

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

SENATE BILL NO. 2039  
(Legislative Council)  
(Higher Education Committee)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 15-10-12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to legislative approval of capital improvement projects financed by donations, gifts, grants, and bequests.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-10-12.1 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15-10-12.1. Acceptance of buildings and campus improvements - Legislative approval.**

The state board of higher education may not authorize the construction of buildings and campus improvements and building maintenance on land under the control of the board which are financed by donations, gifts, grants, and bequests ~~without the consent of the legislative assembly~~ if the cost of the improvement or building maintenance is not more than three hundred eighty-five thousand dollars. The consent of the legislative assembly is required for construction of any building financed by donations, gifts, grants, and bequests and for campus improvements or building maintenance financed by donations, gifts, grants, and bequests if the cost of the improvements or maintenance is more than three hundred eighty-five thousand dollars. During the time the legislative assembly is not in session, except for the six months preceding the convening of a regular session, and unless otherwise restricted by previous legislative action or other law, the state board of higher education, with the approval of the budget section of the legislative council, may authorize the use of land under the control of the board and construct buildings and campus improvements thereon which are financed by donations, gifts, grants, and bequests and campus improvements and building maintenance financed by donations, gifts, grants, and bequests and if the cost of the improvement or maintenance is more than three hundred eighty-five thousand dollars. The budget section approval must include a specific dollar limit for each building or campus improvement project, or maintenance project. The budget section may establish guidelines regarding the types of gifts for minor improvements which do not require the approval of the budget section based upon the financial impact of such construction projects upon the state of North Dakota. The state board of higher education, with the approval of the budget section, may authorize the sale of any real property or buildings which an institution of higher learning has received by gift or bequest. The budget section may board shall prescribe such conditions for the sale of the property as it determines necessary, including. The conditions must include requiring an appraisal and the public auction or advertisement for bids, unless the gift instrument requires a different process. If the state board of higher education submits a request for campus improvements, building maintenance, or to construct buildings under this section to the budget section for approval, the legislative council shall notify each member of the legislative assembly of the date of the budget section meeting at which the request will be considered and provide a copy of the meeting agenda to each member of the legislative assembly. The chairman of the budget section shall allow any member of the legislative assembly an opportunity to present testimony to the budget section regarding any such request.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2039.

Senate Vote:      Yeas    45          Nays    2          Absent    2

House Vote:      Yeas    94          Nays    1          Absent    3

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State