

CHAPTER 136F

MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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136F.02 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

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

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 each of the student members is two years. Terms end on June 30, except that members may serve until their successors are appointed.

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

History: 1999 c 214 art 2 s 11

136F.04 STUDENT BOARD MEMBER SELECTION.

Subdivision 1 **Responsibility.** Notwithstanding section 136F 03, the state university student association and the state college student association shall each have the responsibility for recruiting, screening, and recommending qualified candidates for their student members of the board.

[For text of subs 2 to 4, see M S 1998]

History: 1999 c 214 art 2 s 12

136F.22 STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS.

Subdivision 1 **Statewide.** The board shall recognize one statewide student association for the state universities and one for the community and technical colleges. Each campus student association shall be affiliated with its statewide student association and all students enrolled on those campuses shall be members of their respective statewide association.

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

History: 1999 c 214 art 2 s 13

136F.32 DEGREES; DIPLOMAS; CERTIFICATES.

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

Subd 2 **Technical and consolidated technical colleges.** (a) 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 a degree is the only acceptable credential for career entry in a specific field. All vocational and technical credits earned for a diploma or certificate shall be applicable toward any available degree in the same program.

(b) Certificates and diplomas are credentials that demonstrate competence in a vocational or technical area and, therefore, may include a general education component only as part of an articulation agreement or to meet occupational requirements as established by the

trade or profession, or by the program advisory committee. Students shall be provided with applied training in general studies as necessary for competence in the program area. Students who have earned a certificate or diploma may earn a degree in the same field if they complete the general education and other degree requirements.

Subd 3 Assessment. To reduce barriers to enrollment and to train a skilled workforce, students may be assessed for skills necessary for competency in a technical or vocational field as part of their program. The results of standardized assessment tests shall not prohibit enrollment in a student's certificate or diploma program.

History: 1999 c 214 art 2 s 14,15

136F.36 TECHNICAL COLLEGE CARPENTRY PROGRAM CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY.

[For text of subs 1 to 3, see M S 1998]

Subd 4 Storage and retention of documents. Notwithstanding section 16A 58, the board may store and retain at the respective technical college original documents from carpentry program transactions, including but not limited to deeds, abstracts of title, and certificates of title.

History: 1999 c 240 art 1 s 17

136F.47 PENSION PLAN.

The board shall assume the administrative responsibility for the individual retirement account plans in chapters 354B and 354C formerly administered separately by the state university board and the community college board. The separate plans and the former plan administration must be merged into a single individual retirement account plan and plan administration covering eligible employees of the board, eligible employees of system institutions, and other eligible employee groups who are covered by the plan under section 354B 21.

History: 1999 c 86 art 1 s 36

136F.48 EMPLOYER-PAID HEALTH INSURANCE.

(a) This section applies to a person who

(1) retires from the Minnesota state colleges and universities system with at least ten years of combined service credit in a system under the jurisdiction of the board of trustees of the Minnesota state colleges and universities,

(2) was employed on a full-time basis immediately preceding retirement as a faculty member or as an unclassified administrator in the Minnesota state colleges and universities system,

(3) begins drawing a retirement benefit from the individual retirement account plan or an annuity from the teachers retirement association, from the general state employees retirement plan or the unclassified state employees retirement program of the Minnesota state retirement system, or from a first class city teacher retirement plan, and

(4) returns to work on not less than a one-third time basis and not more than a two-thirds time basis in the system from which the person retired under an agreement in which the person may not earn a salary of more than \$35,000 in a calendar year from employment after retirement in the system from which the person retired.

(b) Initial participation, the amount of time worked, and the duration of participation under this section must be mutually agreed upon by the president of the institution where the person returns to work and the employee. The president may require up to one-year notice of intent to participate in the program as a condition of participation under this section. The president shall determine the time of year the employee shall work. The employer or the president may not require a person to waive any rights under a collective bargaining agreement as a condition of participation under this section.

(c) For a person eligible under paragraphs (a) and (b), the employing board shall make the same employer contribution for hospital, medical, and dental benefits as would be made if the person were employed full time.

(d) For work under paragraph (a), a person must receive a percentage of the person's salary at the time of retirement that is equal to the percentage of time the person works compared to full-time work

(e) If a collective bargaining agreement covering a person provides for an early retirement incentive that is based on age, the incentive provided to the person must be based on the person's age at the time employment under this section ends. However, the salary used to determine the amount of the incentive must be the salary that would have been paid if the person had been employed full time for the year immediately preceding the time employment under this section ends

(f) A person who returns to work under this section is a member of the appropriate bargaining unit and is covered by the appropriate collective bargaining contract. Except as provided in this section, the person's coverage is subject to any part of the contract limiting rights of part-time employees

History: 1999 c 222 art 19 s 2

136F.60 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SITES; ACQUISITION.

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

Subd 3 **Easements.** The board may grant permanent or temporary easements over, under, or across any land under its jurisdiction for reasonable purposes determined by the board

History: 1999 c 240 art 1 s 18