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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Higher Education Finance and Policy

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; requiring the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
1.3 to develop a developmental education reform proposal.

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

1.5 Section 1. **DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION REFORM.**

1.6 (a) The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities shall create
1.7 a plan to reform developmental education offerings on system campuses. The plan must
1.8 include, but is not limited to:

1.9 (1) a systemwide multiple measures placement plan to guide campuses in placement of
1.10 students into developmental education courses;

1.11 (2) uniform cut scores for student placement, where appropriate, which will lead to fewer
1.12 students being placed into developmental education courses;

1.13 (3) other identified system policy changes that will decrease the number of students
1.14 being placed into developmental education courses;

1.15 (4) accelerated pathways in mathematics, reading, and composition to ensure students
1.16 can complete developmental education work in no more than one year;

1.17 (5) a comprehensive examination of the cost structure of developmental education,
1.18 including potential financial incentives for students or other mechanisms to lower the cost
1.19 of developmental offerings for students; and

1.20 (6) identified best practices that may be used on every system campus around
1.21 developmental education offerings.

- 2.1 (b) The plan must include deadlines for implementation of proposed changes and must
2.2 be submitted to the chairs and ranking members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
2.3 over higher education by February 15, 2018.