

CHAPTER 136A

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136A.031 ADVISORY GROUPS.

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M S 1998]

Subd 3 **Student advisory council.** A student advisory council (SAC) to the higher education services council is established. The members of SAC shall include the chair of the University of Minnesota student senate, the state chair of the Minnesota state university student association, the president of the Minnesota state college student association and an officer of the Minnesota state college student association, one in a community college course of study and one in a technical college course of study, the president of the Minnesota association of private college students, and a student who is enrolled in a private vocational school, to be appointed by the Minnesota association of private post-secondary schools. A member may be represented by a student designee who attends an institution from the same system that the absent member represents. The SAC shall select one of its members to serve as chair.

The higher education services council shall inform the SAC of all matters related to student issues under consideration and shall refer all proposals to the SAC before taking action or sending the proposals to the governor or legislature. The SAC shall report to the higher education services council quarterly and at other times that the SAC considers desirable. The SAC shall determine its meeting times, but it shall also meet with the council within 30 days after the director's request for a meeting.

The SAC shall

- (1) bring to the attention of the higher education services council any matter that the SAC believes needs the attention of the council,
- (2) make recommendations to the higher education services council as it finds appropriate,
- (3) appoint student members to the higher education services council advisory groups as provided in subdivision 4, and
- (4) provide any reasonable assistance to the council.

[For text of subd 4, see M S 1998]

History: 1999 c 214 art 2 s 4

136A.121 GRANTS.

[For text of subs 2 and 3, see M S 1998]

Subd 5 **Grant stipends.** The grant stipend shall be based on a sharing of responsibility for covering the recognized cost of attendance by the applicant, the applicant's family, and the government. The amount of a financial stipend must not exceed a grant applicant's recognized cost of attendance, as defined in subdivision 6, after deducting the following:

- (1) the assigned student responsibility of at least 46 percent of the cost of attending the institution of the applicant's choosing,
 - (2) the assigned family responsibility as defined in section 136A 101, and
 - (3) the amount of a federal Pell grant award for which the grant applicant is eligible.
- The minimum financial stipend is \$100 per academic year.

[For text of subs 6 to 17, see M S 1998]

History: 1999 c 214 art 2 s 5

136A.1211 USE OF STATE GRANT SAVINGS.

Savings in the state grant program resulting from an increase in the maximum federal Pell grant from the anticipated level of \$3,125 shall be used by the office to increase the living and miscellaneous expense allowance

History: 1999 c 214 art 2 s 6

136A.125 CHILD CARE GRANTS.

[For text of subd 1, see M S 1998]

Subd 2 **Eligible students.** An applicant is eligible for a child care grant if the applicant

- (1) is a resident of the state of Minnesota,
- (2) has a child 12 years of age or younger, or 14 years of age or younger who is handicapped as defined in section 125A 02, and who is receiving or will receive care on a regular basis from a licensed or legal, nonlicensed caregiver,
- (3) is income eligible as determined by the office's policies and rules, but is not a recipient of assistance from the Minnesota family investment program,
- (4) has not earned a baccalaureate degree and has been enrolled full time less than eight semesters, 12 quarters, or the equivalent,
- (5) is pursuing a nonsectarian program or course of study that applies to an undergraduate degree, diploma, or certificate,
- (6) is enrolled at least half time in an eligible institution, and
- (7) is in good academic standing and making satisfactory academic progress

[For text of subd 3, see M S 1998]

Subd 4 **Amount and length of grants.** The amount of a child care grant must be based on

- (1) the income of the applicant and the applicant's spouse, if any,
- (2) the number in the applicant's family, as defined by the office, and
- (3) the number of eligible children in the applicant's family

The maximum award to the applicant shall be \$2,000 for each eligible child per academic year, except that the campus financial aid officer may apply to the office for approval to increase grants by up to ten percent to compensate for higher market charges for infant care in a community. The office shall develop policies to determine community market costs and review institutional requests for compensatory grant increases to ensure need and equal treatment. The office shall prepare a chart to show the amount of a grant that will be awarded per child based on the factors in this subdivision. The chart shall include a range of income and family size.

[For text of subs 4a to 9, see M S 1998]

History: 1999 c 159 s 25, 1999 c 214 art 2 s 7

136A.1359 [Repealed, 1999 c 214 art 2 s 24]

136A.136 [Repealed, 1999 c 214 art 2 s 24]

136A.243 HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES OFFICE.

[For text of subs 1 to 6, see M S 1998]

Subd 7 **Marketing.** The director shall make parents and other interested individuals aware of the availability and advantages of the program as a way to save for higher education

costs The cost of these promotional efforts may not be funded with fees imposed on participants

[For text of subds 8 and 9, see M S 1998]

History: 1999 c 214 art 2 s 8

136A.244 INVESTMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

[For text of subd 1, see M S 1998]

Subd 2 **Permitted investments.** The board may invest the accounts in any permitted investment under section 11A 24, except that the accounts may be invested without limit in investment options from open-ended investment companies registered under the federal Investment Company Act of 1940, United States Code, title 15, sections 80a-1 to 80a-64

[For text of subds 3 and 4, see M S 1998]

History: 1999 c 214 art 2 s 9

136A.245 MATCHING GRANTS.

[For text of subds 1 to 5, see M S 1998]

Subd 6 **Private contributions.** (a) The office may solicit and accept contributions from private corporations, other businesses, foundations, employers, or individuals to provide

(1) matching grants under this section in addition to those funded with direct appropriations,

(2) grants to students who withdraw money from accounts established under the program, or

(3) contributions to an account on behalf of a beneficiary

(b) Amounts contributed may only be used for those purposes. Amounts contributed are appropriated to the director for the purposes of this subdivision

(c) Contributors may designate a specific field of study, geographic area, or other criteria that govern use of the grants funded with their contributions, but may not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, or gender. The office may refuse contributions that are subject, in the judgment of the director, to unacceptable conditions on their use

History: 1999 c 214 art 2 s 10