

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1443

Introduced by

Representatives Dorso, Byerly, Koppang

Senators Kringstad, Robinson, Traynor

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact four new sections to chapter 52-08 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to work force training; to amend and reenact subsection 6 of section
3 15-10-01 and subsection 13 of section 15-10-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to
4 name changes of institutions of higher education; and to repeal section 15-11-02.1 of the North
5 Dakota Century Code, relating to supervision of the college at Devils Lake.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 6 of section 15-10-01 of the North Dakota
8 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 6. The following ~~junior colleges and off-campus educational center:~~ Bismarck state
10 college, ~~university of North Dakota—~~ Lake Region state college, and ~~the university~~
11 ~~of North Dakota—~~ Williston ~~center~~ state college.

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 13 of section 15-10-17 of the 1997
13 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

14 13. To establish a retirement program as an alternative to chapter 15-39.1 for
15 employees of institutions under its control subject to the following guidelines:
16 a. Benefits under the program shall be provided through annuity contracts
17 purchased by the board but which shall become the property of the
18 participants;
19 b. The cost of the annuity contracts shall be defrayed by contributions made
20 pursuant to rules of the state board of higher education;
21 c. Eligible employees appointed before July 1, 1973, shall participate in the
22 alternate retirement program only by their individual election. When the
23 electing eligible employee is a member of the teachers' fund for retirement,
24 the employee's assessments and employer's contributions together with

1 interest credited at the current rate for one-year certificates then being paid by
2 the Bank of North Dakota shall be transferred to the employee's account in
3 the alternate program. Such election shall be made prior to July 1, 1980, and
4 shall relinquish all rights the eligible employee or the employee's beneficiary
5 may have to benefits provided in chapters 15-39 and 15-39.2;

- 6 d. Employees of Bismarck state college and ~~university of North Dakota~~ Lake
7 Region state college coming under the jurisdiction of the board who are
8 members of the teachers' fund for retirement may elect prior to July 1, 1985,
9 to continue membership in the teachers' fund for retirement in lieu of the
10 alternate retirement program. If an employee does not elect to continue
11 membership in the teachers' fund for retirement, membership in that fund will
12 terminate and the employee will become a member of the alternate retirement
13 program established by the board effective July 1, 1985. An employee of the
14 above-named colleges who becomes a member of the alternate retirement
15 program may elect prior to July 1, 1985, to have the employee's assessments
16 and employer's contributions in the teachers' fund for retirement with interest
17 transferred by the board of trustees of the teachers' fund for retirement to the
18 employee's account in the alternate retirement program. If an employee
19 elects to transfer the employee's assessment and employer's contributions
20 together with interest to the alternate retirement program, the employee
21 relinquishes all rights the employee or the employee's beneficiary may have
22 to benefits provided in chapters 15-39, 15-39.1, and 15-39.2; and

- 23 e. Employees of institutions under the control of the state board of higher
24 education who are members of the public employees retirement system and
25 who become entitled to participate in the alternate retirement program are
26 entitled to a special annuity purchase in the alternate retirement program in
27 accordance with this subdivision. An eligible employee who consents to have
28 that employee's contribution included is entitled to have that employee's
29 contribution and employer's contribution, with interest, in the public
30 employees retirement system fund, used by the retirement board of the public
31 employees retirement system to purchase for that employee an annuity in the

1 alternate retirement program in lieu of any other rights under the public
2 employees retirement fund. However, before the employer's contribution may
3 be used for an annuity purchase, the employee's combined years of service
4 with the public employees retirement system and the alternate retirement
5 program must equal or exceed the years of service necessary to be eligible
6 for retirement benefits under the public employees retirement system. An
7 employee who transferred from the public employees retirement system prior
8 to March 30, 1987, and who received a refund of that employee's contribution
9 is entitled to have the employer's contribution, with interest, used to purchase
10 an annuity even if that employee did not purchase an annuity in the alternate
11 employee program with the employee's contribution. If an employee makes
12 the election allowed under this subdivision, that employee relinquishes all
13 rights the employee or any of the employee's beneficiaries may have had to
14 benefits provided under chapter 54-52.

15 The board shall provide for the administration of the alternate retirement program
16 and establish rules therefor consistent with the foregoing guidelines. Nothing in
17 this subsection shall be construed in derogation of any existing retirement
18 programs approved by the board.

19 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 52-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
20 created and enacted as follows:

21 **Institution to serve work force needs.** Subject to state board of higher education
22 policies, the president of an institution of higher education that is assigned primary
23 responsibility for work force training shall establish a division or other unit within the institution
24 to serve the work force needs of business and industry and to serve as a broker in arranging
25 the delivery of training.

26 **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 52-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
27 created and enacted as follows:

28 **Work force training board - Formation.** Subject to state board of higher education
29 policies, the president of an institution of higher education that is assigned primary
30 responsibility for work force training shall appoint a work force training board consisting of
31 representatives from businesses and industries located within the institution's delivery area.

1 The work force training board must consist of at least seven but no more than fifteen members
2 including at least one representative from one of the following: an Indian-owned business, the
3 tribal government, or the tribal colleges within the designated region.

4 **SECTION 5.** A new section to chapter 52-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Preparation of business plan - Revolving loans.** Subject to state board of higher
7 education policies, the president of an institution of higher education that is assigned primary
8 responsibility for work force training shall prepare an annual business plan that must include
9 provisions for use of the training capacity of the tribal colleges within the designated region, in
10 consultation with the work force training board as established in section 4 of this Act. The work
11 force training board shall approve the business plan and make recommendations for funding of
12 the business plan to the state board of higher education. The state board of higher education
13 may establish for each institution of higher education assigned primary responsibility for work
14 force training a revolving loan fund for work force training program startups using the borrowing
15 authority provided for in section 15-10-16.1.

16 **SECTION 6.** A new section to chapter 52-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
17 created and enacted as follows:

18 **Performance measurements for work force training.** Subject to state board of
19 higher education policies, the president of an institution of higher education that is assigned
20 primary responsibility for work force training shall develop, in consultation with the work force
21 training board established under section 4 of this Act, performance measurements for work
22 force training. The measurements must include requirements for being time sensitive and
23 results oriented and must determine how well the training needs of business and industry are
24 being met.

25 **SECTION 7. REPEAL.** Section 15-11-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
26 repealed.