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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; requiring a report; appropriating money for grants to  
1.3 Minnesota's Tribal colleges.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; OPERATING EXPENSES OF TRIBAL COLLEGES.**

1.6 (a) \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated  
1.7 from the general fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education for grants to  
1.8 Leech Lake Tribal College, White Earth Tribal College, and Red Lake Nation Tribal College,  
1.9 to be used for the Tribal college's general operations and maintenance expenses. Each year,  
1.10 the commissioner shall apportion the appropriated funds equally among the Tribal colleges.  
1.11 A Tribal college must use grant funds received under this section to supplement, not supplant,  
1.12 any existing funding.

1.13 (b) By September 30 of each year, a Tribal college receiving a grant under this section  
1.14 must submit a report to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education and to the chairs  
1.15 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher  
1.16 education finance and policy. The report must include an accurate and detailed account of  
1.17 how the funds were spent, and a copy of the college's most recent audit report.