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Overview

This bill authorizes two of the seven state universities in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) to plan and develop doctoral programs with a report to the legislature. Current Minnesota law requires the education committees of the legislature, the ways and means committee in the House and the finance committee in the Senate to recommend doctoral programs before these programs can be planned or developed by the Board of Trustees or the university campuses.

Section

- 1 Doctoral degrees report.** Authorizes St. Cloud State University and Minnesota State University, Mankato to plan the development of doctoral programs or degrees and to report the plans to the legislature by January 15, 2005. This authorization supercedes current law requiring the MnSCU board and campuses to receive the recommendations of the legislative committees on education and finance before planning or developing any doctoral programs.