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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs

Referred by Chair to Veterans Affairs Division.

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Returned to the Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs as Amended.

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; requiring the creation of course equivalency guides
1.3 for military coursework; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 135A.08,
1.4 subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 135A.08, subdivision 1, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Course equivalency.** The Board of Regents of the University of
1.9 Minnesota and the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
1.10 shall develop and maintain course equivalency guides for use between institutions that
1.11 have a high frequency of transfer. The course equivalency guides must include information
1.12 on the course equivalency and awarding of credit for learning acquired as a result of
1.13 the successful completion of formal military courses and occupational training. Course
1.14 equivalency guides ~~shall~~ are not be required for vocational technical programs that have
1.15 not been divided into identifiable courses. The governing boards of private institutions
1.16 that grant associate and baccalaureate degrees and that have a high frequency of transfer
1.17 students are requested to participate in developing these guides.