

Subject Higher Education: hunger-free campus designation

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Overview

The legislature created the hunger-free campus designation in 2019 for state colleges. This bill expands the designation to eligible state universities and University of Minnesota campuses. It also appropriates funds for a matching grant program—administered by the Office of Higher Education (OHE)—to encourage campuses to achieve the designation.

Summary

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| 1-2 | Establishment; designation approval.
Expands the existing hunger-free campus designation statute to include state universities in addition to state colleges. |
| 3 | Hunger-free campus designation.
Establishes a hunger-free campus designation for University of Minnesota campuses. The criteria and process mirrors the existing statute for state colleges. |
| 4 | Appropriation for hunger-free campus grants.
Appropriates to be determined amounts in FY22 and FY23 to OHE to provide matching grants to campuses to achieve a hunger-free designation. Permits unused funds to be transferred to the appropriation funding emergency assistance grants for postsecondary students, a non-statutory, OHE-administered program typically included in the higher education budget bill. Gives MnState statewide student associations final approval of grants issued by OHE. |
| 5 | Repealer.
Repeals a sunset date, making the MnState portion of the program permanent. |