

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state board for
2 vocational and technical education; to create and enact a new subsection to section 15-20.1-03
3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the powers and duties of the state board for
4 vocational and technical education; to amend and reenact section 6-09.10-02.1, subsection 1 of
5 section 6-09.10-06, sections 15-20.1-01, and 15-20.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,
6 relating to the duties of the credit review board and the state board for vocational and technical
7 education; and to provide statements of legislative intent.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

9 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the
10 funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in
11 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal
12 funds and other income, to the state board for vocational and technical education for the
13 purpose of defraying the expenses of its various divisions, for the biennium beginning July 1,
14 1997, and ending June 30, 1999, as follows:

15 Salaries and wages	\$ 2,567,463
16 Operating expenses	555,204
17 Equipment	108,000
18 Grants	21,619,356
19 Adult farm management	445,760
20 Postsecondary education vocational grants	368,600
21 Small business management	<u>99,237</u>
22 Total all funds	\$25,763,620
23 Less estimated income	<u>14,247,597</u>
24 Total general fund appropriation	\$11,516,023

1 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 6-09.10-02.1 of the 1995 Supplement to the
2 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3 **6-09.10-02.1. Additional duties of board.** In addition to other powers and duties
4 enumerated in this chapter, the board shall:

- 5 1. Establish policy for the North Dakota agricultural mediation service.
- 6 2. Recommend policies and procedures to the industrial commission regarding farm
7 loan programs of the Bank of North Dakota.
- 8 3. Recommend policies and procedures regarding the adult farm management
9 program to the state board ~~of~~ for vocational and technical education.
- 10 4. ~~Coordinate~~ Participate in a farm management delivery system coordinated by the
11 state board for vocational and technical education among the adult farm
12 management program, agricultural mediation service, and North Dakota state
13 university. The system must be available to any farmer and may be funded from
14 moneys available in the fund described in this chapter, fees paid by farmers, or
15 other sources.

16 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 6-09.10-06 of the 1995
17 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 18 1. A revolving fund must be maintained at the Bank of North Dakota for the subsidy of
19 interest rates on home-quarter purchases and coordination and operation of a farm
20 management delivery system, as provided in this chapter. All moneys transferred
21 into the fund, interest upon moneys in the fund, and payments to the fund are
22 hereby appropriated for the purposes of this chapter. Any moneys generated by
23 the farm management delivery system must be transferred to the state board for
24 vocational and technical education and allocated by the state board for vocational
25 and technical education to the adult farm management program, the agricultural
26 mediation services, and North Dakota state university for expenses related to the
27 jointly developed and implemented farm management delivery system. ~~The board~~
28 ~~may not allocate more than forty percent of these moneys to any one of these~~
29 ~~entities.~~

30 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-20.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
31 amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **15-20.1-01. Definitions.** In this chapter, unless the context or subject matter otherwise
2 requires:

- 3 1. "Director" means the director of vocational and technical education.
- 4 2. "Regulations" means regulations made by the director with the approval of the
5 state board.
- 6 3. "State board" means the state board for vocational and technical education ~~which~~
7 ~~is the state board of public school education.~~

8 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-20.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
9 amended and reenacted as follows:

10 **15-20.1-02. State board for vocational and technical education - Director of**
11 **vocational and technical education - Appointment, qualifications, assistants, duties.** The
12 state board of public school education ~~is the state board~~ for vocational and technical education
13 consists of the members of the state board of public school education, the executive director of
14 job service North Dakota, and the commissioner of higher education or the commissioner's
15 designee. The state board, ~~acting through the office of the superintendent of public instruction,~~
16 shall appoint a director and executive officer of vocational and technical education who are
17 charged with the administration, under the direction and supervision of the board, of the
18 provisions of this chapter relating to vocational and technical education. The state board,
19 ~~acting through the office of the superintendent of public instruction,~~ shall designate such
20 assistants to the director as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. The
21 duties, terms of office, and compensation of the director and of his assistants must be
22 determined by the state board. The director shall hold as a minimum a baccalaureate degree
23 received from a recognized college or university. The director shall enforce such rules and
24 regulations as the state board may adopt and shall prepare such reports concerning vocational
25 education as the state board may require.

26 **SECTION 6.** A new subsection to section 15-20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century
27 Code is created and enacted as follows:

28 To coordinate new and existing farm management programs offered by any state
29 agency or entity.

30 **SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - STATEWIDE ACCESS TO WORK FORCE**
31 **TRAINING PROGRAMS - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE.** It is the

1 intent of the fifty-fifth legislative assembly that the state board for vocational and technical
2 education cooperate with other state agencies and private organizations to provide work force
3 training programs in a manner that will allow statewide access to these programs and will
4 improve the agency's ability to coordinate and implement work force training programs in
5 anticipation of future work force training needs. The state board for vocational and technical
6 education shall provide, during the 1997-98 interim, periodic reports to the legislative council or
7 its designated committee, on the agency's progress in coordinating statewide access to work
8 force training programs.

9 **SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - FARM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FEES.** It is
10 the intent of the fifty-fifth legislative assembly that all fees collected for farm management
11 programs pursuant to sections 6-09.10-02.1 and 6-09.10-06 be transferred to the state board
12 for vocational and technical education. The state board for vocational and technical education
13 shall distribute the fees as it determines necessary to state agencies and organizations
14 involved in providing farm management programs.