

CHAPTER 136F

MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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136F.28 SOUTHWEST ASIA VETERANS; TECHNICAL COLLEGES.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 2. **Definitions.** For the purpose of this section, the following terms have the meaning given to them:

(a) "Southwest Asia veteran" means a person who:

(1) served in the active military service in any branch of the armed forces of the United States any time between August 1, 1990, and February 27, 1992;

(2) became eligible for the Southwest Asia Service Medal as a result of the service;

(3) was a Minnesota resident at the time of induction into the armed forces and for the one year immediately preceding induction; and

(4) has been separated or discharged from active military service under conditions other than dishonorable.

(b) "Technical college" means a technical college or consolidated community technical college under the governance of the Minnesota state colleges and universities.

History: 1997 c 183 art 3 s 19

136F.32 DEGREES; DIPLOMAS; CERTIFICATES.

Subdivision 1. **Approval.** The board may approve awarding of appropriate certificates, diplomas, or degrees to persons who complete a prescribed curriculum.

Subd. 2. **Technical and consolidated technical colleges.** A technical college or consolidated technical community college shall offer students the option of pursuing diplomas and certificates in each technical education program, unless the board determines that this is not practicable for certain programs. All credits earned for a diploma or certificate shall be applicable toward any available degree in the same program.

History: 1997 c 183 art 3 s 20

136F.45 ANNUITIES.

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 3. **Tax-sheltered annuity administrative expenses.** (a) The reasonable and necessary administrative expenses of the tax-sheltered annuity program, to a maximum of \$100,000 annually, must be paid by the financial institutions authorized by the board of trustees of the Minnesota state colleges and universities system to provide tax-sheltered annuity investment options.

(b) Annually, the board of trustees shall establish a budget for the tax-sheltered annuity program administrative expenses. The total budgeted administrative expense must be allocated among the applicable financial institutions by the board of trustees.

Subd. 4. **Periodic review.** If the board so chooses, it may solicit bids or proposals for options under subdivision 1. The board may retain consulting services to assist it in soliciting and evaluating bids or proposals and in the periodic review of companies offering options under subdivision 1. The board may annually establish a budget for its costs in the soliciting, evaluating, and periodic review processes. The board may charge a proportional share of all

costs related to the periodic review to each company currently under contract and may charge a proportional share of all costs related to soliciting and evaluating bids or proposals to each company selected by the board. Contracts must provide that all options in subdivision 1 must: (1) be presented in an unbiased manner, (2) be reported on a periodic basis to all employees participating in the tax-sheltered annuity program, and (3) not be the subject of unreasonable solicitation of state employees to participate in the program. The contract may not permit any person to jeopardize the tax-deferred status of money invested by state employees under this section. All costs or fees in relation to the bid solicitation and evaluation process for the options provided under subdivision 1 must be paid by the underwriting companies ultimately selected by the board.

History: 1997 c 241 art 8 s 1,2

136F.49 LICENSURE.

The board shall adopt policies for licensure of teaching personnel in technical colleges and for vocational technical instructors teaching outside the Minnesota state colleges and universities system. The board may establish a processing fee for the issuance, renewal, or extension of a license.

History: 1997 c 183 art 3 s 21

136F.581 PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 2. Policies and procedures. The board shall develop policies, and each college and university shall develop procedures, for purchases and contracts that are consistent with subdivision 1. The policies and procedures shall be developed through the system and campus labor management committees and shall include provisions requiring the system and campuses to determine that they cannot use available staff before contracting with additional outside consultants or services. In addition, each college and university, in consultation with the system office, shall develop procedures for those purchases and contracts that can be accomplished by a college and university without board approval. The board policies must allow each college and university the local authority to enter into contracts for construction projects of up to \$250,000 and to make other purchases of up to \$50,000, without receiving board approval. The board may allow a college or university local authority to make purchases over \$50,000 without receiving board approval.

[For text of subs 3 and 4, see M.S.1996]

History: 1997 c 183 art 3 s 22

136F.59 TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 3. Office of technology. The system office and the campuses shall cooperate with the office of technology in its responsibility to coordinate information and communications technology development throughout the state. The system and campuses shall consult with the office of technology throughout any efforts to plan or implement information and communication systems to ensure that the systems are effective, efficient, and, where appropriate, compatible with other state systems.

History: 1997 c 212 s 1

136F.72 FUNDS.

Subdivision 1. Activity funds. The board may establish in each state college and university a fund to be known as the activity fund. The purpose of these funds shall be to provide for the administration of state college and university activities designed for student recreational, social, welfare, and educational pursuits supplemental to the regular curricular offer-

ings. The activity funds shall encompass accounts for student activities, student health services authorized college and university agencies, authorized auxiliary enterprises, federal, state, and private student financial aid, gifts and endowments, and other accounts as the board may prescribe.

[For text of subs 2 to 4, see M.S.1996]

History: 1997 c 183 art 3 s 23

136F.80 GRANTS; GIFTS; BEQUESTS; DEVISES; ENDOWMENTS.

Subdivision 1. **Receipt and acceptance.** The board may apply for, receive, and accept on behalf of the state and for the benefit of any state college or university any grant, gift, bequest, devise, or endowment that any person, firm, corporation, foundation, or association may make to the board for the purposes of the state colleges and universities, or any federal, state, or private money made available for the purpose of providing student financial aid at the state colleges and universities. The board may use any money given to it or to any of the state colleges and universities consistent with the terms and conditions under which the money was received and for the purposes stated. All moneys under this subdivision are appropriated to the board for use in the colleges and universities and shall be administered within the college and university activity funds. These moneys shall not be taken into account in determining appropriations or allocations. All taxes and special assessments constituting a lien on any real property received and accepted by the board under this section shall be paid in full before title is transferred to the state.

Subd. 2. **Deposit of money.** The board shall provide by policy, in accordance with provisions of chapter 118A, for the deposit of all money received or referred to under this section. Whenever the board shall by resolution determine that there are moneys in the state college or university funds not currently needed, the board may by resolution authorize and direct the president of the college or university to invest a specified amount in securities as are duly authorized as legal investments for savings banks and trust companies. Securities so purchased shall be deposited and held for the board by any bank or trust company authorized to do a banking business in this state. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 118A, the state board of investment may invest assets of the board, colleges, and universities when requested by the board, college, or university.

History: 1997 c 183 art 3 s 24

136F.81 TRANSFER OF GIFTS.

A college or university that receives a gift or bequest that is intended for purposes performed by a foundation approved under section 136F.46 may transfer the money to its foundation, provided the money is used only for public purposes.

History: 1997 c 183 art 3 s 25