Overview

This is the higher education finance committee omnibus bill.

1 **Higher education services office director.** Eliminates responsibility for the MnSCU board of trustees to set the salary rate for the director of HESO. The higher education service council retains responsibility for the salary rate of the director of HESO and must consider the performance of the director, including the director's progress toward attaining affirmative action goals. Under current law, the board of trustees of MnSCU and the higher education services council set the salary rates for both the chancellor of MnSCU and the director of HESO.

2 **Minnesota State Colleges and Universities chancellor.** Requires the board of trustees of MnSCU to establish a salary range for the position of chancellor of MnSCU. Requires the board to submit the proposed salary range to the legislative coordinating commission for approval, modification, or rejection. Requires the board to establish a salary rate for the chancellor within the approved salary range. Requires the board to consider the performance of the chancellor, including the chancellor's progress toward attaining affirmative action goals, when deciding whether to approve a salary increase.

3 **Capital funding contingent on maintaining data.**
   
   **Subd. 1. State agencies.** Requires state agencies to provide to the commissioner of administration data to maintain the department's database on the location, description, and condition of state-owned facilities. Requires agencies to provide the data by December 15 each year. Requires the commissioner to maintain both the current inventory data and historical data. Excludes state agencies from receiving capital funding unless the agency has provided the data required.

   **Subd. 2. Minnesota state colleges and universities.** Requires MnSCU to establish and maintain data on the location, description, and condition of MnSCU-owned facilities that is comparable with the database established by the department of administration. Requires MnSCU
to update the data annually and maintain current and historical data. Excludes MnSCU from receiving capital funding unless MnSCU has established and maintains the data required.

**Subd. 3. University of Minnesota.** Requests the University of Minnesota to establish and maintain data on the location, description, and condition of university-owned facilities that is comparable with the database established by the department of administration. Requires the University of Minnesota to update the data annually and maintain current and historical data. Excludes the University of Minnesota from receiving capital funding unless the university has established and maintains the data required. This section is effective June 30, 2003.

4 **Organization of board.** Increases the designer review board by two members. Adds a representative from the Minnesota association of general contractors to the board and two citizen members. The University of Minnesota and MnSCU must each nominate one representative to serve on the board when selecting a primary designer for their projects.

5 **Higher education projects.** Requires the board to select at least two primary designers for recommendation to the University of Minnesota or MnSCU. Requires the University of Minnesota or MnSCU to notify the commissioner of the designer selected from the recommendations.

6 **Appropriations for certain enrollments.** Requires the state to provide 67% of estimated expenditures for students who are residents of other states. Effective July 1, 2003.

7 **Surplus funds; child care grants.** Requires any projected surplus funds in the child care grant program in the first year of the biennium to be used to augment the maximum award of $2,000 per child per academic year in the second year of the biennium.

8 **Appointment of personnel.**
   **Subd. 1. Appointment procedure.** Makes technical changes.
   **Subd. 2. Compensation.** Allows the board of trustees of MnSCU to provide a liquidated salary amount or other compensation if a contract with a chancellor or president is terminated by the board prior to its expiration. Excludes any benefits in the computation of retirement, insurance, and other benefits available through or from the state. Requires any benefits or additional compensation to be provided under the approved MnSCU compensation plan.

9 **Issuance of bonds.** Increases the amount of revenue bonds MnSCU is allowed to issue by $100,000,000.

10 **School guidance counseling incentive grants.** Requires HESO to recommend incentives to increase the number of guidance counselors in elementary and secondary schools. Requires HESO to report to the legislature with the recommended incentives and funding by January 15, 2001.

11 **Study of educational foundations.** Requires the MnSCU board of trustees to study and make recommendations on the use of educational foundation support for additional compensation and benefits for the positions of chancellor and campus president by November 15, 2000. Requires the study to include information regarding the use of foundation money for salary compensation at higher educational institutions in other states. Requires MnSCU to provide the study to the house higher education finance committee and ways and means committee, the senate education finance committee, and the legislative coordinating commission.

12 **Intermediate district coordinated planning.** Requires MnSCU to initiate a planning process to plan and coordinate programs between the intermediate school districts and the MnSCU system. Requires MnSCU to include intermediate school districts No. 287, Hennepin and Wright counties; No. 916, Anoka, Ramsey, and Washington counties; and, No. 917, Dakota county. Requires MnSCU and the school districts to study the compatibility of program offerings and develop a long-range facilities plan. Requires the results of the study to be reported to the

13 Allocation for excess health care costs. Requires the MnSCU board of trustees to provide relief to campuses that have experienced health care cost increases of greater than 80 percent above the systemwide average since 1996.

14 Transfer to the outreach programs. Transfers responsibility for outreach and early intervention programs administered by HESO to the department of CFL. Transfers $897,000 in fiscal year 2001 from HESO to CFL.

15 Appropriation. Appropriates $5,792,000 in fiscal year 2000 and $5,792,000 in fiscal year 2001 from the general fund to MnSCU as a deficiency appropriation to fund increased enrollments. Clarifies that this is in addition to previous appropriations. Makes this a one-time appropriation.

16 Repealer. Repeals the nurses of color program.