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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; setting minimum counselor requirements for Minnesota
1.3 State College campuses; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020,
1.4 section 136F.20, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136F.20, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 5. Counselor support. Each two-year college must employ full-time faculty
1.9 counselors whose primary assignment is counselor duties. For a campus with fewer than
1.10 750 students enrolled at a campus site on the 30th day of an academic year, the campus
1.11 must have at least one unlimited full-time faculty counselor. For a campus with more than
1.12 750 students enrolled at a campus site on the 30th day of an academic year, the campus
1.13 must employ the number of full-time counselors necessary for the number of students per
1.14 counselor to be the lesser of:

1.15 (1) 750; or

1.16 (2) the number of students per full-time counselor at the campus on February 1, 2022.

1.17 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2025.

1.18 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.19 \$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of Trustees
1.20 of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to employ additional faculty counselors
1.21 at two-year colleges to achieve campus student-to-counselor ratios of no greater than 750
1.22 to one. This amount is added to the base for fiscal years 2024 and later.