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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; modifying certain provisions for senior citizens'
1.3 tuition; amending certain reporting requirements; authorizing certain banking
1.4 services; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 135A.52, subdivisions 1,
1.5 2; 136F.42, subdivision 1; 136F.71, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 135A.52, subdivision 1, is amended to
1.8 read:

1.9 Subdivision 1. **Fees and tuition.** Except for an administration fee established by the
1.10 governing board at a level to recover costs, to be collected only when a course is taken for
1.11 credit, a senior citizen who is a legal resident of Minnesota is entitled without payment
1.12 of tuition or activity fees to attend courses offered for credit, audit any courses offered
1.13 for credit, or enroll in any noncredit courses in any state supported institution of higher
1.14 education in Minnesota when space is available after all tuition-paying students have been
1.15 accommodated. A senior citizen enrolled under this section must pay any materials,
1.16 personal property, or service charges for the course. In addition, a senior citizen who is
1.17 enrolled in a course for credit must pay an administrative fee in an amount established
1.18 by the governing board of the institution to recover ~~the course~~ costs. There shall be no
1.19 administrative fee charges to a senior citizen auditing a course. For the purposes of this
1.20 section and section 135A.51, the term "noncredit courses" shall not include those courses
1.21 designed and offered specifically and exclusively for senior citizens.

1.22 The provisions of this section and section 135A.51 do not apply to noncredit courses
1.23 designed and offered by the University of Minnesota, and the Minnesota State Colleges
1.24 and Universities specifically and exclusively for senior citizens. Senior citizens enrolled
1.25 under the provisions of this section and section 135A.51 shall not be included by such

2.1 institutions in their computation of full-time equivalent students when requesting staff
2.2 or appropriations.

2.3 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 135A.52, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.4 Subd. 2. **Term; income of senior citizens.** (a) Except under paragraph (b), there
2.5 shall be no limit to the number of terms, quarters or semesters a senior citizen may attend
2.6 courses, nor income limitation imposed in determining eligibility.

2.7 (b) A senior citizen enrolled in a closed enrollment contract training ~~or professional~~
2.8 ~~continuing education~~ program is not eligible for benefits under subdivision 1.

2.9 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 136F.42, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.10 Subdivision 1. **Time reporting.** As provided in Executive Order 96-2, the board,
2.11 in consultation with the commissioners of employee relations and finance, may develop
2.12 policies to allow system office or campus employees on salaries, as defined in section
2.13 43A.17, subdivision 1, to use negative time reporting in which employees report only that
2.14 time for which leave is taken. ~~By the end of the 1997 fiscal year, the board, in consultation~~
2.15 ~~with the commissioners of employee relations and finance, shall evaluate the use of~~
2.16 ~~negative time reporting and its potential for use with other state employees.~~

2.17 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 136F.71, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.18 Subd. 2. **Activity funds.** All receipts attributable to the state colleges and
2.19 universities activity funds ~~and deposited in the state treasury~~ are appropriated to the board
2.20 and are not subject to budgetary control as exercised by the commissioner of finance.

2.21 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 136F.71, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.22 to read:

2.23 Subd. 4. **Banking services.** Notwithstanding section 16A.27, the board shall
2.24 have authority to control the amount and manner of deposit of all receipts described in
2.25 this section in depositories selected by the board. The board's authority shall include
2.26 specifying the considerations, financial activities, and conditions required from the
2.27 depository, including the requirement of collateral security or a corporate surety bond
2.28 as described in section 118A.03. The board may compensate the depository, including
2.29 paying a reasonable charge to the depository, maintaining appropriate compensating
2.30 balances with the depository, or purchasing non-interest-bearing certificates of deposit
2.31 from the depository for performing depository-related services.