

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 3495 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 13.32, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.4 Subd. 3. **Private data; when disclosure is permitted.** Except as provided in
1.5 subdivision 5, educational data is private data on individuals and shall not be disclosed
1.6 except as follows:

1.7 (a) pursuant to section 13.05;

1.8 (b) pursuant to a valid court order;

1.9 (c) pursuant to a statute specifically authorizing access to the private data;

1.10 (d) to disclose information in health, including mental health, and safety emergencies
1.11 pursuant to the provisions of United States Code, title 20, section 1232g(b)(1)(I) and Code
1.12 of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 99.36;

1.13 (e) pursuant to the provisions of United States Code, title 20, sections 1232g(b)(1),
1.14 (b)(4)(A), (b)(4)(B), (b)(1)(B), (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7), and (i), and Code of Federal
1.15 Regulations, title 34, sections 99.31, 99.32, 99.33, 99.34, 99.35, and 99.39;

1.16 (f) to appropriate health authorities to the extent necessary to administer
1.17 immunization programs and for bona fide epidemiologic investigations which the
1.18 commissioner of health determines are necessary to prevent disease or disability to
1.19 individuals in the public educational agency or institution in which the investigation
1.20 is being conducted;

1.21 (g) when disclosure is required for institutions that participate in a program under
1.22 title IV of the Higher Education Act, United States Code, title 20, section 1092;

1.23 (h) to the appropriate school district officials to the extent necessary under
1.24 subdivision 6, annually to indicate the extent and content of remedial instruction, including
1.25 the results of assessment testing and academic performance at a postsecondary institution
1.26 during the previous academic year by a student who graduated from a Minnesota school
1.27 district within two years before receiving the remedial instruction;

2.1 (i) to appropriate authorities as provided in United States Code, title 20, section
2.2 1232g(b)(1)(E)(ii), if the data concern the juvenile justice system and the ability of the
2.3 system to effectively serve, prior to adjudication, the student whose records are released;
2.4 provided that the authorities to whom the data are released submit a written request for
2.5 the data that certifies that the data will not be disclosed to any other person except as
2.6 authorized by law without the written consent of the parent of the student and the request
2.7 and a record of the release are maintained in the student's file;

2.8 (j) to volunteers who are determined to have a legitimate educational interest in
2.9 the data and who are conducting activities and events sponsored by or endorsed by the
2.10 educational agency or institution for students or former students;

2.11 (k) to provide student recruiting information, from educational data held by colleges
2.12 and universities, as required by and subject to Code of Federal Regulations, title 32,
2.13 section 216;

2.14 (l) to the juvenile justice system if information about the behavior of a student who
2.15 poses a risk of harm is reasonably necessary to protect the health or safety of the student
2.16 or other individuals;

2.17 (m) with respect to Social Security numbers of students in the adult basic education
2.18 system, to Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and the Department of Employment
2.19 and Economic Development for the purpose and in the manner described in section
2.20 124D.52, subdivision 7;

2.21 (n) to the commissioner of education for purposes of an assessment or investigation
2.22 of a report of alleged maltreatment of a student as mandated by section 626.556. Upon
2.23 request by the commissioner of education, data that are relevant to a report of maltreatment
2.24 and are from charter school and school district investigations of alleged maltreatment of a
2.25 student must be disclosed to the commissioner, including, but not limited to, the following:

2.26 (1) information regarding the student alleged to have been maltreated;

2.27 (2) information regarding student and employee witnesses;

2.28 (3) information regarding the alleged perpetrator; and

2.29 (4) what corrective or protective action was taken, if any, by the school facility in
2.30 response to a report of maltreatment by an employee or agent of the school or school
2.31 district;

2.32 (o) when the disclosure is of the final results of a disciplinary proceeding on a charge
2.33 of a crime of violence or nonforcible sex offense to the extent authorized under United
2.34 States Code, title 20, section 1232g(b)(6)(A) and (B) and Code of Federal Regulations,
2.35 title 34, sections 99.31(a)(13) and (14);

3.1 (p) when the disclosure is information provided to the institution under United States
 3.2 Code, title 42, section 14071, concerning registered sex offenders to the extent authorized
 3.3 under United States Code, title 20, section 1232g(b)(7); or

3.4 (q) when the disclosure is to a parent of a student at an institution of postsecondary
 3.5 education regarding the student's violation of any federal, state, or local law or of any
 3.6 rule or policy of the institution, governing the use or possession of alcohol or of a
 3.7 controlled substance, to the extent authorized under United States Code, title 20, section
 3.8 1232g(i), and Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 99.31(a)(15), and provided the
 3.9 institution has an information release form signed by the student authorizing disclosure
 3.10 to a parent. The institution must notify parents and students about the purpose and
 3.11 availability of the information release forms. At a minimum, the institution must distribute
 3.12 the information release forms at parent and student orientation meetings.

3.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 135A.51, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

3.14 Subd. 2. **Senior citizen.** "Senior citizen" means a person who has reached ~~62~~ 66
 3.15 years of age before the beginning of any term, semester or quarter, in which a course of
 3.16 study is pursued, or a person receiving a railroad retirement annuity who has reached 60
 3.17 years of age before the beginning of the term.

3.18 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 136A.101, subdivision 4, is
 3.19 amended to read:

3.20 Subd. 4. **Eligible institution.** "Eligible institution" means ~~a postsecondary~~
 3.21 ~~educational institution located in this state or in a state with which the office has entered~~
 3.22 ~~into a higher education reciprocity agreement on state student aid programs that (1) is~~
 3.23 ~~operated by this state or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, or (2)~~
 3.24 ~~is operated privately and, as determined by the office, meets all of the following: (i)~~
 3.25 ~~maintains academic standards substantially equivalent to those of comparable institutions~~
 3.26 ~~operated in this state; (ii) is licensed or registered as a postsecondary institution by the~~
 3.27 ~~office or another state agency; and (iii) by July 1, 2013, is participating in the federal Pell~~
 3.28 ~~Grant program under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended; an~~
 3.29 institution that meets the eligibility requirements under section 136A.103.

3.30 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 136A.101, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

3.31 Subd. 10. **Satisfactory academic progress.** "Satisfactory academic progress"
 3.32 means ~~that~~ satisfactory academic progress as defined under Code of Federal Regulations,
 3.33 title 34, sections 668.16(e), 668.32(f), and 668.34.

4.1 ~~(1) by the end of a student's second academic year of attendance at an institution, the~~
4.2 ~~student has at least a cumulative grade point average of C or its equivalent, or academic~~
4.3 ~~standing consistent with the institution's graduation requirements; and~~

4.4 ~~(2) by the end of the first term of the third and fourth academic year of attendance,~~
4.5 ~~the student has a cumulative grade point average of at least a C or its equivalent.~~

4.6 **Sec. 5. [136A.103] INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**

4.7 (a) A postsecondary institution is eligible for state student aid under chapter 136A
4.8 and sections 197.791 and 299A.45, if the institution is located in this state or in a state
4.9 with which the office has entered into a higher education reciprocity agreement on state
4.10 student aid programs that:

4.11 (1) is operated by this state or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota;

4.12 or

4.13 (2) is operated privately and, as determined by the office, meets the requirements of
4.14 paragraph (b).

4.15 (b) A private institution must:

4.16 (1) maintain academic standards substantially equivalent to those of comparable
4.17 institutions operated in this state;

4.18 (2) be licensed or registered as a postsecondary institution by the office; and

4.19 (3)(i) by July 1, 2010, participate in the federal Pell Grant program under Title IV of
4.20 the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended; or

4.21 (ii) if an institution was participating in state student aid programs as of June 30,
4.22 2010, and the institution did not participate in the federal Pell Grant program by June 30,
4.23 2010, the institution must require every student who enrolls to sign a disclosure form,
4.24 provided by the office, stating that the institution is not participating in the federal Pell
4.25 Grant program.

4.26 (c) An institution that offers only graduate-level degrees or graduate-level nondegree
4.27 programs, or that offers only degrees or programs that do not meet the required minimum
4.28 program length to participate in the federal Pell Grant program, is an eligible institution if
4.29 the institution is licensed or registered as a postsecondary institution by the office.

4.30 (d) An eligible institution under paragraph (b), clause (3), item (ii), that changes
4.31 ownership as defined in section 136A.63, subdivision 2, must participate in the federal
4.32 Pell Grant program within four calendar years of the first ownership change to continue
4.33 eligibility.

4.34 (e) An institution that loses its eligibility for the federal Pell Grant program is not an
4.35 eligible institution.

5.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 136A.126, is amended by adding a
5.2 subdivision to read:

5.3 Subd. 5. **Awarding procedure.** (a) Complete applications are ranked in order of
5.4 completion date. If there are multiple applications with identical completion dates, those
5.5 applications are further sorted by application receipt date.

5.6 (b) Awards must be made on a first-come, first-served basis in the order complete
5.7 applications are received.

5.8 (c) Awards are made to eligible students until the appropriation is expended.

5.9 (d) Applicants not receiving a grant and for whom the office has received a
5.10 completed application are placed on a waiting list in order of application completion date.

5.11 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 136A.15, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

5.12 Subd. 6. **Eligible institution.** "Eligible institution" means ~~a postsecondary~~
5.13 ~~educational institution that (1) is operated or regulated by this state or the Board of Regents~~
5.14 ~~of the University of Minnesota; (2) is operated publicly or privately in another state, is~~
5.15 ~~approved by the United States Secretary of Education, and, as determined by the office,~~
5.16 ~~maintains academic standards substantially equal to those of comparable institutions~~
5.17 ~~operated in this state; (3) is licensed or registered as a postsecondary institution by the~~
5.18 ~~office or another state agency; and (4) by July 1, 2011, is participating in the federal Pell~~
5.19 ~~Grant program under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. It also~~
5.20 ~~includes any institution chartered in a province.~~ an institution that meets the eligibility
5.21 requirements under section 136A.155.

5.22 Sec. 8. **[136A.155] ADDITIONAL INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY**
5.23 **REQUIREMENTS.**

5.24 A postsecondary institution is an eligible institution for purposes of sections
5.25 136A.15 to 136A.1702, if the institution:

5.26 (1) meets the eligibility requirements under section 136A.103; or

5.27 (2) is operated publicly or privately in another state, is approved by the United States
5.28 Secretary of Education, and, as determined by the office, maintains academic standards
5.29 substantially equal to those of comparable institutions operated in this state.

5.30 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 136A.16, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

5.31 Subd. 14. **Notes.** The office may sell at public or private sale, at the price or prices
5.32 determined by the office, any note or other instrument or obligation evidencing or securing

6.1 a loan made by the office or its predecessor, including the Minnesota Higher Education
 6.2 Coordinating Board and the Minnesota Higher Education Services Office.

6.3 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 136A.62, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

6.4 Subd. 3. **School.** "School" means:

6.5 (1) any partnership, company, firm, society, trust, association, corporation, or any
 6.6 combination thereof, which (i) is, owns, or operates a private, nonprofit postsecondary
 6.7 education institution; (ii) is, owns, or operates a private, for-profit postsecondary education
 6.8 institution; or (iii) provides a postsecondary instructional program or course leading to a
 6.9 degree whether or not for profit;

6.10 (2) any public or private postsecondary educational institution located in another
 6.11 state or country which offers or makes available to a Minnesota resident any course,
 6.12 program or educational activity which does not require the leaving of the state for its
 6.13 completion; or

6.14 (3) any individual, entity, or postsecondary institution located in another state
 6.15 that contracts with any school located within the state of Minnesota for the purpose of
 6.16 providing educational programs, training programs, or awarding postsecondary credits
 6.17 or continuing education credits to Minnesota residents that may be applied to a degree
 6.18 program.

6.19 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 136A.645, is amended to read:

6.20 **136A.645 SCHOOL CLOSURE.**

6.21 (a) When a school decides to cease postsecondary education operations, it must
 6.22 cooperate with the office in assisting students to find alternative means to complete their
 6.23 studies with a minimum of disruption, and inform the office of the following:

6.24 (1) the planned date for termination of postsecondary education operations;

6.25 (2) the planned date for the transfer of the student records;

6.26 (3) confirmation of the name and address of the organization to receive and hold
 6.27 the student records; and

6.28 (4) the official at the organization receiving the student records who is designated to
 6.29 provide official copies of records or transcripts upon request.

6.30 (b) Upon notice from a school of its intention to cease operations, the office shall
 6.31 notify the school of the date on which it must cease the enrollment of students and all
 6.32 postsecondary educational operations.

6.33 Without limitation as to other circumstance, a school shall be deemed to have ceased
 6.34 operations when the school:

- 7.1 (1) has an unscheduled nonemergency closure or cancellation of classes for more
 7.2 than 24 hours without prior notice to the office;
 7.3 (2) announces it is closed or closing; or
 7.4 (3) files for bankruptcy.

7.5 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 136A.646, is amended to read:

7.6 **136A.646 ADDITIONAL SECURITY.**

7.7 (a) In the event any registered institution is notified by the United States Department
 7.8 of Education that it has fallen below minimum financial standards and that its continued
 7.9 participation in Title IV will be conditioned upon its satisfying either the Zone Alternative,
 7.10 Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 668.175, paragraph (f), or a Letter of Credit
 7.11 Alternative, Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 668.175, paragraph (c), the
 7.12 institution shall provide a surety bond conditioned upon the faithful performance of all
 7.13 contracts and agreements with students in a sum equal to the "letter of credit" required by
 7.14 the United States Department of Education in the Letter of Credit Alternative, but in no
 7.15 event shall such bond be less than \$10,000 nor more than \$250,000.

7.16 (b) In lieu of a bond, the institution may deposit with the commissioner of finance:

7.17 (1) a sum equal to the amount of the required surety bond in cash; or

7.18 (2) securities, as may be legally purchased by savings banks or for trust funds, in an
 7.19 aggregate market value equal to the amount of the required surety bond.

7.20 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 136A.69, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

7.21 Subdivision 1. **Registration fees.** (a) The office shall collect reasonable registration
 7.22 fees that are sufficient to recover, but do not exceed, its costs of administering the
 7.23 registration program. The office shall charge ~~\$1,100 for initial registration fees and \$950~~
 7.24 ~~for annual renewal fees.~~ the fees listed in paragraphs (b) and (c) for new registrations.

7.25 (b) A new school offering no more than one degree at each level during its first year
 7.26 must pay registration fees for each applicable level in the following amounts:

7.27 <u>associate degree</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
7.28 <u>baccalaureate degree</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
7.29 <u>master's degree</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
7.30 <u>doctorate degree</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>

7.31 (c) A new school that will offer more than one degree per level during its first
 7.32 year must pay registration fees in an amount equal to the fee for the first degree at each
 7.33 degree level under paragraph (b), plus fees for each additional nondegree program or
 7.34 degree as follows:

8.1	<u>nondegree program</u>	<u>\$250</u>
8.2	<u>additional associate degree</u>	<u>\$250</u>
8.3	<u>additional baccalaureate degree</u>	<u>\$500</u>
8.4	<u>additional master's degree</u>	<u>\$750</u>
8.5	<u>additional doctorate degree</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>

8.6 (d) The annual renewal registration fee is \$1,200.

8.7 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 136A.69, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

8.8 Subd. 3. **Degree or nondegree program addition fee.** The office processing fee
 8.9 fees for adding a degree or nondegree program ~~that represents a significant departure in~~
 8.10 ~~the objectives, content, or method of delivery of degree or nondegree programs that are~~
 8.11 ~~currently offered by the school is \$500 per degree or nondegree program~~ are as follows:.

8.12	<u>nondegree program that is part of existing degree</u>	<u>-0-</u>
8.13	<u>nondegree program that is not a part of an existing degree</u>	<u>\$250 each</u>
8.14	<u>majors, specializations, emphasis areas, concentrations, and other</u>	<u>\$250 each</u>
8.15	<u>similar areas of emphasis</u>	
8.16	<u>associate degrees</u>	<u>\$500 each</u>
8.17	<u>baccalaureate degrees</u>	<u>\$500 each</u>
8.18	<u>master's degrees</u>	<u>\$750 each</u>
8.19	<u>doctorate degrees</u>	<u>\$2,000 each</u>

8.20 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 136A.69, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

8.21 Subd. 4. **Visit or consulting fee.** If the office determines that a fact-finding visit
 8.22 or outside consultant is necessary to review or evaluate any new or revised degree or
 8.23 nondegree program, the office shall be reimbursed for the expenses incurred related to the
 8.24 review as follows:

8.25 (1) ~~\$300~~ \$400 for the team base fee or for a paper review conducted by a consultant
 8.26 if the office determines that a fact-finding visit is not required;

8.27 (2) \$300 for each day or part thereof on site per team member; and

8.28 (3) the actual cost of customary meals, lodging, and related travel expenses incurred
 8.29 by team members.

8.30 Sec. 16. **[136F.08] CENTRAL SYSTEM OFFICE.**

8.31 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** A central system office is established for the
 8.32 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to provide central support to the institutions
 8.33 enrolling students and to assist the board in fulfilling its missions under section 136F.05.
 8.34 The central office must not assume responsibility for services that are most effectively

9.1 and efficiently provided at the institution level. The central system office is under the
9.2 direction of the chancellor.

9.3 Subd. 2. **General duties.** The central system office must coordinate system level
9.4 responsibilities for financial management, personnel management, facilities management,
9.5 information technology, credit transfer, legal affairs, government relations, and auditing.
9.6 The central system office shall coordinate its services with the services provided at the
9.7 institution level so as not to duplicate any functions that are provided by institutions.

9.8 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 141.25, is amended by adding a subdivision
9.9 to read:

9.10 Subd. 2a. **Refunds.** If a contract is deemed unenforceable under subdivision 2, a
9.11 school must refund tuition, fees, and other charges received from a student or on behalf
9.12 of a student within 30 days of receiving written notification and demand for refund from
9.13 the Minnesota Office of Higher Education.

9.14 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 141.25, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

9.15 Subd. 7. **Minimum standards.** A license shall be issued if the office first
9.16 determines:

9.17 (1) that the applicant has a sound financial condition with sufficient resources
9.18 available to:

9.19 (i) meet the school's financial obligations;

9.20 (ii) refund all tuition and other charges, within a reasonable period of time, in the
9.21 event of dissolution of the school or in the event of any justifiable claims for refund against
9.22 the school by the student body;

9.23 (iii) provide adequate service to its students and prospective students; and

9.24 (iv) maintain and support the school;

9.25 (2) that the applicant has satisfactory facilities with sufficient tools and equipment
9.26 and the necessary number of work stations to prepare adequately the students currently
9.27 enrolled, and those proposed to be enrolled;

9.28 (3) that the applicant employs a sufficient number of qualified teaching personnel to
9.29 provide the educational programs contemplated;

9.30 (4) that the school has an organizational framework with administrative and
9.31 instructional personnel to provide the programs and services it intends to offer;

9.32 (5) that the premises and conditions under which the students work and study are
9.33 sanitary, healthful, and safe, ~~according to modern standards;~~

10.1 (6) that the quality and content of each occupational course or program of study
10.2 provides education and adequate preparation to enrolled students for entry level positions
10.3 in the occupation for which prepared;

10.4 (7) that the living quarters which are owned, maintained, recommended, or approved
10.5 by the applicant for students are sanitary and safe;

10.6 (8) that the contract or enrollment agreement used by the school complies with
10.7 the provisions in section 141.265;

10.8 (9) that contracts and agreements do not contain a wage assignment provision or a
10.9 confession of judgment clause; and

10.10 (10) that there has been no adjudication of fraud or misrepresentation in any
10.11 criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding in any jurisdiction against the school or its
10.12 owner, officers, agents, or sponsoring organization.

10.13 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 141.25, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

10.14 Subd. 13. **Schools licensed by another state agency or board.** A school required
10.15 to obtain a private career school license due to the use of "academy," "institute," "college,"
10.16 or "university" in its name or licensed for the purpose of participating in state financial aid
10.17 under chapter 136A, and which is also licensed by another state agency or board shall be
10.18 required to satisfy only the requirements of subdivisions 3, clauses (1), (2), (3), (5), (7),
10.19 and (10); 4; 5, paragraph (b), clause (2); 7, clauses (1) and (10); 8; 9, clause (13); and 12.

10.20 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 141.251, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

10.21 Subd. 2. **Conditions.** The office shall adopt rules establishing the conditions for
10.22 renewal of a license. The conditions shall permit two levels of renewal based on the record
10.23 of the school. A school that has demonstrated the quality of its program and operation
10.24 through longevity and performance in the state may renew its license based on a relaxed
10.25 standard of scrutiny. A school that has been in operation in Minnesota for a limited period
10.26 of time or that has not performed adequately on performance indicators shall renew its
10.27 license based on a strict standard of scrutiny. The office shall specify minimum longevity
10.28 standards and performance indicators that must be met before a school may be permitted
10.29 to operate under the relaxed standard of scrutiny. The performance indicators used in this
10.30 determination shall include, but not be limited to: ~~degree granting status~~, regional or
10.31 national accreditation, loan default rates, placement rate of graduates, student withdrawal
10.32 rates, audit results, student complaints, and school status with the United States
10.33 Department of Education. Schools that meet the requirements established in rule shall be
10.34 required to submit a full relicensure report once every four years, and in the interim years

11.1 will be exempt from the requirements of section 141.25, subdivision 3, clauses (4), (5),
 11.2 and (8), and Minnesota Rules, parts 4880.1700, subpart 6; and 4880.2100, subpart 4.

11.3 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 141.255, is amended to read:

11.4 **141.255 FEES.**

11.5 Subdivision 1. **Initial licensure fee.** The office processing fee for an initial licensure
 11.6 application is:

11.7 (1) ~~\$1,500~~ \$2,500 for a school that will offer no more than one program during
 11.8 its first year of operation;

11.9 (2) \$750 for a school licensed exclusively due to the use of the term "college,"
 11.10 "university," "academy," or "institute" in their name, or licensed exclusively in order to
 11.11 participate in state grant or SELF loan financial aid programs; and

11.12 ~~(2) \$2,000 for a school that will offer two or more nondegree level programs~~

11.13 (3) \$2,500, plus \$500 for each additional program offered by the school, for a school
 11.14 during its first year of operation; and

11.15 ~~(3) \$2,500 for a school that will offer two or more degree level programs during~~
 11.16 ~~its first year of operation.~~

11.17 Subd. 2. **Renewal licensure fee; late fee.** (a) The office processing fee for a
 11.18 renewal licensure application is:

11.19 ~~(1) for a category A school, as determined by the office, the fee is \$865 if the school~~
 11.20 ~~offers one program or \$1,150 if the school offers two or more programs; and~~

11.21 ~~(2) for a category B or C school, as determined by the office, the fee is \$430 if the~~
 11.22 ~~school offers one program or \$575 if the school offers two or more programs.~~

11.23 (1) for a school that offers one program, the license renewal fee is \$1,150;

11.24 (2) for a school that offers more than one program, the license renewal fee is
 11.25 \$1,150, plus \$200 for each additional program with a maximum renewal licensing fee
 11.26 of \$2,000; and

11.27 (3) schools licensed exclusively due to the use of the term "college," "university,"
 11.28 "academy," or "institute" in their name or licensed exclusively in order to participate in
 11.29 state grant or SELF loan financial aid programs shall pay a renewal fee of \$750.

11.30 (b) If a license renewal application is not received by the office by the close of
 11.31 business at least 60 days before the expiration of the current license, a late fee of \$100
 11.32 per business day, not to exceed \$3,000, shall be assessed.

11.33 ~~Subd. 3. **Degree level addition fee.** The office processing fee for adding a degree~~
 11.34 ~~level to an existing program is \$2,000 per program.~~

12.1 Subd. 4. **Program addition fee.** The office processing fee for adding a program
 12.2 ~~that represents a significant departure in the objectives, content, or method of delivery of~~
 12.3 ~~programs to those~~ that are currently offered by the school is \$500 per program.

12.4 Subd. 5. **Visit or consulting fee.** If the office determines that a fact-finding visit
 12.5 or outside consultant is necessary to review or evaluate any new or revised program, the
 12.6 office shall be reimbursed for the expenses incurred related to the review as follows:

12.7 (1) ~~\$300~~ \$400 for the team base fee or for a paper review conducted by a consultant
 12.8 if the office determines that a fact-finding visit is not required;

12.9 (2) \$300 for each day or part thereof on site per team member; and

12.10 (3) the actual cost of customary meals, lodging, and related travel expenses incurred
 12.11 by team members.

12.12 Subd. 6. **Modification fee.** The fee for modification of any existing program is
 12.13 \$100 and is due if there is:

12.14 (1) an increase or decrease of 25 percent or more, from the original date of program
 12.15 approval, in clock hours, credit hours, or calendar length of an existing program;

12.16 (2) a change in academic measurement from clock hours to credit hours or vice
 12.17 versa; or

12.18 (3) an addition or alteration of courses that represent a 25 percent change or more in
 12.19 the objectives, content, or methods of delivery.

12.20 Subd. 7. **Solicitor permit fee.** The solicitor permit fee is \$350 and must be paid
 12.21 annually.

12.22 Subd. 8. **Multiple location fee.** Schools wishing to operate at multiple locations
 12.23 must pay:

12.24 (1) \$250 per location, for locations two to five ~~locations~~; and

12.25 (2) an additional ~~\$50~~ \$100 for each location over five.

12.26 Subd. 9. **Student transcript fee.** The fee for a student transcript requested from
 12.27 a closed school whose records are held by the office is ~~\$10~~ \$15, with a maximum of
 12.28 five transcripts per request.

12.29 Subd. 10. **Public office documents; copies.** ~~The office shall establish~~ rates for
 12.30 copies of any public office document shall be 50 cents per page.

12.31 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 141.28, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

12.32 Subd. 2. **Unlawful designation.** No school organized after November 15, 1969,
 12.33 shall apply to itself either as a part of its name or in any other manner the designation of
 12.34 "college" or "university" ~~unless such school applies for and receives certification from the~~

13.1 ~~office that it meets appropriate standards and is entitled to such designation.~~ Operating
 13.2 schools now using such designation may continue use thereof.

13.3 Sec. 23. **STREAMLINED MNSCU SYSTEM OFFICE.**

13.4 Notwithstanding any law or policy to the contrary, the Board of Trustees of the
 13.5 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities shall streamline services provided through
 13.6 the system's central service office to reduce expenditures, better target the use of state
 13.7 resources, and provide services at the most appropriate and efficient level so as not to
 13.8 duplicate any services provided at the institutional level. At a minimum, the board shall
 13.9 eliminate the development division with responsibility for the foundation, identify an
 13.10 appropriate location for the firefighter training program, and transfer responsibility for that
 13.11 program; transfer all responsibility for multicultural and diversity to institutions; transfer
 13.12 all responsibility for customized training to the campuses that deliver customized training;
 13.13 and merge the responsibilities of the public affairs and government affairs divisions.
 13.14 These actions must be implemented so as to achieve budgetary savings and efficiencies in
 13.15 delivery of services and the accomplishment of the academic mission. The board must
 13.16 revise any board policies in a way that is consistent with the requirements of this section.

13.17 Sec. 24. **CREDIT TRANSFER; MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND**
 13.18 **UNIVERSITIES.**

13.19 (a) The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must
 13.20 develop and implement a plan to improve credit transfers within the system. At a
 13.21 minimum, the board must:

13.22 (1) enhance the availability of easily used information on transferring and tracking
 13.23 credits;

13.24 (2) improve training for all staff involved with credit transfer;

13.25 (3) identify barriers to transferring credits including intellectual property issues for
 13.26 faculty and devise methods to eliminate these barriers; and

13.27 (4) identify discrepancies in the treatment of transferring and accepting credits
 13.28 by various institutions within the system and devise methods to improve the uniform
 13.29 treatment of credit transfers.

13.30 (b) The board must convene working groups of affected faculty, staff, and
 13.31 administrators representing institutions and academic and technical disciplines in the
 13.32 system to work on issues and barriers to credit transfer. The purpose of the working
 13.33 groups is to develop specific actions that will remove any barriers to credit transfer and to
 13.34 improve the ease and transparency of credit transfer for students.

14.1 (c) The board of trustees must report to the legislature by January 15, 2012, on the
14.2 plans for and progress towards improvements in the transfer of credits. Any proposal to
14.3 develop and implement a mandatory or voluntary common course numbering system for
14.4 the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must not be required until after the receipt
14.5 of the report under this section.

14.6 Sec. 25. **POSTRETIREMENT HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM**
14.7 **REIMBURSEMENT.**

14.8 The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system shall waive
14.9 premium reimbursement payments including any late payment charges, fees, penalties, or
14.10 interest payments imposed on overdue health insurance premium reimbursements owed
14.11 by a college retiree to the college under a contractual or collective bargaining agreement
14.12 providing for postretirement health insurance benefits arising from employment under
14.13 a contract or collective bargaining agreement with a school district or technical college
14.14 prior to July 1, 1995, and who became an employee of Minnesota State Colleges and
14.15 Universities on July 1, 1995. This section applies only if the college has failed to bill
14.16 the retiree for the premium reimbursement payments as required under the applicable
14.17 collective bargaining or contractual agreement, or if not otherwise established, within 90
14.18 days following the date on which the premium was due.

14.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2010.

14.20 Sec. 26. **REPEALER.**

14.21 Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 136A.1701, subdivision 5, is repealed."

14.22 Amend the title accordingly