

CHAPTER 136E

HIGHER EDUCATION BOARD

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136E.01 HIGHER EDUCATION BOARD.

Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The higher education board, referred to in sections 136E.01 to 136E.05 as "the board," consists of 13 members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. At least one member of the board must be a resident of each congressional district. One member must be a student or have graduated from an institution governed by the board within one year of the date of appointment. The remaining members must be appointed to represent the state at large.

Subd. 2. **Term; compensation; removal; vacancies.** The compensation, removal of members, and filling of vacancies on the board are as provided in section 15.0575. Members are appointed for a term of six years, except that the term of the student member is two years. Terms end on June 30.

Subd. 3. **Board administration.** The board shall elect a chair and other officers as it may desire. It shall determine its meeting dates and places.

History: 1991 c 356 art 9 s 2

136E.02 HIGHER EDUCATION BOARD CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Subdivision 1. **Purpose.** A higher education board candidate advisory council shall assist the governor in determining criteria for, and identifying and recruiting qualified candidates for, membership on the higher education board.

Subd. 2. **Membership.** The advisory council consists of 24 members. Twelve members are appointed by the subcommittee on committees of the committee on rules and administration of the senate. Twelve members are appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. No more than one-third of the members appointed by each appointing authority may be current or former legislators. No more than two-thirds of the members appointed by each appointing authority may belong to the same political party; however, political activity or affiliation is not required for the appointment of a member. Geographical representation must be taken into consideration when making appointments. Section 15.0575 governs the advisory council, except that the members must be appointed to six-year terms.

Subd. 3. **Duties.** The advisory council shall:

(1) develop a statement of the selection criteria to be applied and a description of the responsibilities and duties of a member of the higher education board and shall distribute this to potential candidates; and

(2) for each position on the board, identify and recruit qualified candidates for the board, based on the background and experience of the candidates, and their potential for discharging the responsibilities of a member of the board.

Subd. 4. **Recommendations.** The advisory council shall recommend at least two and not more than four candidates for each seat. By January 2 of each even-numbered year, the advisory council shall submit its recommendations to the governor. The governor is not bound by these recommendations.

Subd. 5. **Support services.** The legislative coordinating commission shall provide administrative and support services for the advisory council.

History: 1991 c 356 art 9 s 3

136E.03 MISSION.

The mission of the board is to provide programs of study that meet the needs of

students for occupational, general, baccalaureate, and graduate education. The board shall develop administrative arrangements that make possible the efficient use of the facilities and staff of the former technical colleges, community colleges, and state universities for providing these several different programs of study, so that students may have the benefit of improved and broader course offerings, ease of transfer among schools and programs, integrated course credit, coordinated degree programs, and coordinated financial aid. In carrying out the merger of the three separate systems, the board shall control administrative costs by eliminating duplicative administrative positions and course offerings.

History: 1991 c 356 art 9 s 4

136E.04 POWERS AND DUTIES.

Subdivision 1. General authority. The board shall manage, supervise, and control the former technical colleges, community colleges, and state universities and all related property. It shall prescribe courses of study and conditions of admission, prepare and confer diplomas, and adopt suitable policies for the institutions it manages. Sections 14.01 to 14.47 do not apply to policies and procedures of the board.

Subd. 2. Personnel. The board shall appoint all presidents, teachers, and other necessary employees. Salaries and benefits of employees must be determined according to chapters 43A and 179A.

Subd. 3. Budget. The board shall submit to the governor and the legislature the budget request for its several different programs of study.

Subd. 4. Occupational and vocational program information. In its biennial budget request, the board shall provide to the governor and legislature information on its occupational and vocational programs specifying revenues, expenditures, trends for expenditures, expenditures for instructional equipment, and other relevant information related to those programs. The board shall provide the governor and legislature in its biennial budget request information on the accountability measures it uses to determine the efficiency and effectiveness of the occupational and vocational programs.

Subd. 5. Program delivery. The board shall avoid duplicate program offerings. After consulting with the local advisory committees, the board shall develop programs to meet the needs of students and the state.

Subd. 6. Transferability. The board shall place a high priority on ensuring the transferability of credit among the institutions it governs.

Subd. 7. Registration and financial aid. The board shall devise a registration system that simplifies and combines registration for the institutions it governs, improves the financial aid application process for students, and provides registration at common locations.

History: 1991 c 356 art 9 s 5

NOTE: This section, as added by Laws 1991, chapter 356, article 9, section 5, is effective July 1, 1995. See Laws 1991, chapter 356, article 9, section 16.

136E.05 LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

The president, with the approval of the chancellor and the board, may appoint a local advisory committee for each campus. Committee members must be qualified people who have knowledge of and interest in the campus. The board shall define the role and authority of the advisory committees and establish procedures for the appointment, terms, and termination of members. The president or an appointee of the president shall regularly meet and consult with the local advisory committee.

History: 1991 c 356 art 9 s 6

NOTE: This section, as added by Laws 1991, chapter 356, article 9, section 6, is effective July 1, 1995. See Laws 1991, chapter 356, article 9, section 16.