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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to higher education; removing policy requirement; allowing the Board of  
1.3 Trustees to determine credit requirements; amending Laws 2007, chapter 144,  
1.4 article 1, section 4, subdivision 3; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, section  
1.5 136F.301.

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

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

1.9 Subd. 3. **Board Policies**

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

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

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

2.5 Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

2.6 Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 136F.301, is repealed.

APPENDIX

Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 09-1560

**136F.301 MAXIMUM CREDIT FOR GRADUATION; WAIVER REPORTING.**

The board must annually by October 1 report to the chairs of the house of representatives and senate committees with primary jurisdiction over higher education policy on the board's current policy setting the maximum number of semester credits required for a baccalaureate and an associate of arts degree at 120 and 60 semester credits or their equivalent, respectively, as required by Laws 2007, chapter 144, article 1, section 4, subdivision 3, paragraph (b). The report must specifically identify requests in the previous academic year for waivers from the policy and the requests granted. The specific identification must include, among other things, the program and the campus for which a request was made and for which a waiver was granted.