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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to higher education; modifying state financial aid for part-time  
1.3 enrollment; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 136A.121, subdivision 6.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 136A.121, subdivision 6, is amended to  
1.6 read:

1.7 Subd. 6. **Cost of attendance.** (a) The recognized cost of attendance consists of  
1.8 allowances specified in law for living and miscellaneous expenses, and an allowance  
1.9 for tuition and fees equal to the lesser of the average tuition and fees charged by the  
1.10 institution, or the tuition and fee maximums established in law.

1.11 (b) Except for students eligible under paragraph (c), for a student registering for  
1.12 less than full time, the office shall prorate the cost of attendance to the actual number of  
1.13 credits for which the student is enrolled.

1.14 (c) For a student registering for less than full time at an eligible public institution  
1.15 who is eligible for a Pell grant and whose parents have had no postsecondary education,  
1.16 the office shall not prorate the allowance for living and miscellaneous expenses but shall  
1.17 prorate the tuition and fees allowance in the cost of attendance to the actual number of  
1.18 credits for which the student is enrolled.

1.19 ~~(c)~~ (d) The recognized cost of attendance for a student who is confined to a  
1.20 Minnesota correctional institution shall consist of the tuition and fee component in  
1.21 paragraph (a), with no allowance for living and miscellaneous expenses.

1.22 ~~(d)~~ (e) For the purpose of this subdivision, "fees" include only those fees that are  
1.23 mandatory and charged to full-time resident students attending the institution. Fees do  
1.24 not include charges for tools, equipment, computers, or other similar materials where the

- 2.1 student retains ownership. Fees include charges for these materials if the institution retains
- 2.2 ownership. Fees do not include optional or punitive fees.