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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to higher education; requiring a report on the creation of student retention

1.3 and attraction incentives at Minnesota postsecondary institutions.

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

1.5 Section 1. **STUDENT RETENTION AND ATTRACTION INCENTIVES; REPORT.**

1.6 The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education shall examine the primary reasons

1.7 why more Minnesota high school graduates attend out-of-state postsecondary institutions

1.8 than out-of-state high school graduates attend Minnesota postsecondary institutions. Using

1.9 the results of this research, the commissioner shall develop a list of potential incentives

1.10 designed to keep more Minnesota high school graduates attending in-state institutions and

1.11 to attract more out-of-state high school graduates. To the extent possible, the commissioner

1.12 must develop a cost estimate for each of these incentives. The incentives developed may

1.13 include but are not limited to:

1.14 (1) waiving application fees for Minnesota postsecondary institutions;

1.15 (2) providing free tuition for students meeting certain scholastic requirements;

1.16 (3) offering in-state tuition to nonresident students meeting certain scholastic

1.17 requirements;

1.18 (4) student recruitment initiatives; and

1.19 (5) improving employment opportunities for students through partnerships with the

1.20 private sector, internship and apprenticeship opportunities, or dual-training programs.

2.1 By January 15, 2021, the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education shall report
2.2 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
2.3 over higher education on the reasons identified for the net loss of high school graduates at
2.4 Minnesota postsecondary institutions, the retention and attraction incentives developed, and
2.5 cost estimates of each proposed incentive where available. The report may include
2.6 recommendations for draft legislation.