

Fifty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1444

Introduced by

Representatives R. Kelsch, Delmore, Haas

Senators Grindberg, Krebsbach

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-62.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to student loan principal reductions.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-62.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Student loan principal reduction - Application.**

- 7 1. An individual who graduated on or after May 1, 2000, from an institution of higher
8 education in this state may apply to the Bank of North Dakota for a reduction in the
9 principal amount of any student loan incurred by the individual provided:
- 10 a. The individual is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices
11 board or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board;
- 12 b. The individual has signed a contract of employment with a school district in
13 this state to teach at the high school level in a course area or field that is
14 identified by the superintendent of public instruction as being in need of
15 teacher; and
- 16 c. The employing school district had an average daily membership during the
17 2000-01 school year of five hundred fifty or fewer.
- 18 2. The Bank of North Dakota shall consider all applications under this section in
19 chronological order.
- 20 3. Upon approval, the Bank of North Dakota shall annually reduce the principal
21 amount of any student loan incurred by the individual by the lesser of the
22 outstanding loan balance or two thousand dollars.
- 23 4. The total reduction in the principal amount of an individual's student loan, as
24 provided for in this section, may not exceed ten thousand dollars.