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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; authorizing emergency assistance grants for
1.3 postsecondary students; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR POSTSECONDARY STUDENTS.**

1.6 The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education shall make grants on a matching
1.7 basis to postsecondary institutions with a demonstrable homeless student population. The
1.8 Office of Higher Education shall partner with interested postsecondary institutions, other
1.9 state agencies, and student groups to establish the programs. The commissioner of the Office
1.10 of Higher Education shall determine the application process and the grant amounts. Grant
1.11 money shall be used to meet immediate student needs that could result in a student not
1.12 completing the term or their program, including but not limited to emergency housing, food,
1.13 and transportation. Emergency assistance does not impact the amount of state financial aid
1.14 received.

1.15 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.16 \$...... in fiscal year 2020 and \$...... in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from the general
1.17 fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education to make the emergency assistance
1.18 grants authorized in section 1.