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### Overview

The college-level examination program (sometimes referred to by its acronym CLEP) offered by the College Board provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate college-level achievement and receive college credit or advanced standing through a program of examinations.

The 2005 Legislature first authorized state appropriations for the college-level examination program (beginning in fiscal year 2006) and codified certain program requirements, including requiring colleges and universities of the Minnesota State System (formerly MnSCU) to grant credit to students who receive satisfactory scores on the examinations in the following subjects: composition and literature; mathematics and science; social sciences and history; world languages; and business and humanities.

Minnesota's statute allows the commissioner of education to reimburse each student for up to six examination fees and requires the commissioner to prioritize reimbursement of examination fees of students from low-income families.

This bill reinstates funding for the college-level examination program for fiscal years 2018 and later.

**Section**

- 1**      **College-level examination program.** Clarifies that school districts must include the college-level examination program as one of the tools for high school students to explore their college and career interests, aptitudes, and aspirations as part of the plan for a transition to postsecondary education or employment.
  
- 2**      **Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount of money from the general fund to the commissioner of education for purposes of the college-level examination program.