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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Higher Education Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; establishing a county scholarship program funded by
1.3 mineral royalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.4 298.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[298.2215] COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** A county may establish a scholarship fund from any
1.8 unencumbered revenue received pursuant to section 298.018, 298.28, 298.39, 298.396, or
1.9 298.405 or any law imposing a tax upon severed mineral values. Scholarships must be used
1.10 at a two-year Minnesota State Colleges and Universities institution within the county. The
1.11 county shall establish procedures for applying for and distributing the scholarships.

1.12 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** An applicant for a scholarship under this section must be a resident
1.13 of the county at the time of the applicant's high school graduation. The county may establish
1.14 additional eligibility criteria.