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SENATE BILL NO. 2025

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Budget Committee on Agriculture and Information Services)

(Senators Robinson, C. Nelson)
(Representative Nicholas)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 4-05.1-01, 4-05.1-03, 4-05.1-04, 4-05.1-05,
2 4-05.1-06, 4-05.1-07, 4-05.1-08, 4-05.1-09, 4-05.1-10, 4-05.1-11, 4-05.1-12, and 4-05.1-15 of
3 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the agricultural experiment station; and to repeal
4 sections 4-05.1-07.1 and 4-05.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to grant funds of
5 the Williston research center and the board of visitors of the north central research center.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-05.1-01 of the 1995 Supplement to the North
8 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **4-05.1-01. Definitions.** In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 10 1. "Agricultural experiment station" means the North Dakota state university main
11 research ~~station~~ center, the Dickinson research extension center, the Williston
12 research center, the Langdon research center, the central grasslands research
13 center, the Carrington research extension center, the Hettinger research center,
14 the north central research extension center, the agronomy seed farm, and any
15 other department or agency designated by the state board of higher education.
16 2. ~~"Director" means the director of the North Dakota agricultural experiment station.~~
17 3. ~~"Superintendent"~~ "Center director" means an administrator in charge of a research
18 or research extension center.
19 3. "Station director" means the administrator of the agricultural experiment station.

20 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-05.1-03 of the 1995 Supplement to the North
21 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

22 **4-05.1-03. ~~Director—Superintendents~~ Center directors - Research ~~station~~ and**
23 **research extension centers - Records and information.** ~~The director is under the direction~~
24 ~~of the president of the North Dakota state university of agriculture and applied science. The~~

research ~~station~~ and research extension centers of the ~~North Dakota~~ agricultural experiment station are under the jurisdiction of the station director. Each research or research extension center must be administered by a ~~superintendent~~ center director who shall report to the station director. Each research or research extension center shall keep detailed records of all research activities and publish and disseminate research results and information for the benefit of this state.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 4-05.1-04 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-05.1-04. Reports to station director and state board of higher education. Each ~~superintendent~~ center director shall submit a biennial report to the station director on or before the first day of August of each odd-numbered year. Each report must set forth in detail the investigations and experiments made during the preceding fiscal biennium, recommendations for the welfare of the center, the financial condition of the center, how all moneys have been expended, and the results of experiments. The station director shall submit these reports, with a biennial report of the North Dakota state university main research ~~station~~ center, to the board of higher education on or before the first day of September of each odd-numbered year. If the board of higher education submits a biennial report to the governor and the secretary of state in accordance with section 54-06-04, the report must include a composite of the reports from ~~the research station and~~ each research and research extension center.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 4-05.1-05 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-05.1-05. North Dakota state university main research ~~station~~ center. The North Dakota state university main research ~~station~~ center must be located on the campus of North Dakota state university of agriculture and applied science. The ~~station~~ center is the administrative location of the agricultural experiment station. The ~~station~~ center shall conduct research and coordinate all research activities of the agricultural experiment station. The research must have as a purpose, the development and dissemination of technology important to the production and utilization of food, feed, fiber, and fuel from crop and livestock enterprises. The research must provide for an enhancement of the quality of life, sustainability of production, and protection of the environment. ~~The research station shall keep detailed records of all research activities and publish the information that will be of value to the residents of this state.~~

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 4-05.1-06 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-05.1-06. Dickinson research extension center. The Dickinson research extension center must be located at or near Dickinson in Stark County. The center shall conduct research on increasing the carrying capacity of native rangeland, with emphasis on conservation and preservation for future generations. The center shall conduct research on grass production to determine how to best compensate for the vagaries of the weather as it influences forage production in the ~~dryland~~ agriculture of western North Dakota. The center shall conduct research at the ranch location in Dunn County with beef cattle and swine breeding, feeding, management, and disease control for the benefit of livestock producers of western North Dakota and the entire state. The center shall conduct research designed to increase productivity of all agricultural products of the soil by maintaining or improving the soil resource base in the ~~dryland~~ agricultural region of southwestern North Dakota by the identification of adapted crop species and superior crop cultivars; propagation and distribution of selected seed stock; and development of profitable cropping systems that achieve the necessary balance between profitability and conservation of all natural resources. ~~The center shall disseminate research results and information for the benefit of this state.~~

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 4-05.1-07 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-05.1-07. Williston research center. The Williston research center must be located at or near Williston in Williams County. The center shall conduct research designed to increase productivity of all agricultural products of the soil while maintaining or improving the soil resource base in the ~~dryland~~ agricultural region of northwestern North Dakota by the identification of adapted crop species and superior crop cultivars; propagation and distribution of selected seed stocks; and development of profitable cropping systems that achieve the necessary balance between profitability and conservation of all natural resources. ~~The center shall disseminate research results and information for the benefit of this state.~~

SECTION 7. AMENDMENT. Section 4-05.1-08 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-05.1-08. Langdon research center. The Langdon research center must be located at or near Langdon in Cavalier County. The center shall conduct research designed to increase

1 productivity of all agricultural products of the soil while maintaining or improving the soil
2 resource base in the ~~dryland~~ agricultural region of northeastern North Dakota by the
3 identification of adapted crop species and superior crop cultivars; propagation and distribution
4 of selected seed stocks; and development of profitable cropping systems that achieve the
5 necessary balance between profitability and conservation of all natural resources. ~~The center~~
6 ~~shall disseminate research results and information for the benefit of this state.~~

7 **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-05.1-09 of the 1995 Supplement to the North
8 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **4-05.1-09. Central grasslands research center.** The central grasslands research
10 center must be located within an area bounded by the Missouri River on the west and the
11 James River on the east. The center shall conduct research designed to fulfill needs within an
12 area bounded by the Missouri River on the west and the James River on the east. Research
13 objectives must be to increase the range-carrying capacity of native range, with emphasis on
14 conservation and preservation for future generations; stabilization of grass production to
15 discover how to best compensate for the vagaries of the weather and precipitation as it
16 influences forage production in a ~~dryland~~ agriculture; identification of the impact of different
17 management systems upon beef production in the central region of the state; and exploration of
18 increased use of crop residues and byproducts for the maintenance of the cowherd.

19 **SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-05.1-10 of the 1995 Supplement to the North
20 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **4-05.1-10. Carrington research extension center.** The Carrington research
22 extension center must be located at or near Carrington in Foster County. The center shall
23 conduct research designed to determine the potential of irrigated agriculture in the region
24 proposed for irrigation development in the state which must be related to both crop and
25 livestock production. The center shall conduct research designed to increase productivity of all
26 agricultural products of the soil while maintaining or improving the soil resource base in the
27 ~~dryland and irrigated~~ agricultural region of east central North Dakota by the identification of
28 adapted crop species and superior crop cultivars; propagation and distribution of selected seed
29 stocks; and development of profitable cropping and integrated crop and livestock systems that
30 achieve the necessary balance between profitability and conservation of all natural resources.
31 ~~The center shall disseminate research results and information for the benefit of this state.~~

SECTION 10. AMENDMENT. Section 4-05.1-11 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-05.1-11. Hettinger research center. The Hettinger research center must be located at or near Hettinger in Adams County. The center shall develop the best available technology in breeding, feeding, management, and disease control pertinent to the production of sheep in the state. The center shall conduct research designed to increase productivity of all agricultural products of the soil while maintaining or improving the soil resource base in southwestern North Dakota by the identification of adapted crop species and superior crop cultivars; propagation and distribution of selected seed stocks; and development of profitable cropping systems that achieve the necessary balance between profitability and conservation of all natural resources. ~~The center shall disseminate research results and information for the benefit of this state.~~

SECTION 11. AMENDMENT. Section 4-05.1-12 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-05.1-12. North central research extension center. The north central research extension center must be located at or near Minot in Ward County. The center shall conduct research designed to increase productivity of all agricultural products of the soil while maintaining or improving the soil resource base in the ~~dryland~~ agricultural region of north central North Dakota by the identification of adapted crop species and superior crop cultivars; propagation and distribution of selected seed stocks; and development of profitable cropping systems which achieve the necessary balance between profitability and conservation of all natural resources. ~~The center shall disseminate research results and information for the benefit of this state.~~

SECTION 12. AMENDMENT. Section 4-05.1-15 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-05.1-15. Agronomy seed farm - Investment of reserve income fund. The state treasurer, at the direction of the ~~superintendent~~ center director of the agronomy seed farm with the approval of the station director ~~of the North Dakota agricultural experiment station~~, shall provide for the investment of available moneys in the agronomy seed farm reserve income fund. The state treasurer shall credit the investment income to the agronomy seed farm reserve income fund. The moneys in the fund may be spent only within the limits of legislative appropriation.

- 1 **SECTION 13. REPEAL.** Sections 4-05.1-07.1 and 4-05.1-13 of the 1995 Supplement
2 to the North Dakota Century Code are repealed.