

**Center for Distance Education  
Budget No. 204  
Senate Bill No. 2013**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2023-25 legislative appropriations</b>	<b>30.80</b>	<b>\$6,797,980</b>	<b>\$4,550,000</b>	<b>\$11,347,980</b>
2023-25 base budget <sup>1</sup>	0.00	0	0	0
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	30.80	\$6,797,980	\$4,550,000	\$11,347,980

<sup>1</sup>The base budget for the Center for Distance Education (CDE) is included in the base budget for the Department of Career and Technical Education (CTE) (House Bill No. 1019).

**ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

	<b>Ongoing General Fund Appropriation</b>	<b>One-Time General Fund Appropriation</b>	<b>Total General Fund Appropriation</b>
<b>2023-25 legislative appropriations</b>	<b>\$6,797,980</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,797,980</b>
2021-23 legislative appropriations <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0
2023-25 legislative increase (decrease) to 2021-23 appropriations	\$6,797,980	\$0	\$6,797,980
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2021-23 appropriations	N/A	N/A	N/A

<sup>1</sup>The 2021-23 legislative appropriation for the CDE is included in the 2021-23 legislative appropriation for CTE (Senate Bill No. 2019 (2021)).

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS**  
**Changes to Base Budget**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
The legislative action:				
Transferred base funding appropriation from CTE to a new agency budget for CDE	28.80	\$6,411,254	\$3,050,000	\$9,461,254
Adjusted funding for base payroll changes		13,100		13,100
Added funding to provide employee salary increases of 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024		378,835		378,835
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium estimate of \$1,643 per month		159,446		159,446
Transferred funding for new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions to a new and vacant FTE funding pool in the Office of Management and Budget		(485,655)		(485,655)

Added 1 FTE elementary teacher position	1.00	165,000		165,000
Added 1 FTE information technology position	1.00	156,000		156,000
Added funding from special funds derived from tuition for CDE teacher salaries and operating expenses			1,500,000	1,500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>30.80</b>	<b>\$6,797,980</b>	<b>\$4,550,000</b>	<b>\$11,347,980</b>

### FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly approved 30.80 FTE positions for CDE for the 2023-25 biennium, an increase of 2 FTE positions from the 2021-23 biennium. The Legislative Assembly added 1 FTE elementary teacher position and 1 FTE information technology position.

### Center for Distance Education Transfer from the Department of Career and Technical Education

The 2021 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$9,461,254 for CDE, of which \$6,411,254 was from the general fund and \$3,050,000 was from the independent study operating fund, including 28.80 FTE positions for the 2021-23 biennium. Of the total, \$6,088,495 was for salaries and wages from the general fund and \$3,372,759 was for operating expenses, of which \$322,759 was from the general fund.

In Senate Bill No. 2269 (2023), the Legislative Assembly amended North Dakota Century Code Chapters 15-19 and 15-20.1 to transfer supervisory authority of CDE from CTE to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) beginning during the 2023-25 biennium. Section 3 of the bill provides CDE must have a separate budget and a separate staff from DPI, resulting in CDE becoming a separate state agency. In House Bill No. 1019 (2023), the Legislative Assembly removed 28.80 FTE positions and \$9,461,254 of funding for CDE, including \$6,411,254 from the general fund and \$3,050,000 from the independent study operating fund.

**See the Budget No. 270 - Department of Career and Technical Education section.**

The Legislative Assembly provided funding for the 2023-25 biennium as follows:

CDE	FTE	General Fund	Independent Study Operating Fund	Total
<b>2023-25 Biennium</b>				
Salaries and wages	30.80	\$6,797,980	\$0	\$6,797,980
Operating expenses		0	4,550,000	4,550,000
Subtotal	30.80	\$6,797,980	\$4,550,000	\$11,347,980
<b>2021-23 Biennium - CTE</b>				
Salaries and wages	28.80	\$6,088,495	\$0	\$6,088,495
Operating expenses		322,759	3,050,000	3,372,759
Subtotal	28.80	\$6,411,254	\$3,050,000	\$9,461,254
<b>Change from 2021-23 Biennium to 2023-25 Biennium</b>				
Salaries and wages increase (decrease)	2.00	\$709,485	\$0	\$709,485
Operating expenses increase (decrease)		(322,759)	1,500,000	1,177,241
Total increase (decrease)	2.00	\$386,726	\$1,500,000	\$1,886,726

### Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2013

**Effective date - Senate Bill No. 2269** - Section 23 provides Senate Bill No. 2269, related to the transfer of CDE to DPI, becomes effective July 1, 2023.

**Emergency clause - Senate Bill No. 2269** - Section 24 declares Senate Bill No. 2269, related to the transfer of CDE to DPI, an emergency measure.

### Related Legislation

**Senate Bill No. 2015 (2023) - Funding pools** - Includes funding pools from which the agency may receive allocations, including the:

- Employer retirement contribution pool from which the agency is to receive \$9,799 from the general fund in accordance with provisions of Section 23 of Senate Bill No. 2015 for the 1 percent employer retirement contribution increase provided for in House Bill No. 1040 (2023);

- New and vacant FTE funding pool from which the agency may request funding when hiring new FTE positions or if the agency does not realize sufficient savings from vacant FTE positions in accordance with provisions of Section 22 of Senate Bill No. 2015; and
- Targeted market equity pool from which the agency may receive an allocation as determined by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with provisions of Section 20 of Senate Bill No. 2015.

**Senate Bill No. 2269 - CDE transfer** - Provides the statutory changes necessary to transfer supervisory authority of CDE from CTE to DPI.