

**S.F. 3656-2 (Art. 16) / H.F. 4328-3 (Art. 12) Conference Committee
Higher Education Differences Summary**

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Page	Senate Lines	House Lines	Comparison	Description
R1	199.28	186.4	<i>Substantial Differences</i>	Appropriation; OHE; State Grants. <i>Senate appropriates \$300k to State Grants; House appropriates \$350k.</i>
R2	200.7–200.11	n/a	<i>Senate Only</i>	Appropriation; OHE; Teacher Preparation Program Design Grant. <i>Senate appropriates \$50k, as a onetime appropriation. See R29 for a description of the grant.</i>
R2–R3	200.15–200.28	186.20–187.3	<i>Substantial Differences</i>	Appropriation; MN State. <i>Senate appropriates \$1.5M in operations and maintenance; House appropriates \$5M. The Senate appropriation consists of \$500k for workforce development scholarships, and \$1M for updating the student record system. The House appropriation consists of \$1M for cyber security programs at Metro State University, and \$4M for campus support.</i>
R3	n/a	187.1–187.3	<i>House Only</i>	Appropriation; U of M. <i>The House bill includes an appropriation of \$500k to the U of M. No purpose is specified.</i>
R7–R8	n/a	188.30–190.19	<i>House Only</i>	U of M Sexual Harassment Data Collection and Reporting. <i>The House bill requires the U of M to collect statistical data on incidents of sexual harassment. The types of data that must be collected are coextensive with the current requirements for sexual assault data. The statistical data on sexual harassment incidents must be reported to the legislature by October 1 of each year.</i>
R13	n/a	202.1–202.18	<i>House Only</i>	Legislative Oversight. <i>The House bill requires OHE to annually report to the legislature on the balances of the loan forgiveness program accounts in the special revenue fund.</i>

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R13	208.9	190.24	<i>Substantial Differences</i>	Student Loan Debt Counseling. <i>The Senate bill restricts debt counseling services to Minnesota residents with loans obtained to attend a <u>Minnesota</u> postsecondary institution. The House bill would allow Minnesota residents to receive debt counseling for loans obtained to attend <u>any</u> postsecondary institution.</i>
R15–R16	209.26–210.14	202.26–203.13	<i>Technical Differences</i>	Loan Forgiveness Programs; Accounting Language. <i>There are technical differences between the bills regarding the accounting language for the loan forgiveness programs for aviation degrees, teacher shortages, and large animal veterinarians. Staff recommends the Senate language.</i>
R16–R17	210.15–211.15	n/a	<i>Senate Only</i>	Minnesota Private and Out-of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act; Information Required by OHE. <i>In the Minnesota Private and Out-of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act, the Senate bill adds a school's required disclosure to students regarding the mandated student complaint process to the list of information that a registered school must provide to OHE. This is from OHE's agency bill. The House bill does not include this section.</i>
R18	212.28–212.31	n/a	<i>Senate Only</i>	Private Career School Act; Disclosures Required. <i>In the student complaints section of the Private Career School Act, the Senate bill adds a subdivision requiring a school publish information regarding its mandated student complaint process. This is from OHE's agency bill. The House bill does not include this section.</i>
R21	215.18–216.3	192.3–192.7	<i>Technical Differences</i>	Spinal Cord Injury and TBI Research Grant; Accounting Language. <i>There are technical differences between the bills regarding the establishment of a new account in the special revenue fund for this research grant program. Staff recommends the Senate language.</i>
R22–R24	n/a	192.7–194.27	<i>House Only</i>	Legislative Commission on Regent Selection. <i>Replaces the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) with a Legislative Commission on Regent Selection. The new commission would consist of four members from each chamber, two from each party. The commission would be responsible for recommending one-to-three candidates per vacancy to the joint legislative committee.</i>

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R24–R25	216.4–216.26	n/a	<i>Senate Only</i>	County Scholarship Endowment Account. <i>Authorizes counties to establish an endowment account using certain unencumbered revenues, private donations, gifts, or grants. The county board may invest account funds and the account is subject to audit by the state auditor. Income derived from investments must be used for scholarships for students residing in the county and attending a two-year MN State institution. The county scholarship program was established in 2017.</i>
R25	217.10	195.10	<i>Technical Differences</i>	MNSCU Two-Year Public College Program. <i>There is a technical difference between the bills regarding the effective date for the amendment which pulls \$1M in unspent funds out of the FY2018 appropriations to the MNSCU Two-Year Public College Program. The Senate bill's effective date is June 30, 2018, and the House bill's is "the day following final enactment."</i>
R26	217.14–217.24	195.14–195.22	<i>Technical Differences</i>	Spinal Cord Injury and TBI Research Grant; Accounting Language. <i>There are technical differences between the bills regarding the establishment of a new account in the special revenue fund for this research grant program. Staff recommends the Senate language.</i>
R27	218.17–218.25	208.5– 208.12	<i>Technical Differences</i>	Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness; Accounting Language. <i>There are technical differences between the bills regarding the establishment of a new account in the special revenue fund for this loan forgiveness program. Staff recommends the Senate language.</i>
R28	219.15–220.4	n/a	<i>Senate Only</i>	Transfers. <i>The Senate bill extends the commissioner of OHE's authority to transfer unencumbered balances among certain financial aid appropriations to also include the appropriations for intervention for college attendance program grants, summer academic enrichment program grants, and student-parent information.</i>
R29	220.17–220.26	n/a	<i>Senate Only</i>	Teacher Preparation Program Design Grant. <i>Requires OHE to provide a grant to a higher education institution to design a teacher preparation program for special education teachers instructing blind and visually impaired students. OHE may use up to two percent of the appropriation for administrative costs. The grant recipient must submit a report describing the design plan and any potential ongoing costs to the legislature by January 15, 2020.</i>

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R29	n/a	196.3–196.11	<i>House Only</i>	<p>Appeal Process for Sexual Misconduct Findings Involving University of Minnesota Employees.</p> <p><i>The House bill requests the Board of Regents to update their sexual misconduct policies to provide university employees and their victims a right of appeal from findings of the university’s Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, and timely notice of those appeal rights.</i></p>