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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; modifying certain North Star Promise provisions;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 136A.1465, subdivisions
1.4 1, 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 136A.1465, subdivision 1, is
1.7 amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** The following terms have the meanings given:

1.9 (1) "eligible student" means a resident student under section 136A.101, subdivision 8,
1.10 who is enrolled in any public postsecondary educational institution or Tribal college;

1.11 (2) "gift aid" means all financial aid designated for the student's educational expenses,
1.12 including a grant, scholarship, tuition waiver, fellowship stipend, or other third-party
1.13 payment, that is not a loan or pursuant to a work-study program;

1.14 (3) "office" means the Office of Higher Education;

1.15 (4) "public postsecondary educational institution" means an institution operated by this
1.16 state, the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, or a Tribal college;

1.17 (5) "scholarship" means funds to pay 100 percent of tuition and fees remaining after
1.18 deducting federal and state grants ~~and other scholarships~~;

1.19 (6) "Tribal college" means a college defined in section 136A.1796, subdivision 1,
1.20 paragraph (c); and

1.21 (7) "tuition and fees" means the actual tuition and fees charged by an institution.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 136A.1465, subdivision 3, is amended
2.2 to read:

2.3 Subd. 3. **Scholarship.** (a) Beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year, scholarships shall
2.4 be awarded to eligible students in an amount not to exceed 100 percent of tuition and fees
2.5 after federal and state grants ~~and other scholarships~~ are deducted.

2.6 (b) For the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 academic years, if funds remain after
2.7 scholarships are awarded under paragraph (a), grants shall be awarded to eligible students
2.8 in an amount equal to 100 percent of tuition and fees plus, subject to available funds, up to
2.9 50 percent of the amount of a Pell grant the student would receive based on household size,
2.10 family adjusted gross income, and results of the federal needs analysis after other gift aid
2.11 is deducted. The commissioner may adjust the grant amount based on the availability of
2.12 funds.