

Fifty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2041**

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Higher Education Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the North Dakota university system; and to amend and reenact  
3 section 15-10-14.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the higher education system  
4 strategic plan.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **North Dakota university system - Unified system of higher education.** The  
9 institutions of higher education under the control of the state board of higher education are a  
10 unified system of higher education, as established by the board, and are designated as the  
11 North Dakota university system.

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-10-14.2 of the 1999 Supplement to the North  
13 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **15-10-14.2. Higher education system review—Plan—Report to legislative council**  
15 **strategic plan - Reports.**

16 1. ~~In 2002, and every six years thereafter, the~~ The state board of higher education  
17 ~~shall report to the legislative council and the governor on the status of the~~ adopt a  
18 strategic planning process and develop a strategic plan to define and prioritize  
19 university system, including the long term goals and objectives that will best serve  
20 the citizens of this state, including recommendations known as higher education  
21 roundtable recommendations accepted by the legislative council in 2000. The  
22 board shall provide an annual performance and accountability report regarding  
23 performance and progress toward the goals outlined in the university system's  
24 strategic plan and accountability measures.

- 1           2. ~~During each year, except those years when reports are required by subsection 1,~~  
2           ~~the state board of higher education shall:~~
  - 3           a. ~~Prioritize the long-term goals, including defining and meeting student and~~  
4           ~~institutional expectations regarding teaching and learning, the curriculum, the~~  
5           ~~quality of campus life, and educational services;~~
  - 6           b. ~~Develop specific directions for the pursuit of the goals given priority;~~
  - 7           c. ~~Develop measurable criteria in order to determine the rate of progress toward~~  
8           ~~achieving the goals given priority; and~~
  - 9           d. ~~Develop specific timelines within which the goals given priority must be~~  
10           ~~attained.~~
- 11          3. ~~In 2003, and every six years thereafter, the state board of higher education shall~~  
12          ~~report to the legislative council and the governor and present the directions,~~  
13          ~~criteria, and timelines the board developed in accordance with subsection 2.~~
- 14          4. ~~The state board of higher education shall also present to the legislative council and~~  
15          ~~the governor options for generating within the university system the revenues~~  
16          ~~needed to ensure attainment of the goals given priority.~~
- 17          5. ~~The state board of higher education shall report to the legislative council and the~~  
18          ~~governor at least once assembly during each year, except those years when~~  
19          ~~reports are required by subsections 1 and 3, and shall present a progress report~~  
20          ~~regarding its goals and objectives, together with any other information requested~~  
21          ~~by the legislative council or the governor regular legislative session regarding the~~  
22          ~~status of higher education in this state.~~