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

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

23 **4-05.1-03. ~~Director—Superintendents~~ Center directors - Research ~~station~~ and**
24 **research extension centers - Records and information.** ~~The director is under the direction~~

1 ~~of the president of the North Dakota state university of agriculture and applied science.~~ The
2 research ~~station~~ and research extension centers of the ~~North Dakota~~ agricultural experiment
3 station are under the jurisdiction of the station director. Each research or research extension
4 center must be administered by a ~~superintendent~~ center director who shall report to the station
5 director. Each research or research extension center shall keep detailed records of all
6 research activities and publish and disseminate research results and information for the benefit
7 of this state.

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

10 **4-05.1-04. Reports to station director and state board of higher education.** Each
11 ~~superintendent~~ center director shall submit a biennial report to the station director on or before
12 the first day of August of each odd-numbered year. Each report must set forth in detail the
13 investigations and experiments made during the preceding fiscal biennium, recommendations
14 for the welfare of the center, the financial condition of the center, how all moneys have been
15 expended, and the results of experiments. The station director shall submit these reports, with
16 a biennial report of the North Dakota state university main research ~~station~~ center, to the board
17 of higher education on or before the first day of September of each odd-numbered year. If the
18 board of higher education submits a biennial report to the governor and the secretary of state in
19 accordance with section 54-06-04, the report must include a composite of the reports from ~~the~~
20 ~~research station and~~ each research and research extension center.

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

23 **4-05.1-05. North Dakota state university main research ~~station~~ center.** The North
24 Dakota state university main research ~~station~~ center must be located on the campus of North
25 Dakota state university of agriculture and applied science. The ~~station~~ center is the
26 administrative location of the agricultural experiment station. The ~~station~~ center shall conduct
27 research and coordinate all research activities of the agricultural experiment station. The
28 research must have as a purpose, the development and dissemination of technology important
29 to the production and utilization of food, feed, fiber, and fuel from crop and livestock
30 enterprises. The research must provide for an enhancement of the quality of life, sustainability
31 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 extension center. The Williston research extension 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 extension center. The Langdon research extension center must be located at or near Langdon in Cavalier 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 northeastern 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 8. AMENDMENT. Section 4-05.1-09 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

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

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

4-05.1-10. Carrington research extension center. The Carrington research extension center must be located at or near Carrington in Foster County. The center shall conduct research designed to determine the potential of irrigated agriculture in the region proposed for irrigation development in the state which must be related to both crop and livestock production. The center shall conduct research designed to increase productivity of all

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

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

9 **4-05.1-11. Hettinger research extension center.** The Hettinger research extension
10 center must be located at or near Hettinger in Adams County. The center shall develop the
11 best available technology in breeding, feeding, management, and disease control pertinent to
12 the production of sheep in the state. The center shall conduct research designed to increase
13 productivity of all agricultural products of the soil while maintaining or improving the soil
14 resource base in southwestern North Dakota by the identification of adapted crop species and
15 superior crop cultivars; propagation and distribution of selected seed stocks; and development
16 of profitable cropping systems that achieve the necessary balance between profitability and
17 conservation of all natural resources. ~~The center shall disseminate research results and~~
18 ~~information for the benefit of this state.~~

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

21 **4-05.1-12. North central research extension center.** The north central research
22 extension center must be located at or near Minot in Ward County. The center shall conduct
23 research designed to increase productivity of all agricultural products of the soil while
24 maintaining or improving the soil resource base in the ~~dryland~~ agricultural region of north
25 central North Dakota by the identification of adapted crop species and superior crop cultivars;
26 propagation and distribution of selected seed stocks; and development of profitable cropping
27 systems which achieve the necessary balance between profitability and conservation of all
28 natural resources. ~~The center shall disseminate research results and information for the~~
29 ~~benefit of this state.~~

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

1 **4-05.1-15. Agronomy seed farm - Investment of reserve income fund.** The state
2 treasurer, at the direction of the ~~superintendent~~ center director of the agronomy seed farm with
3 the approval of the station director ~~of the North Dakota agricultural experiment station~~, shall
4 provide for the investment of available moneys in the agronomy seed farm reserve income
5 fund. The state treasurer shall credit the investment income to the agronomy seed farm
6 reserve income fund. The moneys in the fund may be spent only within the limits of legislative
7 appropriation.

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