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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Higher Education Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; regulating the calculation of state grant amounts;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 136A.101, subdivision 5a; 136A.121,
1.4 subdivision 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 ~~96~~ 89 percent
1.10 of the parental contribution. For independent students with dependents other than a spouse,
1.11 the assigned family responsibility is ~~86~~ 79 percent of the student contribution. For
1.12 independent students without dependents other than a spouse, the assigned family
1.13 responsibility is ~~50~~ 43 percent of the student contribution.

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

1.15 Subd. 5. **Grant stipends.** The grant stipend shall be based on a sharing of responsibility
1.16 for covering the recognized cost of attendance by the applicant, the applicant's family, and
1.17 the government. The amount of a financial stipend must not exceed a grant applicant's
1.18 recognized cost of attendance, as defined in subdivision 6, after deducting the following:

1.19 (1) the assigned student responsibility of at least ~~50~~ 48.9 percent of the cost of attending
1.20 the institution of the applicant's choosing;

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

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

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