

Comparison of 2008 House and Senate Higher Education Bills

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[House Bill: HF3722](#)

Senate Finance Bill: Article 9, Higher Education

[Senate Policy Bill: SF2942](#)

<u>Section</u>	<u>Provision</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Provision</u>
Article 1, Sec. 2	This section cuts the Office of Higher Education \$7.111 million in FY2009; \$111,000 to the office's operating budget and \$7 million to the Achieve Scholarship program.	Finance; Section 3	This section cuts the Office of Higher Education \$7.611 million in FY2009; \$250,000 from interstate tuition reciprocity, \$250,000 from the Minnesota College Savings Plan, \$7 million from the Achieve Scholarship program, and \$111,000 to the office's operating budget.
Article 1, Sec. 3	This section cuts MnSCU \$6.173 million in FY2009; \$5 million from the technology appropriation and the remainder from the Office of the Chancellor budget.	Finance; Section 4	This section cuts MnSCU \$6.5 million in FY2009 and redirects \$500,000 toward non-resident tuition and \$1 million toward reciprocity tuition. The \$500,000 for non-resident tuition is to provide funding for the elimination of non-resident undergraduate tuition at Alexandria TC, Anoka TC, Hennepin TC and North Hennepin Community College. The \$1 million for reciprocity tuition is to be allocated to any community college or consolidated community and technical college that experienced a reduction in reciprocity tuition revenue directly resulting from the elimination of non-resident tuition on or after May 30, 2007.
Article 1, Sec. 3	This section also explains that the cuts must not result in reductions to any campus, or reduce the technology expenditure to the campus.		The Senate incorporated a delete-all amendment to SF3795 into the omnibus bill that states the Board must allocate reductions to activities in the Office of the Chancellor that do not have a direct effect on instructional services to students and that do not result in cuts to campuses, including identifying technology activities that can be delayed without affecting direct instructional services to students..
Article 1, Sec. 3	This section also states that MnSCU must reallocate \$9 million of state appropriations in FY09 to reduce student tuition increases to 2% at colleges and 3% at universities, as well as not increase fees currently planned for.		The Senate incorporated a delete-all amendment to SF3795 into the omnibus bill that states that the Board of Trustees is to avoid allocating reductions to activities that would require increased tuition to students. The bill states that by limiting the amount of cuts to MnSCU, the legislature is supportive of the Board's decision to limit tuition increases to 2% at colleges and 3% at universities.
Article 1, Sec. 5	Private data. This section allows for parental notification of student's use of alcohol or a controlled substance provided that the student signed an information release form. The institution is to distribute release forms at parent orientation meetings.		Not in Senate bill.
Article 1, Sec. 6	P-20 Education Partnership. This section establishes a P-20 education partnership and includes legislators on the Council.		Not in Senate bill.
Article 1, Sec. 7	Equal Access to Instructional Materials in Higher Education. This section provides for instructional materials in an accessible format to blind and other eligible students.		Not in Senate bill.
	Not in House bill	Finance; Section 6	Assigned family responsibility. This section reduces the family responsibility for dependent students from 96% to 93%. For independent students with dependents, the family contribution is reduced from 86% to 83% and for independent students without dependents, the contribution is reduced from 68% to 65%.

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Article 1, Sec. 8	Resident Student. This section defines a spouse or dependent of a veteran as a Minnesota resident.
Article 1, Sec. 9	Grant stipends. This section reduces the student share in the state grant formula from 46% to 44.5%.
Article 1, Sec. 10	Surplus appropriation. This section makes permanent the use of any state grant surplus to be used toward the LME (living and miscellaneous expense).
Article 1, Sec. 12	Achieve Scholarship Program. This section cleans up language related to the Achieve program.
	Not in House bill
Article 1, Sec. 13	Administration. This section allows an organization that receives a TEACH grant to use 5% of the grant amount to administer the program.
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Article 1, Sec. 22	Membership. This section changes the make-up of the Board of Trustees. 11 members are appointed by the governor, including 3 students, and 4 members are appointed by labor organizations, including a representative from IFO, MSCF, MAPE and AFSCME.
Article 1, Sec. 23	Recommendations. This section adjusts the recommendation requirement for board members by the governor.
Article 1, Sec. 24	Labor organization board member selection process. This section provides for a board member selection process.
Article 1, Sec. 25	Power of You Program. This section establishes the power of you program at Metro SU, Minneapolis and St. Paul Colleges to promote the preparation and enrollment of students in postsecondary through partnerships with high schools and school districts. The section allocates funds to MnSCU for the 3 institutions.
Article 1, Sec. 26	Duties. This section includes colleges as potential users of the revenue fund.
Article 1, Sec. 32	Definitions. This section applies to veterans and clarifies cost of attendance for veterans.
Article 1, Sec. 33	Eligibility. This section applies to veterans and clarifies a person is eligible for educational assistance by completing and submitting a FAFSA form.
Article 1, Sec. 34	Benefit Amount. This section applies to veterans and sets an amount for a minimum award for veteran undergraduate and graduate students of \$50 per term.

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Finance; Section 7	Resident student. This section defines a spouse or dependent of a veteran as a Minnesota resident.
Finance; Section 8	Grant stipends. This section reduces the student share in the state grant formula from 46% to 45%.
Finance; Section 9	Surplus appropriation. This section makes permanent the use of any state grant surplus to be used toward the LME (living and miscellaneous expense).
Policy; Section 4	Achieve Scholarship Program. This section cleans up language related to the Achieve program.
Finance; Section 14	Achieve Scholarship Program. This section deletes the base funding for the Achieve program.
Finance; Section 10	Administration. This section allows an organization that receives a TEACH grant to use 5% of the grant amount to administer the program.
Finance; Section 11	Nonresident tuition. This section prescribes that a college with one tuition rate as of January 1, 2008, may not go back to two different tuition rates; resident and non-resident.
Finance; Section 13	State Grants. This section increases the 4-year tuition maximum 3% to \$10,133 under the financial aid program
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Policy; Section 18	Definitions. This section applies to veterans and clarifies cost of attendance for veterans.
Policy; Section 19	Eligibility. This section applies to veterans and clarifies a person is eligible for educational assistance by completing and submitting a FAFSA form.
Policy; Section 20	Benefit Amount. This section applies to veterans and sets an amount for a minimum award for veteran undergraduate and graduate students of \$50 per term.

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Article 1, Sec. 35	State Grants. This section appropriates \$3.8 million from the state grant surplus to the MnSCU Board of Trustees for the Power of You program.
Article 1, Sec. 35	State Grants. This section also appropriates \$200,000 from the state grant surplus to the the Office of Higher Ed for the teachers of color financial aid pilot program.
Article 1, Sec. 39	Power of Your Pilot Programs. This section establishes a power of you pilot program in suburban and rural sites to test the expansion of the program and will follow the model set forth by the orginial 3 institutions. Metro State shall choose the suburban partners. The Chancellor shall select the 2 rural colleges, one being a multi-campus college in an agricultural part of the state and the other a multi-campus in a non-agricultural part of the state depending on natural resources. The Chancellor shall choose the high school partners.
Article 1, Sec. 40	Teachers of Color Financial Aid Pilot Program. This section establishes the teachers of color financial aid pilot program under the Office of Higher Education to encourage adademically talented postsecondary students of color to become teachers.
Article 1, Sec. 41	Report to Legislature. This section requires the Office of the Chancellor to evaluate the performance of the power of you pilot programs and report to the legislature by January 15, 2010.
Article 1, Sec. 42	Appointments to the Board of Trustees. This section provides that the governor shall not appoint board members for board terms expiring in 2008 but rather all appointments for these seats will be made by the IFO, MSCF, MAPE and AFSCME. The unions shall appoint these 4 members every 6 years thereafter.
Article 2, Sec. 21	Creation of committee; purpose. This section allows for a committee to advise the IRRRB on providing higher education programs in cooperation with the U of M, MnSCU and private colleges.
Article 2, Sec. 22	Iron Range Higher Education Committee; membership. This section includes the appointment of a member by the Chancellor of MnSCU to the Iron Range Higher Education Committee.
Article 2, Sec. 26	Iron Range higher education account. This section increases the amount to be allocated to the IRRRB to be deposited in the Iron Range higher education account from 2 cents per taxable ton to 5 cents per taxable ton.

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Article 2, Sec. 54	Biomass heating grants and loans pilot project. This section provides for DEED to make grants and loans for costs related to the installation of an approved biomass heating project in a publicly owned facility, including higher education buildings. Applications for a grant or loan are to be made to the commissioner of DEED. The grant and loan may each provide up to 50% of the total installed costs of the biomass heating projects.
Article 2, Sec. 58	Office of Science and Technology. This section establishes an Office of Science and Technology within DEED and will work with MnSCU and others in promoting collaborative efforts to respond to federal funding opportunities, as well as coordinate workshops, assist with business proposals, etc. in conjunction with the U of M and MnSCU.
Article 2, Sec. 59	Bioscience Subsidy. This section provides that any bioscience or biotechnology project financed in whole or in part by state appropriations must document how and to what extent the project will provide a benefit to consumers in the form of more affordable pricing of the projects or services being publicly subsidized.
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	Adopted as an amendment in the House Education Finance and Economic Competitiveness Finance Division on March 26
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Finance; Section 17	Global modeling of health care reforms. This section requires the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, health policy and management division to develop a model that will assess the impact of proposed health care reforms or major health care-related legislation on all sectors of the health care system.
Finance; Section 18	Economic analysis of health care reform plans. This section requires the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, health policy and management division to conduct a study and economic analysis of costs and benefits of various health care reform proposals.
Finance; Section 19	Repealer. This section repeals the Achieve Scholarship Program.
Policy; Section 1	Data sharing; improving instruction. This section allows for the sharing of data between the Minnesota Dept. of Education and the Office of Higher Education.
Policy; Section 13	Maximum credit for graduation; waiver reporting. This section requires the Board of Trustees to report to the legislature annually by October 1 the waivers granted to the 60/120 program credit cap.