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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to higher education; providing incentives for individuals near degree

1.3 completion to complete degree.

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

1.5 Section 1. **MINNESOTA RECONNECT PERSISTENCE INCENTIVES.**

1.6 The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education and each public institution of higher

1.7 education must create incentives for individuals near degree completion who have earned

1.8 at least 15 credits at a technical or community college or at least 30 credits at a four-year

1.9 institution and offer incentives for the individuals near degree completion to reenroll and

1.10 earn a degree. The student must be a Minnesota resident, at least two years removed from

1.11 attending a higher education institution, and committed to earning a degree. Institutions

1.12 must also create a statewide communications campaign to identify and target individuals

1.13 near degree completion.