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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; freezing tuition at MnSCU institutions; consolidating
1.3 job training programs; increasing online courses; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **TUITION FREEZE; PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS.**

1.6 For the academic year beginning in the fall of 2007, the Board of Trustees of the
1.7 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must not increase the tuition charged to their
1.8 students above the level of tuition charged to their students for the 2006-2007 academic
1.9 year.

1.10 Sec. 2. **CONSOLIDATION OF JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS.**

1.11 The commissioner of the Department of Employment and Economic Development,
1.12 in cooperation with the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
1.13 and the governor's cabinet, shall develop and implement a plan to consolidate Minnesota's
1.14 job training programs to better serve the needs of Minnesota workers and the state. The
1.15 governor's cabinet must advise the commissioner and the board on how to achieve savings
1.16 of at least \$1,000,000 from implementing a consolidated job training program.

1.17 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATIONS; ONLINE COURSES.**

1.18 \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of Trustees of the
1.19 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities for fiscal year 2008 to expand the number of
1.20 online courses, programs, and degrees offered.