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1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to higher education; adjusting state grant program parameters; amending  
 1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 136A.101, subdivision 5a; 136A.121, subdivision  
 1.4 5.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.101, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5a. **Assigned family responsibility.** "Assigned family responsibility" means the  
 1.8 amount of a family's contribution to a student's cost of attendance, as determined by a federal  
 1.9 need analysis. For dependent students, the assigned family responsibility is ~~94~~ 86 percent  
 1.10 of the parental contribution for fiscal years 2018 and 2019, and 76 percent thereafter. For  
 1.11 independent students with dependents other than a spouse, the assigned family responsibility  
 1.12 is ~~86~~ 76 percent of the student contribution for fiscal years 2018 and 2019, and 66 percent  
 1.13 thereafter. For independent students without dependents other than a spouse, the assigned  
 1.14 family responsibility is ~~50~~ 40 percent of the student contribution for fiscal years 2018 and  
 1.15 2019, and 30 percent thereafter.

1.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.121, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.17 Subd. 5. **Grant stipends.** (a) The "assigned student responsibility" equals the following  
 1.18 percentages of the cost of attending the institution of the applicant's choosing:

1.19 (1) in fiscal years 2018 and 2019, 47 percent; and

1.20 (2) 44 percent thereafter.

1.21 (b) The grant stipend shall be based on a sharing of responsibility for covering the  
 1.22 recognized cost of attendance by the applicant, the applicant's family, and the government.

2.1 The amount of a financial stipend must not exceed a grant applicant's recognized cost of  
2.2 attendance, as defined in subdivision 6, after deducting the following:

2.3 (1) the assigned student responsibility ~~of at least 50 percent of the cost of attending the~~  
2.4 ~~institution of the applicant's choosing~~ described in paragraph (a);

2.5 (2) the assigned family responsibility as defined in section 136A.101; and

2.6 (3) the amount of a federal Pell grant award for which the grant applicant is eligible.

2.7 The minimum financial stipend is \$100 per academic year.