advanced standing through a program  
1.11 of examinations in undergraduate college courses. Consistent with section 120B.125, schools  
1.12 must provide information about CLEP and the opportunity to receive college credit from a  
1.13 Minnesota postsecondary institution to students successfully completing a college-level  
1.14 course.

1.15 Subd. 2. **Reimbursement for examination fees.** The state may reimburse college-level  
1.16 examination program (CLEP) fees for a Minnesota public or nonpublic high school student  
1.17 who has successfully completed one or more college-level courses in high school in the  
1.18 subject matter of each examination in the following subjects: composition and literature,  
1.19 mathematics and science, social sciences and history, foreign languages, and business and  
1.20 humanities. The state may reimburse each student for up to six examination fees. The  
1.21 commissioner shall establish application procedures and a process and schedule for fee  
1.22 reimbursements. The commissioner must give priority to reimburse the CLEP examination  
1.23 fees of students of low-income families.

2.1 Subd. 3. **College credit.** The colleges and universities of the Minnesota State ~~Colleges~~  
 2.2 ~~and Universities~~ system must award, and the University of Minnesota and private  
 2.3 postsecondary institutions are encouraged to award, college credit to high school students  
 2.4 who receive a satisfactory score on a CLEP examination under this section. The  
 2.5 commissioner, in consultation with the Minnesota State ~~Colleges and Universities~~ system,  
 2.6 shall set a passing score for college credits.

2.7 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; SPECIAL EDUCATION AID.**

2.8 Subdivision 1. **Commissioner of education.** The sums indicated in this section are  
 2.9 appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of education in the fiscal years  
 2.10 designated.

2.11 Subd. 2. **College-level examination program.** For the college-level examination program  
 2.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.131:

2.13 \$ ..... .. 2018

2.14 \$ ..... .. 2019

2.15 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.