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		Referred to Rules and Administration

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for Farm Business Management
1.3 scholarships to distressed farmers.

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

1.5 Section 1. **COVID-19 CRISIS; FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**

1.6 **SCHOLARSHIPS; APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Scholarships.** $300,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the

1.8 coronavirus relief federal fund to the commissioner of agriculture to award scholarships to

1.9 distressed farmers as provided in this section. Scholarships must equal 75 percent of a

1.10 distressed farmer's Farm Business Management tuition. For purposes of this section,

1.11 "distressed farmer" means an individual who regularly participates in physical labor or

1.12 operations management in the individual's farming operation and files Schedule F as part

1.13 of the person's annual Form 1040 filing with the United States Internal Revenue Service,

1.14 or a family farm organized under Minnesota Statutes, section 500.24, if the individual or

1.15 family farm:

1.16 (1) has a total net worth of less than $1,200,000 in calendar year 2020; and

1.17 (2) is in mediation proceedings under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 583; has received a

1.18 mediation notice under Minnesota Statutes, section 583.26, subdivision 1, paragraph (a);

1.19 or has filed a petition for bankruptcy.

1.20 Subd. 2. **Eligible expenditures; availability.** (a) Money appropriated in subdivision 1

1.21 may not be spent until the commissioner of management and budget determines that the

1.22 expenditure is an eligible use of the coronavirus relief federal fund.

2.1   (b) The appropriation in subdivision 1 is available until December 30, 2020.

2.2   **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.