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H.F. 2401 establishes a grant program at the Office of Higher Education (OHE) for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Grants through the program would be equal to the student's tuition and fees, minus any Pell and state grants the student receives.

To be eligible for a grant through the program, a student must meet the eligibility requirement for the state grant program, be enrolled in a postsecondary institution eligible for the state grant program, have an intellectual disability, and be enrolled in a comprehensive transition and postsecondary (CTP) program. The bill defines "intellectual disability" and "comprehensive transition and postsecondary" program based upon the definitions in federal regulations.

CTP programs are postsecondary programs intended to serve students with intellectual disabilities by providing them with individual supports and services, extracurricular activities, and other aspects of the institution's regular postsecondary program. Three schools in Minnesota operate CTPs: Central Lakes College, Rochester Community and Technical College, and Bethel University.

The bill establishes reporting requirements for the grant program and appropriates an unspecified amount in fiscal years 2018 and 2019.