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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Higher Education

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; creating a state employee scholarship; requiring a
1.3 report; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.4 chapter 136F.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[136F.39] STATE EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIPS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The state employee scholarship program is established
1.8 to provide a first-dollar tuition and fee free pathway for eligible state employees and their
1.9 dependents to complete an undergraduate education. Minnesota State Colleges and
1.10 Universities must provide a full tuition and fee waiver to a student eligible under subdivision
1.11 2.

1.12 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** To be eligible each year for the program, a student must:

1.13 (1) be either a state employee or a dependent student of a state employee;

1.14 (2) be a resident student, as defined in section 136A.101;

1.15 (3) be making satisfactory academic progress, as defined in section 136A.101;

1.16 (4) be enrolled in an undergraduate certificate, diploma, or degree program at a Minnesota
1.17 state college or university; and

1.18 (5) have not (i) obtained a baccalaureate degree, or (ii) been enrolled for 180
1.19 postsecondary credits or the equivalent, excluding courses taken that qualify as developmental
1.20 education or below college-level.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Report.** Annually by January 15, the board must report to the chairs and ranking
2.2 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education.
2.3 The report must include enrollment and graduation data for all scholarship recipients,
2.4 categorized by:

2.5 (1) student eligibility as employees and employee dependents; and

2.6 (2) Minnesota state college or university of attendance.

2.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023. The first scholarships must
2.8 be awarded for the 2024-2025 school year. The first report under subdivision 3 must be
2.9 submitted by January 15, 2026.

2.10 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.11 \$..... in fiscal year 2024 and \$..... in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the general
2.12 fund to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities for
2.13 scholarships under Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.39.