

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

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; to repeal section 15-11-02.1 of the North
5 Dakota Century Code, relating to supervision of the junior college at Devils Lake; and to provide
6 an appropriation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 **Institution to serve work force needs.** The president of an institution of higher
23 education that is assigned primary responsibility for work force training shall establish a division
24 within the institution to serve the work force needs of business and industry and to serve as a
25 broker in delivering 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 **Advisory board - Formation.** The president of an institution of higher education that is
29 assigned primary responsibility for work force training shall appoint an advisory board
30 consisting of representatives from businesses and industries located within the institution's

1 delivery area. The advisory board must consist of at least seven but no more than fifteen
2 members.

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

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

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

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

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

23 **SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in
24 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so
25 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state board for vocational and technical
26 education for the purpose of contracting with institutions of higher education assigned primary
27 responsibility for work force training to provide the framework for work force training in this
28 state, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.