

# Chapter 64

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Subject Higher Education: Omnibus Finance and Policy Act

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## Overview

This is the higher education omnibus finance and policy act. Article 1 appropriates money fiscal years 2020 and 2021 to fund the Office of Higher Education (OHE), Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnState), the University of Minnesota (the University), and the Mayo Clinic. Article 2 contains policy changes related to higher education.

## Article 1: Higher Education Appropriations

This article contains items of appropriation for the fiscal years 2020 to 2021 (“the biennium”) to fund the Office of Higher Education (OHE), Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnState), the University of Minnesota (the University), and the Mayo Clinic. Amounts in this summary may be rounded.

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1	<p><b>Higher education appropriations.</b></p> <p>Specifies that appropriations contained in the bill are for fiscal years 2020 (the first year of the biennium) and 2021 (the second year of the biennium).</p>
2	<p><b>Minnesota Office of Higher Education.</b></p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Total appropriation.</b> Appropriates \$269 million in fiscal year 2020 and \$269 million in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to OHE, as described below. This is <u>\$25 million above base for the biennium</u> and represents approximately 16 percent of new higher education spending in this act.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. State grants.</b> Appropriates \$207 million per year—with transfer authority between years if needed—for the state grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.121. This is <u>\$18 million above base for the biennium</u> and represents approximately 12 percent of new higher education spending in this act. This increased appropriation also pays for changes to the state grant formula contained in article 2, sections 4 and 5.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Child care grants.</b> Appropriates base-level funding of \$6.7 million per year for child care grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.125.</p> <p><b>Subd. 4. State work-study.</b> Appropriates base-level funding of \$14.5 million per year for work-study grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.233.</p>

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<b>Subd. 5. Interstate tuition reciprocity.</b>	Appropriates base-level funding of \$11 million per year—with transfer authority between years if needed—to pay obligations arising from tuition reciprocity agreements under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.08.
<b>Subd. 6. Safety officer’s survivor grants.</b>	Appropriates base-level funding of \$100,000 per year—with transfer authority between years if needed—to provide postsecondary education benefits to eligible dependent children and spouses of public safety officers killed in the line of duty pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.45.
<b>Subd. 7. American Indian scholarships.</b>	Appropriates base-level funding of \$3.5 million per year for the American Indian scholarship program under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.126. Rider language for this appropriation requires that at least one person with demonstrated competence in American Indian culture and who lives in or near Bemidji be employed to assist students with the American Indian scholarship and other financial aid programs at Bemidji State University.
<b>Subd. 8. Tribal college grants.</b>	Appropriates base-level funding of \$150,000 per year for tribal college supplemental grant assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1796. These grants support enrollment at tribal colleges of students who are not members of a federally-recognized tribe. Existing federal grant funding is not available for educational costs associated with enrollment of these students.
<b>Subd. 9. Intervention for college attendance program (ICAP) grants.</b>	Appropriates \$796,000 per year for ICAP grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.861. This is <u>\$250,000 above base for the biennium</u> . The base for fiscal year 2022 and after is set at \$785,000 per year.
<b>Subd. 10. Student-parent information.</b>	Appropriates base-level funding of \$122 thousand per year to provide information on planning for postsecondary education to students and parents under Minn. Stat. § 136A.87.
<b>Subd. 11. Get Ready.</b>	Appropriates base-level funding of \$180,000 per year to OHE’s Get Ready initiative, a college and career readiness program.
<b>Subd. 12. Minnesota education equity partnership.</b>	Appropriates base-level funding of \$45 thousand per year for a pass-through grant to the Minnesota Education Equity Partnership, a non-profit organization focused on education equity for student of color and American Indian students.
<b>Subd. 13. Midwest higher education compact.</b>	Appropriates base-level funding of \$115,000 per year to pay member-state fees for the Midwest Higher Education Compact, an interstate compact established in Minnesota under Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.20.

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<b>Subd. 14. MN Reconnect.</b>	Appropriates <u>\$1 million per year in new funding</u> for the Minnesota Reconnect program established under article 2, section 7, of this act and codified at Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.123. This is a onetime appropriation.
<b>Subd. 15. United Family Medicine residency program.</b>	Appropriates base-level funding of \$501,000 per year for a pass-through grant to the United Family Medicine residency program to support up to 21 resident physicians in family practice. The program is intended to train doctors to practice family medicine in underserved urban and rural areas of the state.
<b>Subd. 16. MnLINK gateway and Minitex.</b>	Appropriates base-level funding of \$5.9 million per year for a pass-through grant for Minitex and MnLINK, a library network that facilitates resource sharing.
<b>Subd. 17. Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (SLEDS).</b>	Appropriates \$1.78 million per year for SLEDS. This is <u>\$1.8 million above base for the biennium</u> . This increase corresponds to the inclusion on the Early Childhood Longitudinal Data System (ECLDS) into the SLEDS framework, at article 2, section 2 of the act, which is codified at Minnesota Statutes, section 127A.20, subdivision 2.
<b>Subd. 18. Hennepin Healthcare.</b>	Appropriates base-level funding of \$645,000 per year for a pass-through grant to Hennepin Healthcare for graduate family medical education programs.
<b>Subd. 19. College Possible.</b>	Appropriates \$500,000 per year for a pass-through grant to College Possible. This is <u>\$500,000 above base for the biennium</u> . College Possible is a non-profit organization that supports programs encouraging low-income students to attend and graduate from college. The appropriation must be allocated proportionally to students from greater Minnesota and the seven-county metropolitan area, and must only be used for supporting students who plan to attend colleges and universities in Minnesota. A report is required.
<b>Subd. 20. Spinal cord and traumatic brain injury research grant program.</b>	Appropriates base-level funding of \$3 million per year for grants to support research on spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.901.
<b>Subd. 21. Summer academic enrichment program.</b>	Appropriates \$125,000 per year for summer academic enrichment grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.091. This is <u>\$250,000 above base for the biennium</u> .
<b>Subd. 22. Dual training competency grants; OHE.</b>	Appropriates base-level funding of \$2 million per year for dual training grants under Minnesota Statutes, section, 136A.246.
<b>Subd. 23. Dual training competency grants; DOLI.</b>	Appropriates base-level funding of \$200,000 per year for transfer to the Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI)

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	to develop competency standards for the dual training competency grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.246.
	<b>Subd. 24. Concurrent enrollment courses.</b> Appropriates base-level funding of \$340,000 per year for grants to support concurrent enrollment course development. Of this amount, \$225,000 per year is for grants to institutions to develop new concurrent enrollment courses in career and technical education, and \$115,000 per year is for grants to institutions to expand their existing concurrent enrollment offerings. A report is required.
	<b>Subd. 25. Campus sexual assault reporting.</b> Appropriates base-level funding of \$25,000 per year to support data collection and reporting on sexual assault under Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.15, subdivision 6.
	<b>Subd. 26. Campus sexual violence prevention and response coordinator.</b> Appropriates base-level funding of \$150,000 per year to fund a staff position, trainings, and instructional materials. These resources are intended to provide guidance to postsecondary institutions on the best practices for preventing and responding to campus sexual assault.
	<b>Subd. 27. Emergency assistance for postsecondary students.</b> Appropriates \$269,000 per year for grants to postsecondary institutions with a demonstrable homeless student population. This is <u>\$188,000 above base for the biennium</u> . The grants must be used to provide assistance to students facing an emergency that would prevent them from completing their term or program. Assistance may include emergency housing, food, and transportation. The base for fiscal year 2022 and after is \$175,000 per year.
	<b>Subd. 28. Grants to teacher candidates.</b> Appropriates \$1.25 million per year for grants to teacher candidates under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1275. This is <u>\$1.5 million above base for the biennium</u> . Requires that \$750,000 each year be prioritized for candidates belonging to racial or ethnic groups underrepresented in the teacher workforce.
	<b>Subd. 29. Teacher shortage loan forgiveness.</b> Appropriates base-level funding of \$200,000 per year for teacher shortage loan forgiveness under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1791.
	<b>Subd. 30. Large animal veterinarian loan forgiveness.</b> Appropriates base-level funding of \$375,000 per year for large animal veterinarian loan forgiveness under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1795.
	<b>Subd. 31. Agricultural educators loan forgiveness program.</b> Appropriates base-level funding of \$50,000 per year for loan forgiveness for agricultural education teachers under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1794.

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	<p><b>Subd. 32. Aviation degree loan forgiveness program.</b> Appropriates base-level funding of \$25,000 per year for loan forgiveness for eligible pilots and aircraft technicians under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1789.</p>
	<p><b>Subd. 33. Grants for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.</b> Appropriates base-level funding of \$200,000 per year for grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1215 to students with intellectual disabilities who are enrolled in a comprehensive transition and postsecondary program as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 668.231.</p>
	<p><b>Subd. 34. Loan repayment assistance program.</b> Appropriates base-level funding of \$25,000 per year for grant to the Loan Repayment Assistance Program of Minnesota. The Loan Repayment Assistance Program of Minnesota is a nonprofit organization that works to reduce the education debt burden of public interest lawyers who represent low-income clients. The grant must be used to provide education debt relief to attorneys with full-time employment providing legal advice or representation to low-income clients or support services for similar work.</p>
	<p><b>Subd. 35. Minnesota Independence College and Community.</b> Appropriates base-level funding of \$1 million per year to provide a grant to Minnesota Independence College and Community (formerly Minnesota Life College) for need-based scholarships and tuition reduction. Beginning with students first enrolled in fall 2019, these funds must be used exclusively for resident students.</p>
	<p><b>Subd. 36. Student loan debt counseling.</b> Appropriates <u>\$200,000 per year in new funding</u> for the student loan debt counseling program established under article 2, section 7, of this act and codified at Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.123. This is a onetime appropriation.</p>
	<p><b>Subd. 37. Agency administration.</b> Appropriates \$4.6 million in fiscal year 2020 and \$4.3 million in fiscal year 2021 for OHE agency administration. This is <u>\$750,000 above base for the biennium</u>. The new funds in each year (\$500,000 in the first; \$250,000 in the second) are dedicated to communication and outreach regarding college costs and state financial aid.</p>
	<p><b>Subd. 38. Balances forward.</b> For all appropriations in this section, allows any positive balance in the first year to carry forward to the second year.</p>
	<p><b>Subd. 39. Transfers.</b> Permits transfer of funds between certain programs, with prior notice to the legislature.</p>
3	<p><b>Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.</b></p>
	<p><b>Subd. 1. Total appropriation.</b> Specifies the total appropriation for the MnState system: \$758.68 million in fiscal year 2020, and \$765.66 million in fiscal year 2021. This is <u>\$81.5 million above base for the biennium</u> and represents approximately 54 percent of new higher education spending in this act.</p>

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**Subd. 2. Central office and shared services unit.** Appropriates base-level funding of \$33 million per year for the system's central office.

**Subd. 3. Operations and maintenance.** Appropriates \$721.49 million in fiscal year 2020 and \$728.47 million in fiscal year 2021 for general operations and maintenance. The rider paragraphs below attach various restrictions and requirements on these funds, and specify how certain amounts must be spent.

- a) Places a 3 percent cap on annual tuition increases at state colleges and universities, but permits St. Cloud State University—which had the lowest 2018-2019 banded tuition rate—to increase its 2019-2020 banded tuition rate to an amount equal to the 2019-2020 tuition rate at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Freezes differential tuition rates for online courses.
- b) Dedicates a base-level amount of \$3 million per year to provide supplemental aid to state colleges with campuses outside of a metropolitan county. Imposes a cap of \$300,000 in supplemental aid per institution
- c) Requests MnState to help improve retention and completion for students of color.
- d) Dedicates \$2 million in fiscal year 2020 and \$6 million in fiscal year 2021 to workforce development scholarships under Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.38. This is \$7 million above base for the biennium. The base for fiscal year 2022 and after is set at \$4 million.
- e) Dedicates \$300,000 per year for transfer to the Cook County Higher Education Board to provide educational programming, workforce development, and academic support to remote regions in northeast Minnesota. This is \$200,000 above base for the biennium.
- f) Dedicates a base-level amount of \$40,000 per year for implementing the sexual assault policies required under Minnesota Statutes, section 135A.15.
- g) Dedicates \$8 million per year for upgrading the Integrated Statewide Record System. This is \$8 million above base for the biennium.
- h) Dedicates \$250,000 per year in new funding for the development of the Z-Degree textbook program established under article 2, section 39, of this act and codified at Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.305. This is a onetime appropriation.
- i) Dedicates \$500,000 per year in new funding to supporting campus partnerships with local school districts, businesses, trade associations, and

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	<p>other outside entities for workforce development programming. This is a onetime appropriation.</p> <p>j) Dedicates <u>\$250,000 per year in new funding</u> to leveraged equipment acquisition to support training in high-demand fields. This is a onetime appropriation.</p> <p>k) Dedicates <u>\$125,000 per year in new funding</u> for mental health services under article 2, section 37, of this act and codified at Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.20, subdivision 3.</p> <p>l) Provides that the total operations and maintenance base for fiscal year 2022 and after is \$725 million.</p> <p><b>Subd. 4. Learning network of Minnesota.</b> Appropriates base-level funding of \$4.1 million per year for the Learning Network of Minnesota, a statewide telecommunications and technology network.</p>
4	<p><b>Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota.</b></p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Total appropriation.</b> Specifies the total appropriation for the university system: \$671.67 million in fiscal year 2020, and \$673.41 million in fiscal year 2021. This is <u>\$43.5 million above base for the biennium</u> and represents approximately 29 percent of new higher education spending in this act. This subdivision also breaks down the amounts appropriated from the general fund and the health care access fund.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Operations and maintenance.</b> Appropriates \$601.1 million in fiscal year 2020 and \$602.8 million in fiscal year 2021 for operations and maintenance. This is <u>\$43.5 million above base for the biennium</u> and includes all the new funding for the university system. The rider paragraphs below attach various restrictions and requirements on these funds, and specify how certain amounts must be spent.</p> <p>a) Requests the university to limit any increase to the resident undergraduate tuition rate to 3 percent or less per year. The university is also requested to freeze differential tuition rates for online courses.</p> <p>b) Dedicates a base-level amount of \$15 million per year to the medical school to increase research, improve the school's ranking, attract and retain staff and students, invest in physician training programs in rural and underserved areas, and to translate research discoveries into treatments and cures.</p> <p>c) Dedicates a base-level amount of \$7.8 million per year to health training restoration to support faculty physicians, the mobile dental clinic, and expansion of geriatric and family programs.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d) Dedicates a base-level amount of \$4 million per year for MnDrive to advance research for cancer care research.</li> <li>e) Dedicates a base-level amount of \$500 thousand per year to the Morris branch to cover the costs of tuition waivers for Native American students under Minnesota Statutes, section 137.16.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Subd. 3. Primarily care education initiatives.</b> Appropriates base-level funding of \$2.1 million from the health care access fund for training primary care physicians.</p>
	<p><b>Subd. 4. Special appropriations.</b> This subdivision includes various “special appropriations” dedicated to specific purposes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Agricultural and extension service:</b> Appropriates base-level funding of \$42.9 million per year for a number of specified purposes described in the bill, with a required report to the legislature on the status and outcomes of research funded by this appropriation.</li> <li>b) <b>Health sciences:</b> Appropriates base-level funding of \$9.2 million per year. Of this appropriation, \$346,000 per year is to support up to 12 resident physicians at the St. Cloud Hospital family practice residency program. The remainder of the appropriation is for the rural physician associates program, the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, health sciences research, dental care, and the Biomedical Engineering Center.</li> <li>c) <b>College of science and engineering:</b> Appropriates base-level funding of \$1.1 million per year for the Geological Survey and the talented youth mathematics program.</li> <li>d) <b>System special:</b> Appropriates base-level funding of \$7.2 million per year for general research, the Labor Education Service, Natural Resources Research Institute, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, Bell Museum of Natural History, and the Humphrey exhibit. Of this amount, \$2 million per year is for the Natural Resources Research Institute to invest in applied research for economic development.</li> <li>e) <b>University of Minnesota and Mayo Foundation Partnership:</b> Appropriates base-level funding of approximately \$8 million per year. Of this amount, \$7.5 million per year is for direct and indirect expenses associated with the collaborative research partnership between the University and the Mayo Foundation on biotechnology and medical genomics. \$500,000 per year is to award competitive grants to conduct research in the prevention, treatment, causes, and cures of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Subd. 5. Academic Health Center.</b> The Academic Health Center is estimated to receive funding of \$22.25 million each year from the dedication of a portion of cigarette taxes under Minnesota Statutes, section 297F.10.</p>



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5	<p><b>Mayo Clinic</b></p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Total appropriation.</b> Specifies the total appropriation for the Mayo Clinic: \$1.35 million in fiscal year 2020, and \$1.35 million in fiscal year 2021, which is base-level.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Medical school.</b> Appropriates base-level funding of \$665,000 per year, to pay a capitation each year for students who are residents of Minnesota. The appropriation is intended to increase the number of doctors practicing in rural areas.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Family practice and graduate residency program.</b> Appropriates base-level funding of \$686,000 per year to pay stipend support for up to 27 residents each year.</p>

## Article 2: Higher Education

Article 2 contains policy changes related to higher education.

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1	<p><b>Data Practices: Minnesota Office of Higher Education.</b></p> <p>Amends the “postsecondary education data coded elsewhere” section of the Government Data Practices Act to cross-reference the private classification of student complaint data contained in sections 27 and 35 of this act.</p>
2	<p><b>Statewide Longitudinal Education Data Systems (SLEDS): Powers, duties, report.</b></p> <p>Integrates the Early Childhood Longitudinal Data System (ECLDS) into the statute that establishes the Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (SLEDS).</p>
3	<p><b>Sexual harassment and violence: Victims’ rights.</b></p> <p>Amends the sexual harassment and violence policy statute that applies to public and most private postsecondary institutions in Minnesota. That section requires the institution to adopt a written policy on sexual harassment and sexual violence. Subdivision 2 of that section, which is amended in this bill, specifies items that must be included in the institution’s policy. The bill amends item 12 so that victims must be given “information on free legal resources and services.”</p> <p>Under the federal Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, see 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f)(8)(B)(vi), and the regulations adopted pursuant to it, see 34 C.F.R. § 668.46(b)(11)(iv), institutions are required to notify students about existing “victim advocacy” and “legal assistance” services available for victims on campus and in the community.</p>

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4	<p><b><i>State Grant Program: Assigned family responsibility.</i></b> For the state grant program, reduces the assigned family responsibility by two percentage points.</p>
5	<p><b><i>State Grant Program: Cost of attendance.</i></b> Increases the default amount of the living and miscellaneous expense (LME) allowance from 101 percent to 106 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for a one person household in Minnesota for nine months. This is the default amount if a specific LME allowance is not provided in law.</p>
6	<p><b><i>Grants For Students With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: Maximum grant amounts.</i></b> Clarifies how OHE will reduce grant awards in response to an insufficient appropriation for this program.</p>
7	<p><b>MN Reconnect Program.</b></p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Program administration.</b> Requires OHE to administer the program to encourage adult learners to complete their degrees.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Definitions.</b> Provides definitions for the program. Provides the standards for “eligible student” under the section.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Student application.</b> Provides that OHE can set requirements for a student’s application for a grant under the program.</p> <p><b>Subd. 4. Student grants.</b> Provides that a grant amount may not exceed \$1,000 per term, but allows larger grants if needed to spend the appropriation to the program. Allows a grant recipient to renew the grant for up to six semesters.</p> <p><b>Subd. 5. Participating institutions.</b> MnState two-year institutions may apply to participate in the program under this section.</p> <p><b>Subd. 6. Institutional grants.</b> Allows participating institutions to receive grants to improve services to adult learners.</p>
8	<p><b><i>Teacher Candidate Grants: Eligibility.</i></b> Amends eligibility for stipends to student teachers. Specifies how a candidate may demonstrate intent to teach in a licensure shortage area.</p>
9	<p><b><i>Teacher Candidate Grants: Administration; repayment.</i></b> Removes the repayment responsibility for recipients who do not complete student teaching or who leave Minnesota to teach in another state during the first year following student teaching. Clarifies provision dedicating a certain amount of program funds for underrepresented racial or ethnic groups.</p>

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10	<p><b><i>SELF Loans: Eligible student.</i></b></p> <p>Amends the definition of “eligible student” for the SELF Loan program to incorporate the expanded definition at section 136A.1701, subdivision 12, which is repealed in section 45 of this act.</p>
11	<p><b><i>SELF Loans: Designation.</i></b></p> <p>Changes a cross-reference to incorporate additional statutes governing the SELF Refi program.</p>
12	<p><b><i>SELF Loans: Rules, policies, and conditions.</i></b></p> <p>Amends the subdivision regarding OHE’s rules and policies for administering student loan programs. Removes a reference to a federal loan program that no longer exists.</p>
13 - 16	<p><b><i>SELF Loans: Various sections.</i></b></p> <p>Changes cross-references to incorporate additional statutes governing the SELF Refi program.</p>
17	<p><b><i>SELF Loans: Repayment of loans.</i></b></p> <p>Strikes repayment procedures for supplemental loans under section 136A.1701, and inserts a cross-reference to OHE’s general rules and policies for student loan programs in section 136A.16. This allows OHE to provide more flexible repayment terms to borrowers.</p>
18	<p><b>Student Loan Debt Counseling.</b></p> <p>Establishes a program administered by the Office of Higher Education to provide grants to qualified organizations offering student loan debt repayment counseling.</p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Grant.</b> Permits an organization receiving a grant to offer counseling to those capable of being served with available appropriations. Sets a goal that a grantee provide at least two counseling sessions to 75 percent of borrowers receiving counseling. Establishes that the purpose of the counseling is to enable borrowers to understand their loan and repayment options, manage loan repayments, and develop a workable budget.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Qualified debt counseling organization.</b> Defines a qualified debt counseling organization as one that has experience in student loan counseling, employs certified financial counselors, and is based in Minnesota and has offices in multiple rural and metropolitan locations.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Grant application and award.</b> Requires that applications be made in a form and manner specified by the commissioner. Describes the components that must be included on the application. Requires the commissioner to select one grant recipient every two years. The grant recipient would receive funding for both years of the biennium.</p>

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	<p><b>Subd. 4. Program evaluation.</b> Requires a grant recipient to submit a report to the commissioner of higher education every two years. Specifies data elements to be included in the report.</p> <p><b>Subd. 5. Report to legislature.</b> Requires the commissioner of higher education to submit a report on the program to the higher education committees of the legislature every two years.</p>
19	<p><b><i>Aviation Degree Loan Forgiveness Program: Definitions.</i></b> Amends definitions for “qualified aircraft technician,” “qualified education loan,” and “qualified pilot.”</p>
20	<p><b><i>Aviation Degree Loan Forgiveness Program: Eligibility.</i></b> Requires applicant to agree to serve a five-year work obligation in Minnesota. The current language requires a “minimum one-year” obligation.</p>
21	<p><b><i>Aviation Degree Loan Forgiveness Program: Loan forgiveness.</i></b> Increases penalties for failure to verify proper use of disbursed funds in the final year of eligibility. Increases time for verification.</p>
22	<p><b><i>Private and Out-of-State Public: Schools to provide information.</i></b> Amends the list of information that schools must provide when registering with OHE to include the school’s disclosure on the student complaint process, which is required in section 24 of this Act.</p>
23	<p><b><i>Private and Out-of-State Public: Public Information.</i></b> Clarifies that student complaint data are private. Permits OHE to disclose student complaint data and other information to law enforcement officials or as part of a legal or administrative proceeding commenced to enforce a legal requirement.</p>
24	<p><b><i>Private and Out-of-State Public: Disclosure.</i></b> Requires a school to publicly disclose information regarding the student complaint process mandated by Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.672.</p>
25	<p><b><i>Private and Out-of-State Public: School Closure.</i></b> Amends the requirements for when a school ceases operations. Provides additional information that the school must provide to OHE prior to closure.</p>
26	<p><b><i>Private and Out-of-State Public: Additional Security.</i></b> (a) Clarifies that new schools without accreditation must provide a surety bond equal to ten percent of annual net revenue from tuition and fees, but not less than \$10,000.</p>

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	(b) For registered institutions that fall below certain federal minimum financial standards, adds an option for the school to provide a reduced surety bond equal to ten percent of annual federal student financial aid funds received by the institution, subject to the \$10,000 minimum and \$250,000 maximum in current law.
27	<b><i>Private and Out-of-State Public: Private information.</i></b> Classifies student complaint data as private data under chapter 13.
28	<b><i>Private Career Schools: Clock hour.</i></b> Adds a definition of “clock hour.” Some schools use clock hours instead of credit hours.
29	<b><i>Private Career Schools: Student record.</i></b> Adds a definition of “student record.”
30	<b><i>Private Career Schools: Bond.</i></b> Corrects technical accounting terminology.
31	<b><i>Private Career Schools: Catalog, brochure, or electronic display.</i></b> Amends the list of information that schools must provide for OHE licensure to include the school’s disclosure on the student complaint process, which is required in section 24 of the bill.
32	<b><i>Private Career Schools: Permanent student records.</i></b> Adds the word “student” to the records that must be maintained to conform to the new definition at section 29 of the act.
33	<b><i>Private Career Schools: School closure.</i></b> Inserts a section in the Private Career Schools Act to add requirements for a school that intends to cease operations essentially identical to what currently exists in the Private And Out-Of-State Public Postsecondary Act as amended in section 25 of this act.
34	<b><i>Private Career Schools: Disclosure.</i></b> Requires a school to disclose information regarding the student complaint process mandated by Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.8295.
35	<b><i>Private Career Schools: Private information.</i></b> Classifies student complaint data as private, but provides that the data may be disclosed to law enforcement officials or as part of a legal or administrative proceeding commenced to enforce a legal requirement.

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36	<p><b>Planning information for postsecondary education.</b> Expands OHE’s duty to share information regarding postsecondary opportunities to include postsecondary options for students with intellectual and development disabilities.</p>
37	<p><b>Mental health services and health insurance information.</b> Amends the “student health” statute for MnState to require the system to contract with mental health organizations to provide both mental health services and information about health insurance to students on campuses (including via telemedicine) at up to five state colleges. Mental health services must be free for students without insurance. Provides that mental health services must not displace faculty counselors.</p>
38	<p><b>Hunger free campus designation.</b> Provides a “hunger-free campus designation” for Minnesota State community and technical colleges.</p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Establishment.</b> Provides for a “hunger free campus” designation for Minnesota State community and technical colleges meeting certain requirements.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Designation approval.</b> Provides that the statewide student association representing the community and technical colleges will create the application and approve the designations.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Expiration.</b> Provides that this section expires July 1, 2023.</p>
39	<p><b>Z-Degrees.</b> Creates a new zero-textbook-cost associate’s degree requirement at state colleges.</p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Definitions.</b> Defines terms for this section, including: “custom textbook,” “open educational resources,” and “Z-Degree.” A Z-Degree is a zero-textbook-cost associate’s degree.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Requirement.</b> Requires three additional colleges to offer a Z-Degree by the 2020-2021 academic year.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Open educational resource development.</b> Requires that the new Z-Degree offerings include the expansion of no-cost, open source educational resources. MnState must develop incentives to academic departments to utilize open educational resources.</p> <p><b>Subd. 4. Report.</b> Mandates two reports in January 2021 and January 2022 regarding the results of this program.</p>
40	<p><b>Workforce development scholarships.</b> Expands the existing workforce development scholarship program by:</p>

Section	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ including students returning to postsecondary education from the workforce;</li> <li>▪ adding early childhood and transportation to the qualifying fields of study;</li> <li>▪ increasing the individual maximum lifetime award to \$7,500 from \$5,000;</li> <li>▪ allowing college students to continue receiving the scholarship if they transfer to a state university; and</li> <li>▪ conditioning certain funds on institutions successfully partner with local businesses for matching private support.</li> </ul>
	<p>These changes are incorporated into the mandated report to the legislature.</p>
41	<p><b>Emergency assistance for postsecondary students.</b></p> <p>Amends language in the appropriation from the 2017 higher education omnibus act (Laws 2017, ch. 89) to clarify that eligible institutions must be located in Minnesota. Also, deletes language requiring that the grant award will not impact a student’s state financial aid award.</p>
42	<p><b>College savings plan matching grants.</b></p> <p>The Minnesota College Savings plan (the state’s 529 plan) formerly offered state-sponsored matching grants to certain account holders. Due to actions by the third-party operator of the plan, some of these account-holders did not receive regular updates about the status of their state-sponsored dollars, which may have resulted in some of these funds cancelling back to the state. This section gives OHE temporary authority (until June 30, 2021) to take measures to assist account holders who were negatively affected by this.</p>
43	<p><b>Study and justification for the tuition differential or additional fees for online courses.</b></p> <p>Requires MnState and requests the University to report to the legislature by January 15, 2020, with a detailed explanation of any difference in the cost of tuition for an online courses as compared to a similar in-person course, with a goal of achieving parity where possible.</p>
44	<p><b>Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and University of Minnesota administrative cost reports.</b></p> <p>Requires MnState and requests the University to report to the legislature by July 1, 2021, with a detailed explanation of administrative costs for the systems. The report must further identify measures taken by the systems to lower their administrative costs.</p>
45	<p><b>Repealer.</b></p> <p>Repeals three definitions within the SELF loan program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ section 136A.15, subdivision 2, “Academic year or its equivalent.” This definition refers to an obsolete federal loan program.</li> <li>▪ section 136A.15, subdivision 7, “Eligible lender.” This defined term does not appear anywhere else in chapter 136A.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ section 136A.1701, subdivision 12, “Eligible student.” Section 10 of this act incorporates the substance of this repealed definition into the existing general definition of “eligible student” at section 136A.15, subdivision 8.</li></ul>



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