

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION**

S.F. No. 1611

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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Higher Education

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; appropriating money for student loan debt counseling.

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

1.4 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS; STUDENT LOAN DEBT COUNSELING.**

1.5 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from the
1.6 general fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education for student loan debt
1.7 counseling under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1788. Notwithstanding Minnesota
1.8 Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education
1.9 may use no more than three percent of the appropriation to administer the student loan debt
1.10 counseling program.