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SUBJECT: Additional Information on New Statutory Requirements on Course Placement Testing Process

This past 2015 legislative session, language was passed impacting course placement testing processes in the MnSCU system. On Wednesday, July 22 and Tuesday, July 28, MnSCU Academic and Student Affairs hosted two informational webinars in which detailed information was provided about this statutory requirement, actions that can be taken at MnSCU campuses, and the timeline and next steps for system-wide efforts.

Please see the attached Power Point presentation that includes the information that was covered during the informational webinars. In addition, the attached document includes *Frequently Asked Questions* about these two new statutory requirements related to course placement testing.

Minnesota Statutory Requirements, Effective August 1, 2015:

ACT college ready score. A state college or university may not require an individual to take a remedial, noncredit course in a subject area if the individual has received a college ready ACT score in that subject area.

Testing process for determining if remediating is necessary. A college or university testing process used to determine whether an individual is placed in a remedial, noncredit course must comply with this subdivision. Prior to taking a test, an individual must be given reasonable time and opportunity to review materials provided by the college or university covering the material to be tested which must include a sample test. An individual who is required to take a remedial, noncredit course as a result of a test given by a college or university must be given an opportunity to retake the test at the earliest time determined by the individual when testing is otherwise offered. The college or university must provide an individual with study materials for the purpose of retaking and passing the test.

If you have any questions and/or need additional information, please contact Pakou Yang at Pakou.yang@so.mnscu.edu.

Attachment: *Frequently Asked Questions*