

CHAPTER 136A

MINNESOTA HIGHER EDUCATION BOARDS AND AGENCIES

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136A.02 MEMBERSHIP; OFFICERS; ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

[For text of subds 1 to 5, see M.S.1980]

Subd. 6. There is hereby created a higher education advisory council, the membership of which shall include the president of the University of Minnesota, the chancellor of the state university board, the chancellor of the state board for community colleges, the commissioner of education, the executive director of the Minnesota private college council, and a representative from the Minnesota association of private post-secondary schools. The advisory council shall (1) bring to the attention of the board any matters which the council deems as needing attention of the board, (2) make recommendations to the board as the council deems appropriate, (3) review and comment upon proposals and other matters before the board, and (4) provide any reasonable assistance to the board in its effort to fulfill responsibilities of the board. The board shall periodically inform the council of all matters under consideration by the board and shall refer all proposals to the council prior to transmitting such proposals as recommendations to the governor and the legislature. The board shall provide time for a report from the advisory council at each meeting of the board.

The higher education advisory council shall report to the board quarterly and at such other times as the council may deem desirable. The council shall determine its meeting times, but the council shall also meet within 30 days following a request for a council meeting by the executive director of the board.

History: 1981 c 75 s 1

136A.121 SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS-IN-AID.

[For text of subds 1 to 3, see M.S.1980]

Subd. 4. A financial stipend shall accompany scholarship awards if the scholarship winner demonstrates financial need and will attend an eligible institution. Financial stipends shall range from a maximum of \$1,100 in the 1979-1980 school year, \$1,250 in the 1980-1981 school year and up to \$1,400 in the 1981-1982 school year and subsequent school years to a minimum of \$100 but in no event shall exceed one-half of the applicant's financial need or an amount which if combined with the amount of a federal basic educational opportunity grant for which the applicant is eligible equals 75 percent of the applicants need, whichever is the lesser. Scholarship winners who do not demonstrate financial need under criteria prescribed by the board shall be awarded honorary scholarships.

Subd. 5. A financial stipend based on financial need shall accompany grants-in-aid. Financial stipends shall range from a maximum of \$1,100 in the 1979-1980 school year, \$1,250 in the 1980-1981 school year and up to \$1,400 in the

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1981-1982 school year and subsequent school years to a minimum of \$100, but in no event shall exceed one-half of the applicant's financial need, or an amount which if combined with the amount of a federal basic educational opportunity grant for which the applicant is eligible equals 75 percent of the applicants need, whichever is the lesser.

[For text of subs 6 to 15, see M.S.1980]

History: 1981 c 359 s 15,16

136A.141 STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM.

The higher education coordinating board shall establish and supervise one or more student loan programs in accordance with the provisions of sections 136A.14 to 136A.17.

History: 1981 c 300 s 1

136A.15 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subs 1 to 6, see M.S.1980]

Subd. 7. "Eligible student" means a student who is officially registered or accepted for enrollment at an eligible institution in Minnesota or a Minnesota resident who is officially registered as a student or accepted for enrollment at an eligible institution in another state. Eligible student, except for purposes of section 136A.161, includes parents of an eligible student as the term "parent" is defined in the higher education act of 1965, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

History: 1981 c 300 s 2

136A.16 POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD.

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1980]

Subd. 3. The board may make loans in amounts not to exceed the maximum amount provided in the higher education act of 1965 and any amendments thereof. The board may establish procedures determining the loan amounts for which students are eligible.

Subd. 4. The board may contract with or enter into agreements with eligible lenders for the purpose of making loans to eligible students in accordance with the policies and rules of the board.

[For text of subs 5 to 12, see M.S.1980]

Subd. 13. Before implementing a loan program for parents as defined in section 136A.15, subdivision 7, the board shall obtain approval from the legislative advisory commission.

History: 1981 c 300 s 3-5

136A.17 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

Subdivision 1. A student shall be eligible to apply for a loan under the provisions of sections 136A.14 to 136A.17 if the board finds that the student is an eligible student as defined in those sections and is eligible for a loan under federal laws and regulations governing the federal guaranteed student loan program.

[For text of subs 2 and 3, see M.S.1980]

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Subd. 4. No loan shall be made in excess of the maximum provided by pertinent federal laws and regulations. The aggregate unpaid principal amount of loans to any individual student shall not exceed the maximum provided in pertinent federal laws and regulations.

[For text of subs 5 to 9, see M.S.1980]

Subd. 10. The board may establish variable repayment schedules consistent with the need and anticipated income streams of borrowers. The repayment schedules shall not violate the federal laws and regulations governing federal guaranteed student loan programs.

[For text of subd 11, see M.S.1980]

History: 1981 c 300 s 6-8

136A.171 REVENUE BONDS; ISSUANCE; PROCEEDS.

The higher education coordinating board may issue revenue bonds to obtain funds for loans made in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The aggregate amount of revenue bonds, issued directly by the board, outstanding at any one time, not including refunded bonds or otherwise defeased or discharged bonds, shall not exceed \$550,000,000. Proceeds from the issuance of bonds may be held and invested by the board pending disbursement in the form of loans. All interest and profits from the investments shall inure to the benefit of the board and shall be available to the board for the same purposes as the proceeds from the sale of revenue bonds including, but not limited to, costs incurred in administering loans under this chapter and loan reserve funds.

History: 1981 c 300 s 9

136A.233 WORK-STUDY GRANTS.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1980]

Subd. 2. For purposes of sections 136A.231 to 136A.235, the following words have the meanings ascribed to them:

(a) "Eligible student" means a Minnesota resident enrolled or intending to enroll full time in a Minnesota post-secondary institution.

(b) "Financial need" means the need for financial assistance in order to attend a post-secondary institution as determined by a post-secondary institution according to guidelines established by the higher education coordinating board.

(c) "Eligible employer" means any eligible post-secondary institution and any nonprofit, nonsectarian agency or state institution located in the state of Minnesota, including state hospitals, and also includes a handicapped person or a person over 65 who employs a student to provide personal services in or about the residence of the handicapped person or the person over 65.

(d) "Eligible post-secondary institution" means any post-secondary institution eligible for participation in the Minnesota state scholarship and grant program as specified in section 136A.101, subdivision 4.

[For text of subd 3, see M.S.1980]

History: 1981 c 65 s 1

136A.237 CERTIFICATION.

The Minnesota higher education coordinating board shall develop, before February 1, 1982, the necessary procedures to provide that the essential financial needs of students who have been recipients of tuition subsidies pursuant to section 136A.236 are met through the provisions of sections 136A.09 to 136A.131.

History: 1981 c 300 s 14

136A.81 PROGRAM AND QUALIFICATIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Fees and tuition.** Except for an administration fee of \$6 a credit hour, to be collected only when a course is taken for credit, a senior citizen who is a legal resident of Minnesota is entitled without payment of tuition or activity fees to attend courses offered for credit or audit any courses offered for credit in any state supported institution of higher education in Minnesota when space is available after all tuition-paying students have been accommodated. Senior citizens enrolled under the provisions of sections 136A.80 and 136A.81 shall not be included by such institutions in their computation of full time equivalent students when requesting staff or appropriations. The enrollee shall pay laboratory or material fees.

[For text of subds 2 to 5, see M.S.1980]

History: 1981 c 194 s 3

136A.85 CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAM; ESTABLISHMENT.

The Minnesota higher education coordinating board shall establish for all eleventh grade students in the state who desire to participate, a statewide career guidance, testing, information and planning program designed to:

(a) Assist students to make career plans and decisions regarding post-secondary education, training and goals;

(b) Assist high school, college and vocational institute counselors in their work with students;

(c) Assist Minnesota colleges and vocational institutes to identify students for whose talents, interests and needs they have appropriate programs;

(d) Assist colleges and scholarship agencies to select from applicants those who show the most promise of benefiting from particular programs;

(e) Provide educators, state planners and policy makers in the state a continuous inventory of the talents, plans, needs and other characteristics of students in individual educational institutions, in educational systems, and in the state as a whole; and

(f) Assist educators, state planners and policy makers to develop improved educational measures and counseling tools.

History: 1981 c 300 s 10

136A.86. DUTIES OF THE BOARD.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1980]

Subd. 2. The board shall periodically review and evaluate the statewide career guidance, testing, information and planning program and report to the governor and legislature the program status and the board's recommendations for legislation to improve the program.

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Subd. 3. The board may contract with the University of Minnesota and other testing agencies and suppliers to obtain instruments or services needed to operate the program.

Subd. 4. Any data, reports, studies, tapes, or other documents prepared by contractors for the board under this program shall be the exclusive property of the board, and those materials shall be remitted to the board upon completion, termination, or cancellation of any contract or agreement with the board.

History: 1981 c 300 s 11-13