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Overview

H.F. 67 requires an annual report to the legislature from the Higher Education Services Office (HESO) on the tuition reciprocity program administered by HESO. It also requires HESO to reexamine the payment provisions of the South Dakota agreement and to renegotiate the tuition disparity in the Wisconsin agreement, with a goal of reducing disparity. Minnesota has full tuition reciprocity agreements with North and South Dakota and Wisconsin. The agreements allow students from one state to attend a postsecondary institution in another participating state without having to pay nonresident tuition. The actual amount of reciprocity tuition is determined by the particular interstate agreement.

Section

- 1 Reporting.** Requires HESO to submit an annual reciprocity report to the legislative committees responsible for higher education that contains:
 - program participation by state
 - resident and reciprocity tuition at each institution
 - payments and obligations for each participating state.

- 2 Reciprocity negotiations.** Requires HESO to examine payment provisions of the South Dakota agreement and negotiate tuition disparity under the Wisconsin agreement. No specific terms are required in any of the agreements.

Section

Subd. 1. South Dakota. Requires HESO to examine the feasibility of reinstating interstate payments under the reciprocity agreements, including the impact on each state's students, institutions, and general fund. HESO must report to the legislature by January 10, 2006.

NOTE: Interstate payments are authorized, but not required, in Minnesota Statutes section 136A.08, subdivision 4. South Dakota law requires the state with the greater participation to reimburse the other state (South Dakota Codified Laws, §13-53B-1, Article VII.) For fall 2003, approximately 1,885 Minnesota full-year equivalent students attended South Dakota institutions under reciprocity and 2,146 South Dakota full-year equivalent students attended Minnesota institutions.

Subd. 2. Wisconsin. Requires HESO to begin negotiating the terms of the reciprocity agreement with Wisconsin as soon as possible. The negotiation must address the tuition disparity for Wisconsin students attending University of Minnesota campuses and have as a goal, the reduction of this disparity.

NOTE: For the 2004-2005 academic year the following tuition and fees apply to Minnesota residents attending the University of Minnesota and to Wisconsin students attending under the Minnesota/Wisconsin reciprocity agreement.

University of Minnesota Campus	Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees	Wisconsin Undergraduate Reciprocity Tuition and Fees
Crookston	\$7,608	\$6,195
Duluth	\$8,269	\$6,694
Morris	\$9,056	\$6,604
Twin Cities	\$8,263	\$7,195