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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Higher Education and Work Force Development Policy and Finance
Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; clarifying MnSCU board policy on credit
1.3 requirements; amending Laws 2007, chapter 144, article 1, section 4, subdivision
1.4 3.

1.5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:**

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2007, chapter 144, article 1, section 4, subdivision 3, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 **Subd. 3. Board Policies**

1.9 (a) The board must adopt a policy that allows
1.10 students to add the cost of textbooks and
1.11 required course materials purchased at a
1.12 campus bookstore, owned by or operated
1.13 under a contract with the campus, to the
1.14 existing waivers or payment plans for tuition
1.15 and fees.

1.16 (b) By January 1, 2009, the board must
1.17 adopt a policy setting the maximum
1.18 number of semester credits required for
1.19 a baccalaureate degree at 120 semester
1.20 credits or the equivalent and the number of
1.21 semester credits required for an associate
1.22 degree, except for an associate of applied
1.23 science degree, at 60 semester credits or the
1.24 equivalent. The board policy may provide

- 2.1 for a process for granting waivers for specific
- 2.2 degree programs in which industry or
- 2.3 professional accreditation standards require a
- 2.4 greater number of semester credits.