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Bill Summary

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This bill prohibits a MnSCU college or university from increasing the per-credit tuition rate, for an eligible undergraduate attending the same institution, more than the rate of inflation. The tuition limit is in effect for an individual student for five years from the time the student first enrolls. After a five-year enrollment period, a new limit is put in place. An eligible student is defined in law as Minnesota residents for the purposes of state payments to public postsecondary systems. Inflation is measured by the CPI for the preceding year.

The University of Minnesota is requested to adopt a policy that would limit tuition increases to inflation over a five-year enrollment period.

The limits on tuition in this bill apply to tuition rates charged on or after July 1, 2007. For students enrolled prior to July 1, 2007, the limit is set at the tuition rate charged to the student for the next enrollment period.