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HOUSE BILL NO. 1183

(Education Committee)

(At the request of the State Board for Vocational and Technical Education)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 4-14.2-03, subsection 1 of section 4-24-11.1, section 4-37-03, subsections 3 and 4 of section 6-09.10-02.1, subsection 1 of section 6-09.10-06, subsection 2 of section 12-44.1-01, sections 12-44.1-17 and 12-46-25, subsection 4 of section 12.1-32-07, sections 14-06.1-07 and 14-06.1-09, subsection 2 of section 14-08.1-05.1, subsection 1 of section 14-10.2-01, sections 15-10-18.3, 15-10-18.5, 15-20.1-01, 15-20.1-02, 15-20.1-03, 15-20.1-03.1, 15-20.1-04, 15-20.1-05, 15-20.1-06, 15-20.1-07, 15-20.1-11, 15-20.1-21, 15-20.2-01, 15-20.2-02, 15-20.2-03, 15-20.2-04, 15-20.2-05, 15-20.2-07, 15-20.2-08, 15-20.2-09, 15-20.2-10, 15-20.2-11, 15-20.2-12, 15-20.2-13, 15-20.2-14, 15-20.2-15, and 15-20.2-16, subsections 2 and 6 of section 15-20.4-01, subsection 11 of section 15-39.1-04, sections 15-63-02, 15-63-03, 15-63-04, 15-63-05, and 15.1-01-02, subsection 4 of section 15.1-02-13, subsection 7 of section 15.1-09-33, subsection 1 of section 15.1-09-36, subsection 1 of section 15.1-12-10, subsection 1 of section 15.1-13-01, subsection 4 of section 15.1-13-10, sections 15.1-14-23, 15.1-14-24, 15.1-14-25, 15.1-14-26, 15.1-14-27, 15.1-14-28, 15.1-14-29, 15.1-14-30, 15.1-14-31, and 15.1-14-32, subsection 5 of section 15.1-16-20, subsection 7 of section 15.1-21-02, section 15.1-25-01, subsection 1 of section 15.1-27-18, section 15.1-27-28, subsection 4 of section 15.1-27-37, subsections 3 and 6 of section 19-03.1-23, subsection 1 of section 19-03.1-23.1, sections 25-06-02, 25-07-04, 27-21-02, and 27-21-03, subsection 1 of section 27-21-06, sections 27-21-07, 27-21-09, 34-05-01.3, and 34-06-15, subsection 1 of section 37-07.1-02, section 40-57-02, subsection 3 of section 40-57-03, sections 40-57.2-01, 40-57.2-04, 43-35-13, 50-09-02.2, 50-11-01, 52-02-02.1, 52-02-08, and 52-08-12, subsection 2 of section 52-08.1-04, section 52-09-08, subsection 12 of section 54-10-14, section 54-56-01, subsection 2 of section 54-59-17, section 54-60-06, subsection 16 of section 57-15-06.7, subsection 15 of section 57-15-10, subsections 1 and 2 of section 57-15-14.2, section 57-15-17, subdivision m of subsection 1 of section 57-38-01.2, and subsection 2 of section 57-38-67 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to changing the name of "state board for vocational and technical education" to "state board for career and technical education", changing the name of "area vocational and technology centers" to "area career and technology centers", authorizing area vocational and technology centers to accept property and grants from the federal government, and designating a department of career and technical education; and to repeal section 15-20.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the powers of the school board of a vocational school district.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 3 of section 4-14.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. Educational and ~~vocational~~ career and technical education training programs in milling, processing, manufacturing, purchasing methods, marketing procedures, product sales techniques, and other related subjects to be conducted for users of northern crops.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 4-24-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. The North Dakota agricultural hall of fame committee consists of the following individuals, each of whom must be selected by the governing body of the entity or the official to be represented:

- a. A representative of the North Dakota winter show;
- b. A representative of agricultural media;
- c. A representative of ~~vocational~~ agriculture in the area of career and technical education;
- d. A representative of the North Dakota stockmen's association;
- e. A representative of the North Dakota grain growers association;
- f. A representative of the North Dakota oilseed council;
- g. A representative of county extension agents;
- h. A representative of the agriculture commissioner;
- i. A representative of the North Dakota pork producers;
- j. A representative of the North Dakota sheep producers;
- k. A representative of the national agricultural marketing association;
- l. A representative of the North Dakota implement dealers association;
- m. A representative of the North Dakota farm bureau;
- n. A representative of the North Dakota farmers union; and
- o. A representative of the national farmers organization.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 4-37-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-37-03. Purpose - Powers and duties. The agriculture in the classroom council shall develop agricultural curriculum activities and train teachers in these agricultural curriculum activities for grades kindergarten through twelve in this state's public school system. The council shall work with all educators, including the superintendent of public instruction, the ~~state board for vocational~~ department of career and technical education, the United States department of agriculture, and the state agriculture commissioner in accomplishing its purpose. The council shall render services consistent with this purpose which include:

1. Consultations with the state superintendent of public instruction, the ~~state board for vocational~~ department of career and technical education, the state agriculture commissioner, and the United States department of agriculture.
2. Preparation of instructional, informational, and reference publications on the North Dakota agricultural economy and rural lifestyles.
3. Provide training programs for public school teachers in developed agricultural curriculum activities.
4. Encourage research on and identification of new instructional, informational, and reference publications relating to this state's agricultural economy and rural lifestyles.
5. Monitor the quality and condition of the agriculture in the classroom program.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Subsections 3 and 4 of section 6-09.10-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

3. Recommend policies and procedures regarding the adult farm management program to the state board for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education.
4. Participate in a farm management delivery system coordinated by the state board for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education among the adult farm management program, agricultural mediation service, and North Dakota state university. The system must be available to any farmer and may be funded from moneys available in the fund described in this chapter, fees paid by farmers, or other sources.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 6-09.10-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. A revolving fund must be maintained at the Bank of North Dakota for the subsidy of interest rates on home-quarter purchases and coordination and operation of a farm management delivery system, as provided in this chapter. All moneys transferred into the fund, interest upon moneys in the fund, and payments to the fund are hereby appropriated for the purposes of this chapter. Any moneys generated by the farm management delivery system must be transferred to the state board for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education and allocated by the state board for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education to the adult farm management program, the agricultural mediation services, and North Dakota state university for expenses related to the jointly developed and implemented farm management delivery system.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 12-44.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. "Correctional facility" means a city or county jail or detention center, regional corrections center, or juvenile detention center for the detention or confinement of persons in accordance with law. The use of the term does not imply and may not be used to require the provision of services including treatment, counseling, ~~vocational~~ career and technical education, or other educational services, except as may otherwise be required or provided for under this chapter.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENT. Section 12-44.1-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

12-44.1-17. Inmate educational and counseling programs. A correctional facility may utilize the resources of the community to provide inmates with available educational, ~~vocational~~ career and technical education, counseling, and work release opportunities. A correctional facility may, if possible, and subject to reasonable safety, security, discipline, and correctional facility administration requirements, provide opportunities for access to available religious, mental health, alcoholism, and addiction counseling by inmates desirous of such counseling.

SECTION 8. AMENDMENT. Section 12-46-25 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

12-46-25. Youth correctional center ~~vocational~~ career and technical education shop revolving fund. There must be maintained in the Bank of North Dakota by the North Dakota youth correctional center a ~~vocational~~ career and technical education shop revolving fund to purchase required parts and supplies for student ~~vocational~~ career and technical education training projects. The amounts taken from the fund must be paid back to the fund from collections made on these projects. The provisions of section 54-27-10 do not apply to this fund and no part of the fund reverts at the expiration of any biennium.

SECTION 9. AMENDMENT. Subsection 4 of section 12.1-32-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. When imposing a sentence to probation, probation in conjunction with imprisonment, or probation in conjunction with suspended execution or deferred imposition of sentence, the court may impose such conditions as it deems appropriate and may include any one or more of the following:
 - a. Work faithfully at a suitable employment or faithfully pursue a course of study or of ~~vocational~~ career and technical education training that will equip the defendant for suitable employment.
 - b. Undergo available medical or psychiatric treatment and remain in a specified institution if required for that purpose.
 - c. Attend or reside in a facility established for the instruction, recreation, or residence of persons on probation.
 - d. Support the defendant's dependents and meet other family responsibilities.
 - e. Make restitution or reparation to the victim of the defendant's conduct for the damage or injury which was sustained or perform other reasonable assigned work. When restitution, reparation, or assigned work is a condition of probation, the court shall proceed as provided in subsection 1 or 2, as applicable, of section 12.1-32-08.
 - f. Pay a fine imposed after consideration of the provisions of section 12.1-32-05, except when imposition of sentence is deferred.
 - g. Refrain from excessive use of alcohol or any use of narcotics or of another dangerous or abusable drug without a prescription.
 - h. Permit the probation officer to visit the defendant at reasonable times at the defendant's home or elsewhere.
 - i. Remain within the jurisdiction of the court, unless granted permission to leave by the court or the probation officer.
 - j. Answer all reasonable inquiries by the probation officer and promptly notify the probation officer of any change in address or employment.
 - k. Report to a probation officer at reasonable times as directed by the court or the probation officer.
 - l. Submit to a medical examination or other reasonable testing for the purpose of determining the defendant's use of narcotics, marijuana, or other controlled substance whenever required by a probation officer.
 - m. Refrain from associating with known users or traffickers in narcotics, marijuana, or other controlled substances.
 - n. Submit the defendant's person, place of residence, or vehicle to search and seizure by a probation officer at any time of the day or night, with or without a search warrant.
 - o. Serve a term of imprisonment of up to one-half of the maximum term authorized for the offense of which the defendant was convicted or one year, whichever is less.
 - p. Reimburse the costs and expenses determined necessary for the defendant's adequate defense when counsel is appointed for the defendant. When reimbursement of indigent defense costs and expenses is imposed as a condition of probation, the court shall proceed as provided in subsection 3 of section 12.1-32-08.
 - q. Provide community service for the number of hours designated by the court.

- r. Refrain from any subscription to, access to, or use of the internet.

SECTION 10. AMENDMENT. Section 14-06.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

14-06.1-07. Program goals. Each of the service centers shall develop a goal to serve a stated number of urban and rural displaced homemakers. In addition, the service centers shall develop plans for including displaced homemakers in existing job training and placement programs offered by job service, colleges, ~~vocational~~ career and technical education, or other suitable agencies.

SECTION 11. AMENDMENT. Section 14-06.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

14-06.1-09. Service programs. The service centers shall, in cooperation with other existing service programs, ensure that displaced homemakers receive information and referral services which include:

1. A health counseling and referral clinic based on principles of preventive health care and consumer health education.
2. Money management courses, including information and assistance in dealing with insurance programs (life, health, home, and automobile), taxes, mortgages, loans, and probate problems.
3. Information about other assistance programs, including concrete information and assistance with supplemental security income, social security, veterans administration benefits, welfare, food stamps, housing, unemployment insurance, medical assistance, and educational financial assistance.
4. Educational programs, including courses offered for credit through universities, colleges, or ~~vocational~~ career and technical education training programs, or leading toward a high school equivalency degree. These courses must be designed to supplement the usual academic course offerings with classes geared toward older persons to improve their self-image and abilities.

SECTION 12. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 14-08.1-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. For purposes of this section, "work activities" may include:
 - a. Unsubsidized employment;
 - b. Subsidized private sector employment;
 - c. Subsidized public sector employment;
 - d. Work experience, including work associated with the refurbishing of publicly assisted housing, if sufficient private sector employment is not available;
 - e. On-the-job training;
 - f. Job search and job readiness assistance;
 - g. Community service programs;
 - h. ~~Vocational-educational~~ Career and technical education training, not to exceed twelve months with respect to any individual;
 - i. Job skills training directly related to employment;

- j. Education directly related to employment, in the case of an individual who has not received a high school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalency;
- k. Satisfactory attendance at secondary school or in a course of study leading to a certificate of general equivalence, in the case of an individual who has not completed secondary school or received such a certificate;
- l. The provision of child care services to an individual who is participating in a community service program; and
- m. Postsecondary education and any other activity treated by the federal government as work for purposes of calculating a work participation rate under 42 U.S.C. 607(b).

SECTION 13. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 14-10.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 1. "Educational institution" means a university, college, community college, junior college, high school, technical, ~~vocational~~ career and technical education or professional school, or similar institution, wherever located, approved or accredited by the appropriate official, department, or agency of this state for the purposes of this chapter, or by the appropriate official, department, or agency of the state in which the institution is located.

SECTION 14. AMENDMENT. Section 15-10-18.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-10-18.3. Free tuition in North Dakota institutions of higher education. Any dependent, as defined in section 15-10-18.2 upon being duly accepted for enrollment into any North Dakota state-supported institution of higher education or state-supported career and technical ~~or vocational~~ education school, must be allowed to obtain a bachelor's degree or certificate of completion, for so long as the dependent is eligible, free of any tuition and fee charges, except those charged to retire outstanding bonds; provided, however, that the bachelor's degree or certificate of completion is earned within a thirty-six-month or eight-semester period or its equivalent; and further provided that tuition and fee charges shall not include costs for aviation flight charges or expenses. Once a person qualifies as a dependent under sections 15-10-18.2 and 15-10-18.3, there shall be no removal from the benefits of this section due to such an occurrence as the return of the prisoner of war or person missing in action.

SECTION 15. AMENDMENT. Section 15-10-18.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-10-18.5. Free tuition in North Dakota institutions of higher education for survivor of firefighter or peace officer. Should a firefighter or peace officer die as a direct result of injuries received while engaged in the performance of official duties under circumstances dangerous to human life, the survivor, upon being duly accepted for enrollment into any North Dakota state-supported institution of higher education or state-supported career and technical ~~or vocational~~ education school, must be allowed to obtain a bachelor's degree or certificate of completion, for so long as the dependent is eligible, free of any tuition and fee charges, except those charged to retire outstanding bonds; provided, however, that the bachelor's degree or certificate of completion is earned within a thirty-six-month or eight-semester period or its equivalent; and further provided that tuition and fee charges may not include costs for aviation flight charges or expenses.

SECTION 16. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.1-01. Definitions. In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "Career and technical education" includes vocational education.

2. "Department" means the department of career and technical education, which consists of the director and other persons appointed or designated by the state board or the director to carry out the duties of the state board.
3. "Director" means the director of ~~vocational~~ career and technical education.
- 2- 4. "Regulations" means regulations made by the director with the approval of the state board.
- 3- 5. "State board" means the state board for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education.

SECTION 17. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.1-02. State board for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education - Director of ~~vocational~~ career and technical education - Appointment, qualifications, assistants, duties. The state board for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education consists of the members of the state board of public school education, the executive director of job service North Dakota, and the commissioner of higher education or the commissioner's designee. The state board shall oversee the department and appoint a director and executive officer of ~~vocational~~ career and technical education who are charged with the administration, under the direction and supervision of the board, of the provisions of this chapter relating to ~~vocational~~ career and technical education. The state board shall designate such assistants to the director as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. The duties, terms of office, and compensation of the director and of ~~his~~ the director's assistants must be determined by the state board. The director shall hold as a minimum a baccalaureate degree received from a recognized college or university. The director shall enforce such rules and regulations as the state board may adopt and shall prepare such reports concerning ~~vocational~~ career and technical education as the state board may require.

SECTION 18. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.1-03. Powers and duties of state board relating to ~~vocational~~ career and technical education. The state board shall have all authority necessary to cooperate with the United States department of education, or other department or agency of the United States of America in the administration of acts of Congress relating to ~~vocational~~ career and technical education, including the following powers and duties:

1. To administer any legislation enacted by the legislative assembly of this state pursuant to or in conformity with acts of Congress relating to ~~vocational~~ career and technical education.
2. To administer the funds provided by the federal government and by this state for the promotion of ~~vocational~~ career and technical education, and to contract with:
 - a. Any public or private institution or agency, board of trustees of any agricultural and training school, or school district of this state; or
 - b. Any public or private institution or agency, or political subdivision, of another state.
3. To formulate plans for the promotion of ~~vocational~~ career and technical education in such subjects as are an essential and integral part of the public school system of education in this state.
4. To provide for the preparation of teachers.
5. To fix the compensation of such officers and assistants as may be necessary to administer the federal acts and the provisions of this chapter relating to ~~vocational~~ career and technical education and to pay the same and other necessary expenses of administration from any funds appropriated for such purpose.

6. To make studies and investigations relating to ~~vocational~~ career and technical education.
7. To promote and aid in the establishment of schools, departments, or classes, and to cooperate with local communities in the maintenance of ~~vocational~~ career and technical education schools, departments, or classes.
8. To prescribe the qualifications and provide for the certification of teachers, directors, and supervisors.
9. To cooperate with governing bodies of school districts and with organizations and communities in the maintenance of classes for the preparation of teachers, directors, and supervisors of ~~vocational~~ career and technical education, to maintain classes for such purposes under its own direction and control, and to establish and control, by general regulations, the qualifications to be possessed by persons engaged in the training of ~~vocational~~ career and technical education teachers.
10. To coordinate new and existing farm management programs offered by any state agency or entity.
11. To create and expand marketing clubs as adjuncts to new and existing farm management programs.

SECTION 19. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.1-03.1. Postsecondary ~~vocational~~ career and technical education reciprocity with Minnesota. The state board may enter into agreements with the Minnesota higher education coordinating board or with the governing board of any public postsecondary ~~vocational~~ career and technical institute in that state to enable, on a reciprocal basis, any resident of North Dakota to attend an approved ~~vocational~~ career and technical education program in Minnesota and to permit any resident of Minnesota to attend an approved ~~vocational~~ career and technical education program in North Dakota without being required to pay nonresident tuition fees. For the purposes of this section, "approved ~~vocational~~ career and technical education program" means any postsecondary ~~vocational~~ career and technical program offered by a Minnesota area ~~vocational~~ career and technical institute or a district-operated junior college in North Dakota. Any agreement made pursuant to this section may provide for the transfer of funds between the states and any payment to Minnesota by North Dakota must be within the limitations of the payment due North Dakota from Minnesota under the authority contained in chapter 15-10.1. Any payment to North Dakota by Minnesota must be deposited in the state's general fund.

SECTION 20. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.1-04. Acceptance of benefits of federal acts in ~~vocational~~ career and technical education - Cooperation with federal government. The state of North Dakota hereby accepts all of the provisions and benefits of the acts of Congress to assist states to maintain, extend, and improve existing programs and develop new programs in ~~vocational~~ career and technical education.

SECTION 21. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.1-05. Custody and payment of ~~vocational~~ career and technical education funds. The state board is charged with the duty of administering all funds that are received from federal and state sources and shall accept and use gifts made unconditionally by will or otherwise for purposes of carrying out this chapter for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education. All such moneys received must be placed in the custody of the state treasurer, and must be paid in accordance with legislative appropriations by the office of management and budget as directed by the director of ~~vocational~~ career and technical education.

SECTION 22. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.1-06. Reimbursement of schools teaching subjects in ~~vocational~~ career and technical education. The state board may reimburse approved public or private institutions or agencies, or political subdivisions of this state or of another state, giving instruction in ~~vocational~~ career and technical education from funds allocated for that purpose. The state board may prorate the sums available if funds are insufficient to reimburse at the rate established by the state board.

SECTION 23. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.1-07. Cooperation of school boards in ~~vocational~~ career and technical education. The governing body of any school district may cooperate with the state board in the establishment and maintenance of schools, departments, or classes giving instruction in ~~vocational~~ career and technical education as approved by the state board, and may use any moneys raised by public taxation for such purposes in the same manner as the moneys for other school purposes are used for the maintenance and support of public schools. When any school, department, or class giving instruction in ~~vocational~~ career and technical education has been approved by the state board, it may be entitled to share in any federal and state funds available for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education.

SECTION 24. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.1-11. Curriculum - General powers and duties. The curriculum offered students by a ~~vocational school~~ an area career and technology center must be as determined by the school board; provided, that such curriculum must be submitted annually to the state board for approval, and only an approved curriculum may be offered.

SECTION 25. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.1-21. Biennial report. The state board may submit a biennial report to the governor and the secretary of state in accordance with section 54-06-04. If submitted, the report must set forth the condition of ~~vocational~~ career and technical education in the state, a list of the schools to which federal and state aid for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education has been given, and a detailed statement of the expenditures of federal and state funds for that purpose.

SECTION 26. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.2-01. Area centers - Definition of terms. In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center" means a program of ~~vocational~~ career and technical education conducted at one or more attendance centers by three or more participating public school districts.
2. "Center board" means the governing board of an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center.
3. "Participating district" means a public school district whose students are attending an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center.
4. "School board" means a participating public school district board.
5. "State board" means the state board for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education.

SECTION 27. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.2-02. Submission of plan for area center - Approval by state board. The school boards of three or more school districts may submit to the state board a proposed plan to establish an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center. Such proposal must be consistent with the state plan for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education and meet the requirements, rules, standards, and procedures as adopted by the state board. The state board upon receipt of a proposed plan to establish an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center shall examine such plan and receive testimony for the purpose of examining supporting and nonsupporting evidence submitted therewith. The state board shall process the proposed plan according to procedures consistent with the state plan. Nothing in this chapter may be interpreted to prohibit school districts from entering into other kinds of administrative structures for ~~vocational~~ career and technology centers approved by the state board pursuant to other provisions of law.

SECTION 28. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.2-03. Agreement of participation in area center - Resolution of agreement. After approval of a plan pursuant to this chapter, all participating school districts of an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center shall enter into an agreement of participation which must receive a vote of approval of the school board of each participating school district. Prior to the effective date of an approved plan, a resolution of agreement must be adopted by a majority vote of each participating school board and such resolution must be published once in the official newspaper of each county or counties of the participating school districts.

SECTION 29. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.2-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.2-04. Center boards - Appointment of members - Terms - Compensation - Vacancies. An area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center must be operated by a center board of not less than five members nor more than a total of one member for each participating district; provided, however, that each participating school district with three hundred or more high school students must be allowed one member for each three hundred high school students or fraction thereof with a limitation of not more than three members from any one school district. Center board members must be members of the school boards. The terms of office of the members of center boards must be for at least one year and terminate upon the expiration of their terms on their respective school boards. Members are eligible for reappointment to center boards. Center board members shall receive the same compensation and expenses for attending center board meetings or for otherwise engaging in official business for the center as provided in section 15.1-09-06 for members of school boards. Compensation and expenses of center board members must be paid out of center funds.

Vacancies on a center board must be filled by the school board whose representation was lost when the vacancy occurred.

SECTION 30. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.2-05. Special board plan for small center. If four or fewer school districts comprise an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center and if enrollment within such school district is insufficient to provide five members in accordance with section 15-20.2-04, the boards of such school district shall agree upon the number and manner of selection of members of the center board and shall submit their plan of selection for approval by the state board pursuant to section 15-20.2-02.

SECTION 31. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.2-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.2-07. Powers and duties of center boards. The powers and duties of a center board are as follows:

1. To supervise, manage, and control an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center established by the cooperating school districts pursuant to this chapter.
2. To provide ~~vocational~~ career and technical education programs approved by the state board.
3. To contract with, employ, and pay personnel to administer the affairs and to teach in the area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center, and to remove for cause any personnel when the interests of the area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center may require it; provided, that personnel employed by a center board shall have the same statutory rights as provided by law for personnel employed by public school districts.
4. To lease, acquire, or purchase ~~vocational~~ career and technical education equipment for an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center.
5. To lease, acquire, purchase, or sell ~~vocational~~ career and technical education facilities, including real property, for an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center; provided, that any purchase or sale of real property must first be approved by two-thirds of the school boards of the participating school districts.
6. To receive and administer any private, local, state, or federal funds provided for the operation and maintenance of an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center.
7. To enter into contracts consistent with the other powers and duties provided for by this chapter.
8. To accept real or personal property available for distribution by the United States or any of its departments or agencies and also to accept federal grants that may be made available in the field of career and technical education.

SECTION 32. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.2-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.2-08. Assessment of participating districts for proportionate share of center expenses - Allocation of students - Civil penalty for failure to remit payment. A center board shall, for the purpose of paying any administrative, planning, operating, or capital expenses incurred or to be incurred, assess each participating school district its proportionate share based upon its high school enrollment as compared to the total high school enrollment of all participating school districts in the area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center and shall assess each nonparticipating school district receiving services its proportionate share based upon its utilization of programs. A center board shall, as nearly as possible, allocate the number of students from each participating district to be served in an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center on the same proportionate basis as is used for the assessment of expenses.

A center board utilizing mobile units solely shall, for the purpose of paying any administrative, planning, operating, or capital expenses incurred or to be incurred, assess each participating school district its proportionate share based upon its utilization of programs as compared to total program utilization of all participating school districts in such center. A center board utilizing mobile units solely shall, as nearly as possible, determine the program utilization of each participating school district to be served based upon its high school enrollment as compared to the total high school enrollment of all participating school districts in such center and the school's accessibility to those programs.

Each participating school district shall remit payment of the assessment of its share of expenses to the center board promptly after receipt of the assessment notice, or within a period of time determined by the center board, but no later than sixty days after the official date of receipt as noted on

the assessment notice. A civil penalty of one percent per month must accrue on all assessments not paid when due.

SECTION 33. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.2-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.2-09. Distribution of state funds to area centers - Rules and regulations. Funds which may be made available to the state board for distribution to area ~~vocational~~ career and technology centers must be apportioned and distributed by the state board to the area ~~vocational~~ career and technology centers to assist such centers in defraying the cost involved in maintaining and operating such centers. The use of such funds is subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the state board, and must be in accordance with the approved state plan for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education.

SECTION 34. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.2-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.2-10. Appropriated and federal funds used for distribution. The funds distributed to the area ~~vocational~~ career and technology centers under the provisions of section 15-20.2-09 must be paid out of moneys appropriated to the state board for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education, including federal funds allotted to the state to promote and attain the purposes of state and federal legislation on ~~vocational~~ career and technical education.

SECTION 35. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.2-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.2-11. District becoming participant in established center - Procedure. After an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center has been established, any other school district may become a participant in the center and may be governed by the provisions of this chapter upon following a process similar to that pursued by the school districts originally forming the center, including approval of the vote of the district board, the center board, and the state board according to the procedure set forth in sections 15-20.2-12 and 15-20.2-13.

SECTION 36. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.2-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.2-12. District board resolution to participate in established center - Publication. A school district board may request that the state board and the center board approve such school district as a participating district in an established area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center upon approval of a resolution by the school district board. When such resolution has been adopted by the school district board, it must be published once in the official newspaper of the county or counties in which the district is located.

SECTION 37. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.2-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.2-13. Referendum on district participation in area center - Majority required for approval. A school district board may not proceed to obtain approval as a participating district in an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center if a petition for referendum of the question of said school district participating in an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center signed by twenty percent of the qualified electors of said school district voting at the last annual school election is filed with the school board within sixty days of the publication of the resolution provided for in section 15-20.2-12. When such petition is filed, the school board may not obtain approval as a participating district in an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center until the question of whether the district shall enter into an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center has been submitted to the qualified electors of the district. If a majority of the total number of votes cast on the question within the school district is in favor of the question, the school board may proceed to obtain approval as a participating district in an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center.

SECTION 38. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.2-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.2-14. Withdrawal of district from participation in center - Submission to voters - Effect of withdrawals. The procedure for withdrawal is the same as for joining as provided for in sections 15-20.2-11 through 15-20.2-13, except that when a participating district is unable to obtain an approval of withdrawal from the center board, or the state board, or both, the participating district may submit the question to withdraw from the area ~~vocational career~~ and technology center to the voters of the school district. If a majority of the total number of votes cast on the question is in favor of withdrawal, the participating school district must be released from the area ~~vocational career~~ and technology center. Such withdrawal may become effective at the end of the next school year or on such a date as determined by the state board, but such withdrawal does not affect the liability of the withdrawing school district for obligations incurred during its participation.

SECTION 39. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.2-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.2-15. Dissolution of established center. An established area ~~vocational career~~ and technology center may be dissolved in accordance with rules and procedures adopted by the state board.

SECTION 40. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.2-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.2-16. Rules, regulations, and standards for area centers. The state board is ~~hereby~~ authorized and empowered to establish and adopt rules, regulations, standards, and procedures set forth in the state plan pertaining to the creation, operation, control, supervision, and approval of area ~~vocational career~~ and technology centers.

SECTION 41. AMENDMENT. Subsections 2 and 6 of section 15-20.4-01 of the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

2. "Board" means the state board for ~~vocational career~~ and technical education.
6. "Executive officer" means the director of ~~vocational career~~ and technical education.

SECTION 42. AMENDMENT. Subsection 11 of section 15-39.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

11. "Teacher" means:
 - a. All persons licensed by the education standards and practices board who are contractually employed in teaching, supervisory, administrative, or extracurricular services by a state institution, special education unit, school board, or other governing body of a school district of this state, including superintendents, assistant superintendents, business managers, principals, assistant principals, and special teachers. For purposes of this subdivision, "teacher" includes persons contractually employed by one of the above employers to provide teaching, supervisory, administrative, or extracurricular services to a separate state institution, state agency, special education unit, school board, or other governing body of a school district of this state under a third-party contract.
 - b. The superintendent of public instruction, assistant superintendents of public instruction, county superintendents, assistant superintendents, supervisors of instruction, the professional staff of the ~~state board for vocational department of career~~ and technical education, the professional staff of the division of independent study, the executive director and professional staff of the North Dakota education association who are members of the fund on July 1, 1995, the professional staff of an

interim school district, and the professional staff of the North Dakota high school activities association who are members of the fund on July 1, 1995.

- c. The executive director and professional staff of the North Dakota council of school administrators who are members of the fund on July 1, 1995, and licensed staff of teachers centers, but only if the person was previously a member of and has credits in the fund.
- d. Employees of institutions under the control and administration of the state board of higher education who are members of the fund on July 16, 1989.

SECTION 43. AMENDMENT. Section 15-63-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-63-02. Duties of board. The state board for Indian scholarships shall:

1. Award scholarship grants as provided in this chapter.
2. Make necessary rules and establish standards, requirements, and procedures for the administration of this chapter.
3. Encourage members of Indian tribes to attend and be graduated from any institution of higher learning or state ~~vocational~~ career and technical education program within this state, and to make application for scholarships.

SECTION 44. AMENDMENT. Section 15-63-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-63-03. Number and nature of scholarships. The state board for Indian scholarships shall provide scholarships each year for resident members of federally recognized Indian tribes to entitle persons so selected to enter and attend any institution of higher learning or state ~~vocational~~ career and technical education program within this state upon compliance with all requirements for admission and to pursue any course or courses offered in such institutions or programs.

SECTION 45. AMENDMENT. Section 15-63-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-63-04. Eligibility of candidates - Determination. The initial and continuing scholarship eligibility of state residents who are enrolled members of federally recognized Indian tribes must be determined by the state board for Indian scholarships after the candidate has gained admission to any institution of higher learning or state ~~vocational~~ career and technical education program within this state and has had this fact certified to the board. Factors to be considered in the award of these scholarships are the candidate's financial need and probable and continuing success as a student.

SECTION 46. AMENDMENT. Section 15-63-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-63-05. Scholarship payments - Conditions. Upon the granting of a scholarship and acceptance thereof, the recipient is eligible for a credit in fees in the enrolling institution of higher learning or state ~~vocational~~ career and technical education program to apply toward the cost of registration, health, activities, board, books, and other necessary items of not to exceed six hundred sixty-seven dollars per quarter for three quarters, or one thousand dollars per semester for two semesters, in any academic year. The board for Indian scholarships may reduce the amount of any scholarship to accord with individual financial need or funds available. After the enrolling institution or program has deducted the amount due such institution, the remaining balance must be given to the recipient for necessary expenses during the quarter or semester. At the beginning of each quarter or semester of a regular academic year, the board for Indian scholarships shall certify to the director of the office of management and budget the name of each recipient and the amount payable, and the director of the office of management and budget shall issue ~~his~~ a warrant to the state treasurer who shall pay

the amount of the scholarship to the institution of higher learning or state ~~vocational~~ career and technical education program in which the recipient is enrolled. Renewal of the scholarship award is subject to the maintenance of a minimum grade average of "C" in the courses taken.

SECTION 47. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-01-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-01-02. Joint meetings - State board of public school education - State board of higher education - Education standards and practices board - State board for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education. The state board of public school education, the state board of higher education, the education standards and practices board, and the state board for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education shall meet together at least once each year at the call of the superintendent of public instruction, the commissioner of higher education, the executive director of the education standards and practices board, and the director of ~~vocational~~ career and technical education for the purposes of:

1. Coordinating elementary and secondary education programs, ~~vocational~~ career and technical education programs, and higher education programs.
2. Cooperating in the provision of professional growth and development opportunities for elementary and secondary teachers and administrators.
3. Ensuring cooperation in any other jointly beneficial project or program.

SECTION 48. AMENDMENT. Subsection 4 of section 15.1-02-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. For purposes of this section:

- a. "Administrator" means an individual employed by a school district in an administrative position and includes a school district superintendent, an assistant or associate superintendent, a principal, an assistant principal, a special education director, a ~~vocational~~ career and technical education director, and any other individual whose position requires an administrator's credential.
- b. "Teacher" means an individual, other than an administrator, who is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board and who is employed by the board of a school district in a position classified by the superintendent of public instruction as of July 1, 2001, as:

- (1) A class 22 coordinator;
- (2) A class 37 guidance counselor or school counselor;
- (3) A class 38 guidance counselor designate;
- (4) A class 40 instructional programmer;
- (5) A class 41 library media specialist;
- (6) A class 56 pupil personnel service provider;
- (7) A class 59 school psychologist;
- (8) A class 62 speech-language pathologist;
- (9) A class 68 supervisor;
- (10) A class 70 teacher or special education teacher; or

- (11) A class 72 tutor in training.

SECTION 49. AMENDMENT. Subsection 7 of section 15.1-09-33 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7. Lease real property for a maximum of one year except in the case of a ~~vocational career~~ and technical education facility constructed in whole or in part with financing acquired under chapter 40-57, which may be leased for up to twenty years.

SECTION 50. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 15.1-09-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. A school board may:
 - a. Require that a student pay a security deposit for the return of textbooks, materials, supplies, or equipment.
 - b. Assess a student a use charge if a textbook or other item covered under subsection 1 has received undue wear.
 - c. Require that a student furnish personal or consumable items.
 - d. Require that a student pay an admission fee or other charges for extracurricular or noncurricular activities if the student's attendance is optional.
 - e. Require that a student pay a fee or a premium for any authorized student health and accident benefit plan.
 - f. Require that a student pay a fee for personal athletic equipment and apparel; provided the board shall allow a student to use the student's own equipment and apparel if it meets reasonable health and safety standards established by the board.
 - g. Require that a student pay a fee in any program which generates a product that becomes the personal property of the student.
 - h. Require that a student pay a fee for behind-the-wheel driver's education instruction.
 - i. Require that a student pay a fee for goods, including textbooks, and services provided in connection with any postsecondary level program or any program established outside regular elementary, middle school, or secondary school programs, including ~~vocational~~ career and technical programs, and adult or continuing education programs.
 - j. Require that a student pay any other fees and charges permitted by statute.

SECTION 51. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 15.1-12-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. The reorganization plan required by section 15.1-12-09 must:
 - a. Include a map showing the boundaries of each participating district and of the proposed new district;
 - b. Include the demographic characteristics of each participating district, including the population per age group;
 - c. Include the number of students enrolled in each participating district during the current school year and during the ten preceding school years;
 - d. Include projected student enrollments for the ensuing ten years;

- e. Include the location and condition of all school buildings and facilities in each participating district and intended uses for the buildings and facilities;
- f. Address planned construction, modification, or improvement of school buildings and facilities located within the boundaries of the new district;
- g. Address planned course offerings by the new district;
- h. Include the planned administrative structure of the new district and the number of full-time equivalent personnel to be employed by the new district;
- i. Include the planned number of members who will constitute the board of the new district and the manner in which the members are to be elected;
- j. Address plans regarding student transportation;
- k. Identify other governmental entities, including multidistrict special education units and area ~~vocational~~ career and technology centers, which may provide services to the new district;
- l. Include the taxable valuation and per student valuation of each participating district and the taxable valuation and per student valuation of the new district;
- m. Include the amount of all bonded and other indebtedness incurred by each participating district;
- n. Address the planned disposition of all property, assets, debts, and liabilities of each participating district, taking into consideration section 15.1-12-18;
- o. Include a proposed budget for the new district and a proposed general fund levy and any other levies, provided that tax levies submitted to and approved by the state board as part of a reorganization plan are not subject to mill levy limitations otherwise provided by law; and
- p. Include any other information that the participating school districts wish to have considered by the county committee or the state board.

SECTION 52. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 15.1-13-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 1. "Administrator" means an individual who holds an administrator's credential and who is employed by the board of a school district for the primary purpose of providing administrative services to the schools of the district. The term includes a school district superintendent, an assistant or associate school district superintendent, a school principal, an assistant or associate school principal, a special education director, a director of a multidistrict special education unit, a ~~vocational~~ career and technical education director, and a director of a ~~vocational~~ an area career and technology center. The term may include an athletic or activity director who meets the requirements of this subsection.

SECTION 53. AMENDMENT. Subsection 4 of section 15.1-13-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 4. This section does not affect the qualifications for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education certificates, as otherwise established by law.

SECTION 54. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-14-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-14-23. Area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center - Director - Evaluation.

1. Before December fifteenth of each year, the board of an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center shall conduct a formative evaluation of the director's performance.
2. Before March fifteenth of each year, the board shall conduct a formal evaluation of the director's performance. The board shall place a copy of the evaluation report in the director's file and shall provide a copy of the evaluation report to the director.
3. If the board finds the director's performance to be unsatisfactory in any area, the board shall detail its findings regarding the director's performance in the report and shall make recommendations.
4. Upon receiving the report, the director may provide a written response to the board. The board shall place the director's written response in the director's personnel file.
5. The board shall meet with the director to discuss the evaluation.

SECTION 55. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-14-24 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-14-24. Area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center - Director - Grounds for dismissal. The board of an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center may dismiss a director prior to the expiration of the individual's contract for any of the following causes:

1. Immoral conduct.
2. Insubordination.
3. Conviction of a felony.
4. Conduct unbecoming the position of a director.
5. Failure to perform contracted duties without justification.
6. Gross inefficiency that the director has failed to correct after written notice.
7. Continuing physical or mental disability that renders the director unfit or unable to perform the director's duties.

SECTION 56. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-14-25 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-14-25. Area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center - Director - Discharge for cause - Notice of hearing - Legal expenses.

1. If the board of an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center intends to discharge a director for cause prior to the expiration of the director's contract, the board shall:
 - a. Provide the director with a written description of the reasons for the discharge; and
 - b. Provide the director with written notice specifying the date and time at which the board will conduct a hearing regarding the discharge.
2. If the director chooses to be accompanied by an attorney, the legal expenses attributable to that representation are the responsibility of the director.

SECTION 57. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-14-26 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-14-26. Area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center - Director - Discharge for cause - Hearing.

1. At the hearing, the director may produce evidence and witnesses to rebut any reasons given by the board of the area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center for its discharge of the director.
2. The hearing must be conducted in accordance with chapter 28-32.
3. All witnesses are subject to cross-examination.
4. Unless otherwise agreed to by the board and the director, the hearing must be conducted as an executive session of the board, except that:
 - a. The director may invite to the hearing any two representatives to speak on behalf of the director and may invite the director's spouse or one other family member.
 - b. The board may invite to the hearing any two representatives to speak on behalf of the board and may invite the center's business manager.
5. If a continuance is requested by the director, the board shall grant a continuance for a period not in excess of seven days. The board may grant a continuance in excess of seven days upon a showing of good cause.
6. No cause of action for libel or slander may be brought regarding any communication made at an executive session held by the board for the purposes provided in this section.

SECTION 58. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-14-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-14-27. Area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center - Director - Discharge for cause - Report to the education standards and practices board. If the board of an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center discharges a director for cause, the board shall report the discharge to the education standards and practices board.

SECTION 59. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-14-28 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-14-28. Area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center - Director - Suspension during discharge proceeding - Compensation. The board of an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center may suspend a director if, by unanimous vote, the board determines that suspension is appropriate during the period in which a discharge for cause is pursued. If the director is ultimately discharged for cause, the board may determine the amount of compensation, if any, due the director during the period of suspension. If the director is ultimately not discharged, the board may not apply any reduction to the director's salary for the period of suspension.

SECTION 60. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-14-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-14-29. Area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center - Director - Nonrenewal of contract - Reasons - Notice.

1. If the board of an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center contemplates not renewing the contract of a director who has been employed by the board in that position for at least two consecutive years, the board shall on or before April fifteenth:
 - a. Provide written notification of the contemplated nonrenewal to the director.
 - b. Schedule a hearing to be held on or before April twenty-first for the purpose of discussing and acting upon the contemplated nonrenewal.
 - c. Provide written notification of the date, time, and place for the hearing to the director.

- d. Provide written notification of the reasons for the contemplated nonrenewal to the director.
2. a. The reasons for the contemplated nonrenewal of the director's contract must:
 - (1) Be sufficient to justify the contemplated nonrenewal;
 - (2) Relate to the ability, competence, or qualifications of the director; and
 - (3) Originate from specific findings documented in the formal and written evaluations of the director's performance required by section 15.1-14-23.
- b. The provisions of this section do not apply if the contemplated nonrenewal is based on a necessary reduction in personnel.

SECTION 61. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-14-30 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-14-30. Area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center - Director - Nonrenewal of contract - Hearing.

1. At the hearing required by section 15.1-14-29, the board of the area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center shall present testimony or documentary evidence to substantiate the reasons for the contemplated nonrenewal of a director who has been employed by the board in that position for at least two consecutive years.
2. The director may call witnesses and present evidence necessary to refute the reasons for nonrenewal.
3. Each witness appearing on behalf of the board or the director may be questioned for the purpose of clarification.
4. Unless otherwise agreed to by the board and the director, the hearing must be conducted as an executive session of the board, except that:
 - a. The director may invite to the hearing any two representatives to speak on behalf of the director and may invite the director's spouse or one other family member.
 - b. The board may invite to the hearing any two representatives to speak on behalf of the board and may invite the center's business manager.
5. If the director chooses to be accompanied by an attorney, the legal expenses attributable to that representation are the responsibility of the director.
6. If a continuance is requested by the director, the board shall grant a continuance for a period not to exceed seven days.
7. No cause of action for libel or slander may be brought regarding any communication made at an executive session held by the board for the purposes provided in this section.
8. If, after considering the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing, the board chooses not to renew the contract of the director, the board shall provide written notice of its decision to the director on or before May first.

SECTION 62. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-14-31 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-14-31. Area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center - Director - Contract - Failure to provide notice of nonrenewal. The contract of an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center director is deemed to be renewed for a period of one year from its termination date if:

1. On or before April fifteenth, the board of the center has not provided written notification to the director regarding a contemplated nonrenewal of the director's contract; and
2. On or before June first, the director has not provided to the board a written resignation.

SECTION 63. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-14-32 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-14-32. Area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center - Director - Employed for less than two years - Notification of nonrenewal. If the board of an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center elects not to renew the contract of a director who has been employed by the board in that position for less than two years, the board shall provide written notice of the nonrenewal to the director before May first. At the request of the director, the board shall meet with the director to convey the reasons for the nonrenewal.

SECTION 64. AMENDMENT. Subsection 5 of section 15.1-16-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5. For purposes of this section, "teacher" means a contracted state employee who:
 - a. Holds a teaching license or is approved to teach by the education standards and practices board;
 - b. Is employed primarily to provide classroom instruction or individualized instruction;
 - c. Has a work schedule set in accordance with the school calendar;
 - d. Is a guidance counselor, school librarian, itinerant outreach teacher, or a ~~vocational~~ career and technological technical resource person required to meet teaching and licensure requirements; and
 - e. Is not a superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal, supervisor, substitute, or paraprofessional.

SECTION 65. AMENDMENT. Subsection 7 of section 15.1-21-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7. Any six units selected from business education, economics and the free enterprise system, foreign language, American sign language, and ~~vocational~~ career and technical education courses including family and consumer sciences, agriculture, business and office technology, marketing, diversified occupations, trade and industrial education, technology education, and health careers. The ~~vocational~~ career and technical education courses may be offered through cooperative arrangements approved by the state board for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education.

SECTION 66. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-25-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-25-01. Postsecondary enrollment options program. Any North Dakota student enrolled in grade eleven or twelve in a public high school is eligible to receive high school and postsecondary credit for the successful completion of an academic course offered by any postsecondary institution accredited by a regional accrediting organization or a ~~vocational~~ career and technical education course offered by a postsecondary institution in a program accredited by a national or regional accrediting organization recognized by the United States department of education.

SECTION 67. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 15.1-27-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. In order to be counted for the purpose of calculating per student payments, as provided for by this chapter, a high school student must be enrolled in at least four high school units. The units may include ~~vocational~~ career and technical education courses offered in accordance with chapter 15-20.1 and courses that are approved by the superintendent of public instruction and offered by another high school district.

SECTION 68. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-27-28 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-27-28. School district transportation of ~~vocational~~ career and technical education students - Payments.

1. Each school district is entitled to receive an amount for transporting students to and from schools in other districts and to and from schools within the district for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education courses offered through cooperative arrangements approved by the state board for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education. The amount must be the same for mileage and per day payments as that provided in subdivisions a through c of subsection 1 of section 15.1-27-26.
2. A school district may not receive more than one per student payment for transportation of a student regardless of the frequency with which the student is transported during any one day.
3. Notwithstanding any other law, the superintendent of public instruction shall make the payments due a school district under this section directly to an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center if requested to do so by the school district.

SECTION 69. AMENDMENT. Subsection 4 of section 15.1-27-37 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. For purposes of this section, the claim of a district may include proportionate expenditures made by the district to compensate individuals employed as teachers by the special education unit or the area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center to which the district belongs.

SECTION 70. AMENDMENT. Subsections 3 and 6 of section 19-03.1-23 of the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

3. For second or subsequent offenders, in addition to any other penalty imposed under this section, a person who violates this chapter, except a person who manufactures, delivers, or possesses with the intent to manufacture or deliver marijuana, is subject to, and the court shall impose, the following penalties to run consecutively to any other sentence imposed:
 - a. Any person, eighteen years of age or older, who violates this section by willfully manufacturing, delivering, or possessing with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance in or on, or within one thousand feet [300.48 meters] of the real property comprising a public or private elementary or secondary school or a public ~~vocational~~ career and technical education school is subject to an eight-year term of imprisonment.
 - b. If the defendant was at least twenty-one years of age at the time of the offense, and delivered a controlled substance to a person under the age of eighteen, the defendant must be sentenced to imprisonment for at least eight years. It is not a defense that the defendant did not know the age of a person protected under this subdivision.
6. It is unlawful for any person to willfully, as defined in section 12.1-02-02, possess a controlled substance unless the substance was obtained directly from, or pursuant to, a

valid prescription or order of a practitioner while acting in the course of the practitioner's professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by this chapter, but any person who violates section 12-46-24 or 12-47-21 may not be prosecuted under this subsection. Except as provided in this subsection, any person who violates this subsection is guilty of a class C felony. If the person is in or on, or within one thousand feet [300.48 meters] of the real property comprising a public or private elementary or secondary school or a public ~~vocational~~ career and technical education school, the person is guilty of a class B felony. Any person who violates this subsection regarding possession of one-half ounce [14.175 grams] to one ounce [28.35 grams] of marijuana is guilty of a class A misdemeanor. Any person, except a person operating a motor vehicle, who violates this subsection regarding possession of less than one-half ounce [14.175 grams] of marijuana is guilty of a class B misdemeanor. Any person who violates this subsection regarding possession of less than one-half ounce [14.175 grams] of marijuana while operating a motor vehicle is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 71. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 19-03.1-23.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. A person who violates section 19-03.1-23 is subject to the penalties provided in subsection 2 if:
 - a. The offense involved the manufacture or distribution of a controlled substance in or on, or within one thousand feet [300.48 meters] of, the real property comprising a public or private elementary or secondary school, public ~~vocational~~ career and technical education school, or a public or private college or university;
 - b. The defendant was at least sixteen years of age at the time of the offense and the offense involved the delivery of a controlled substance to a minor; or
 - c. The offense involved:
 - (1) Fifty grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin;
 - (2) Fifty grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of:
 - (a) Coca leaves, except coca leaves and extracts of coca leaves from which cocaine, ecgonine, and derivatives of ecgonine or their salts have been removed;
 - (b) Cocaine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and salts of isomers;
 - (c) Ecgonine, its derivatives, their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers; or
 - (d) Any compound, mixture, or preparation that contains any quantity of any of the substance referred to in subparagraphs a through c;
 - (3) Five grams or more of a mixture or substance described in paragraph 2 which contains cocaine base;
 - (4) Ten grams or more of phencyclidine or one hundred grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of phencyclidine;
 - (5) One gram, one hundred dosage units, or one-half liquid ounce or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of lysergic acid diethylamide;

- (6) Forty grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidiny] propanamide or ten grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of any analog of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidiny] propanamide;
- (7) Fifty grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine;
- (8) Ten grams, one hundred dosage units, or one-half liquid ounce or more of a mixture of substance containing a detectable amount of 3,4-methylenedioxy-N-methylamphetamine, $C_{11}H_{15}NO_2$;
- (9) One hundred dosage units or one-half liquid ounce of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of gamma-hydroxybutyrate or gamma-butyrolactone or 1,4 butanediol or any substance that is an analog of gamma-hydroxybutyrate;
- (10) One hundred dosage units or one-half liquid ounce of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of flunitrazepam; or
- (11) Five hundred grams or more of marijuana.

SECTION 72. AMENDMENT. Section 25-06-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

25-06-02. Duties and responsibilities of North Dakota vision services - school for the blind. Within the limits of legislative appropriation, North Dakota vision services - school for the blind shall:

1. Provide vision-specific services that include consultations, evaluations, information, training, and educational services, including instruction in orientation, mobility, braille, braille music, daily living skills, technology, ~~vocational~~ career and technical education training, and recreation.
2. Collect and distribute information on vision services and resources available in the state.
3. Coordinate loans of adaptive devices, equipment, and materials.
4. Maintain a data base of residents who are blind or have a visual impairment.
5. Facilitate collaboration with agencies and programs providing services to individuals who are blind or have a visual impairment.
6. Assist residents to access appropriate services, including services available from the vocational rehabilitation division, independent living centers, infant development programs, developmental disabilities programs, the state library, local education programs, and advocacy programs.

SECTION 73. AMENDMENT. Section 25-07-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

25-07-04. Qualifications for admission to school for deaf - Residents of state entitled to free education. Each applicant who is a resident of this state and who, because of hearing impairment, is unable to receive an education in the public schools, is entitled to receive an education in the school for the deaf at the expense of the state. The North Dakota school for the deaf serves deaf or hearing-impaired children from birth through age twenty-one. The North Dakota school for the deaf shall furnish application blanks upon request and no child will be admitted until application is completed and approved. Students enrolled must be furnished transportation by the school for the deaf as indicated in the student's individual education plan. All deaf or hearing-impaired children who are

residents of the state are entitled to receive special education and related services based on a completed individual education program, which considers the academic, independent living skills, ~~vocational~~ career and technical education, recreational, and leisure needs of each child.

SECTION 74. AMENDMENT. Section 27-21-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

27-21-02. Division of juvenile services - Powers and duties. The division of juvenile services is the administrative agency which shall take custody of delinquent and unruly children committed to its care by the juvenile courts. Upon committing a child to the custody of the division of juvenile services, the juvenile court, law enforcement officers, and other public officials shall make available to the division of juvenile services all pertinent data in their possession with respect to the child. Upon taking custody or if authorized by the court prior to receiving custody of a child, the division of juvenile services shall process the child through such diagnostic testing and evaluation programs as may be necessary to determine the treatment and rehabilitation which is in the best interest of the child and in the best interest of the state. In doing so, the division of juvenile services may utilize the psychological, addiction, psychiatric, ~~vocational~~ career and technical education, medical, and other diagnostic and testing services that are available, examine all the pertinent circumstances, and review the reasons for the child's commitment. Upon completion of the diagnostic testing and evaluation of a child committed to its custody, the division shall make disposition under subsection 1, 2, or 3 and inform the court of its disposition. Upon completion of the diagnostic testing and evaluation of a child not in its custody, the division shall develop and recommend to the juvenile court an individualized treatment and rehabilitation plan for the child. This plan must include recommendations for the disposition of the child as follows:

1. Placement in the care of the child's parent, relative, guardian, or in a foster home or suitable private institution licensed by the state for the care or treatment and rehabilitation of children;
2. Placement in the care of the North Dakota youth correctional center or in a ~~vocational~~ career and technical education, training, or other treatment and rehabilitation institution for children or young adults within this state; or
3. Placement in the care of a ~~vocational~~ career and technical education, training, or other treatment and rehabilitation institution for children or young adults in another state in the event that adequate facilities for the child's treatment and rehabilitation are not available within this state and the committing juvenile court concurs in the placement.

SECTION 75. AMENDMENT. Section 27-21-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

27-21-03. Temporary care. The division of juvenile services may, if other means are unavailable, place a child committed to its custody in the temporary care of the North Dakota youth correctional center, a ~~vocational~~ career and technical education, training, medical, psychiatric, psychological, or other institution suitable for children within this state for not more than sixty days, in order to provide for diagnostic testing and evaluation and other assessments pending disposition under section 27-21-02.

SECTION 76. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 27-21-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. The division of juvenile services ~~is hereby empowered to~~ may contract and make placements with the appropriate agencies or departments of other states in order that they may receive care of committed children for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education, training, or other treatment and rehabilitation purposes contemplated by this chapter. Before contracting with any agency or department of another state, the director of the division, or the director's designee, shall assess the facilities that are offered by such department or agency, and, after contracting, forward to the committing juvenile court a

summary on the facilities that are furnished by such agency or department and such other information pertaining thereto as may reasonably be requested.

SECTION 77. AMENDMENT. Section 27-21-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

27-21-07. Report by caretaker to division of juvenile services. Any person, agency, department, or ~~vocational~~ career and technical education, training, or other treatment and rehabilitation institution, either within or outside of this state, that has received care of a child under this chapter, other than temporary care, shall:

1. Submit to the director of the division, in such form as the director may reasonably prescribe, a quarterly report of the progress of the child; and
2. Submit to the director of the division, in such form as the director may reasonably prescribe, any interim report of the progress of the child that the director deems necessary in the interest of the child.

Quarterly and interim reports must be made available to the committing juvenile court.

SECTION 78. AMENDMENT. Section 27-21-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

27-21-09. Cooperation with other agencies and departments of the state - Right to inspect facilities of state institutions - Right to examine children. The division of juvenile services shall cooperate with and receive the cooperation of the department of human services, the department of public instruction, the ~~board for vocational~~ department of career and technical education, the juvenile courts, the state department of health, and such other agencies and departments of the state as may be necessary to carry out the objectives of this chapter. The division of juvenile services may inspect at all reasonable times the facilities of those institutions within the state it is authorized to utilize under this chapter, and may examine any child it has placed in the care of such institution, and may contract with public and private agencies to provide services for them or to retain from them required services to meet the purpose and objective of this chapter.

SECTION 79. AMENDMENT. Section 34-05-01.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

34-05-01.3. Duties of commissioner of labor. The commissioner of labor shall:

1. Improve working conditions and living conditions of employees and advance their opportunities for profitable employment.
2. Foster, promote, and develop the welfare of both wage earners and industries in North Dakota.
3. Promote friendly and cooperative relations between employers and employees.
4. Cooperate with other state agencies to encourage the development of new industries and the expansion of existing industries.
5. Represent the state of North Dakota in dealings with the United States department of labor, with the federal mediation and conciliation service, and with the United States veterans' administration with respect to job training programs.
6. Acquire and disseminate information on the subjects connected with labor, relations between employers and employees, hours of labor, and working conditions.

7. Encourage and assist in the adoption of practical methods of vocational career and technical education training, retraining, and vocational-guidance career development counseling.
8. Report biennially to the governor and to the legislative assembly concerning activities of the department of labor, including in such report recommendations for legislation deemed necessary or desirable to effectuate the purposes of this chapter.
9. Administer the provisions of chapter 34-06 relating to wages and hours, chapter 34-07 relating to child labor, and the provisions of chapter 34-12 relating to labor-management relations.
10. Perform such other duties as may be required by law.

SECTION 80. AMENDMENT. Section 34-06-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

34-06-15. Special license to employ at less than minimum wage. The commissioner may issue to an employee whose productive capacity for the work to be performed is impaired by physical or mental disability, or to any student or learner enrolled in a vocational career and technical education or related program, a special license authorizing the employment of that licensee at less than the minimum wage. The commissioner may also issue special licenses to community rehabilitation programs for the handicapped which engage in the occupation and responsibility of representing and placing for the purpose of training, learning, or employment of those employees whose productive capacity for the work to be performed is impaired by physical or mental disability. The commissioner shall issue such licenses under rules adopted by the commissioner.

SECTION 81. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 37-07.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. "School" means any university, college, vocational career and technical education school, technical school, or postsecondary educational institution.

SECTION 82. AMENDMENT. Section 40-57-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

40-57-02. "Project" and "municipality" defined. As used in this chapter, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context, the term "municipality" includes counties as well as municipalities of the types listed in subsection 4 of section 40-01-01 and, in the case of parking projects, municipal parking authorities created pursuant to section 40-61-02; and the term "project" means any real property, buildings, and improvements on real property or the buildings thereon, and any equipment located on such real property or in such buildings, or elsewhere, or personal property which is used or useful in connection with a revenue-producing enterprise, or any combination of two or more such enterprises, engaged or to be engaged in:

1. Assembling, fabricating, manufacturing, mixing, or processing of any agricultural, mineral, or manufactured products, or any combination thereof.
2. Storing, warehousing, distributing, or selling any products of agriculture, mining, or manufacture.
3. Providing hospital, nursing home, or other health care facilities and service.
4. Improvements or equipment used or to be used for the abatement or control of environmental pollution in connection with any new or existing revenue-producing enterprise.
5. Public vocational career and technical education.

6. Any other industry or business not prohibited by the constitution or laws of the state of North Dakota.

In no event, however, does the term "project" include those undertakings defined in chapter 40-35, with the exception of projects referred to in subsections 3, 4, and 5.

SECTION 83. AMENDMENT. Subsection 3 of section 40-57-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. Lease projects to any industrial or commercial enterprise or nonprofit corporation or to any school district for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education purposes, in such manner that rents to be charged for the use of such projects shall be fixed, and revised from time to time as necessary, so as to produce income and revenue sufficient to provide for the prompt payment of interest upon all bonds issued hereunder, to create a sinking fund to pay the principal of such bonds when due, and to provide for the operation, maintenance, insurance on, and depreciation of such projects, and any taxes thereon.

SECTION 84. AMENDMENT. Section 40-57.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

40-57.2-01. Cities and counties may enter into agreements for surveys for industrial development and ~~vocational~~ career and technical education and on-the-job training. The governing body of any city or county of this state is authorized in accordance with the provisions of this chapter to enter into contracts with any person, firm, association, corporation, or limited liability company for the purpose of obtaining site surveys and site development plans, structural and mechanical plans and surveys, market surveys, and similar plans and surveys relating to industrial development and plant location, design, construction, equipment, and operation. Similar contracts may be entered into by such political subdivisions in accordance with the provisions of this chapter for the providing of ~~vocational~~ career and technical education and on-the-job training for residents of this state in industries located within this state. Such agreements shall be entered into only with a financially and educationally reliable person, firm, association, corporation, or limited liability company that has been approved for such agreement by a local development organization located in such city or county and organized to encourage industrial and commercial development and growth.

SECTION 85. AMENDMENT. Section 40-57.2-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

40-57.2-04. City or county may make tax levy. Any city or county, after resolution by its governing body that the question be submitted to its electors shall upon approval of the question at a regular or special election by sixty percent of the qualified electors of the city or county voting in the election may levy a tax not exceeding the limitations in subsection 16 of section 57-15-06.7 and subsection 15 of section 57-15-10 for the purpose of providing funds for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education and on-the-job training services and surveys and otherwise implementing this chapter. No levy for a specific year shall be made if the balance in the fund remaining from levies in prior years is in excess of ten thousand dollars.

SECTION 86. AMENDMENT. Section 43-35-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-35-13. Certificate - How obtained - Fee - Bond. Any person desiring to take the examination to become a certified water well contractor shall first have completed a minimum of one-year apprenticeship or experience in water well drilling and construction under the direct supervision of a certified water well contractor or have completed a ~~vocational-school~~ career and technical education program of at least one year in water well construction and shall make application to the board. Any person desiring to take the examination to become a certified water well pump and pitless unit installer shall first have completed a minimum of one-year apprenticeship or experience in water well pump and pitless unit installation under the direct supervision of a certified water well pump and pitless unit installer or have completed a ~~vocational-school~~ career and technical education program

of at least one year in water well pump and pitless unit installation. Any person desiring to take the examination to become a certified monitoring well contractor shall first have completed a minimum of one-year apprenticeship or experience in monitoring well construction under the direct supervision of a certified water well contractor or a certified monitoring well contractor or have completed a ~~vocational school~~ career and technical education program of at least one year in water well construction or hold a bachelor's degree in engineering or geology from an approved school and shall make application to the board. A person applying to take a certification examination shall pay to the board treasurer a nonrefundable examination fee in the amount of ten dollars. If upon examination the applicant is found to be qualified as a water well contractor or a water well pump and pitless unit installer, the board shall issue to that person an appropriate certificate upon the applicant's executing and filing with the board a bond as required in this chapter. The board may offer a combined examination for certification of a person as a water well contractor and a water well pump and pitless unit installer and may issue a single certificate for successful completion of the combined examination. Certificates issued under this chapter are not transferable.

SECTION 87. AMENDMENT. Section 50-09-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

50-09-02.2. Assistance for adopted children with special needs. Assistance provided under this chapter or chapter 50-24.1 after adoption to a child with special needs must be provided without regard to the income or resources of the adopting parents. Except as provided in this section, such assistance continues until the adopted child becomes eighteen years of age, is emancipated, or dies; the adoption is terminated; or a determination of ineligibility is made by the county agency, whichever occurs earlier. If sufficient funds are available, the county agency may continue assistance for an adopted child until the child reaches twenty-one years of age if the agency determines that the adopted child is a student regularly attending a secondary, postsecondary, or ~~vocational~~ career and technical education school in pursuance of a course of study leading to a diploma, degree, or gainful employment. Assistance provided to an adopted child must continue regardless of the residence of the adopting parents. A state or county agency may require, as a condition of receiving assistance under this chapter or chapter 50-24.1, that the adopting parents enter into a contract or agreement regarding the type of assistance to be received; the amount of assistance; the identity of the physical, mental, or emotional condition for which medical assistance is received; or any conditions for continued receipt of assistance. A child with special needs is a child legally available for adoptive placement whose custody has been awarded to the department or a county social service board and who is five years of age or older; under eighteen years of age with a physical, emotional, or mental handicap; a member of a minority; or a member of a sibling group.

SECTION 88. AMENDMENT. Section 50-11-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

50-11-01. Foster care for children - License required. No person may furnish foster care for children for more than thirty days during a calendar year without first procuring a license to do so from the department. The mandatory provisions of this section requiring licensure do not apply when the care is provided in:

1. The home of a person related to the child by blood or marriage.
2. A home or institution under the management and control of the state or a political subdivision.
3. A home or facility furnishing room and board primarily to accommodate the child's educational or ~~vocational~~ career and technical education needs.

SECTION 89. AMENDMENT. Section 52-02-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

52-02-02.1. Adult education and training - Grants to students. Job service North Dakota may make grants of up to five hundred dollars per person to Job Training Partnership Act eligible

students enrolled in adult basic and secondary education programs and training programs for adults approved by job service North Dakota. No grants may be made unless federal funds received by the state for job training services as defined in the Job Training Partnership Act [Pub. L. 97-300; 96 Stat. 1361; 29 U.S.C. 1604] have been obligated. Job service may collect an administrative fee not to exceed ten percent of the amount of grants made under this section. Job service North Dakota shall, in cooperation with the superintendent of public instruction, the ~~board for vocational~~ department of career and technical education, and any other state agency providing or administering adult education services, coordinate the grant program established under this section. Job service North Dakota shall adopt rules to implement the grant program established under this section including rules regarding eligibility requirements and use of grant proceeds.

SECTION 90. AMENDMENT. Section 52-02-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

52-02-08. Bureau and advisory councils to take steps to stabilize employment. The bureau, with the advice and aid of its advisory councils, and through its appropriate divisions, shall take appropriate steps to:

1. Reduce and prevent unemployment.
2. Encourage and assist in the adoption of practical methods of ~~vocational career and technical education~~ training, retraining, and ~~vocational-guidance~~ career development counseling.
3. Investigate, recommend, advise, and assist in the establishment and operation, by municipalities, counties, school districts, and the state, of reserves for public works to be used in times of business depression and unemployment.
4. Promote the reemployment of unemployed workers throughout the state in every other way that may be feasible.
5. Carry on and publish the results of investigations and research studies.

SECTION 91. AMENDMENT. Section 52-08-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

52-08-12. (Effective July 1, 2003) Workforce training funds - Distribution. Within the limits of legislative appropriations, workforce training funds must be distributed by the state board for ~~vocational career~~ and technical education as follows:

1. During the first fiscal year of each biennium, the state board for ~~vocational career~~ and technical education shall distribute up to one-half of the total amount appropriated for the biennium. The funds must be divided among the institutions of higher education assigned primary responsibility for workforce training pursuant to business plans approved by the state board of higher education and filed annually with the state board for ~~vocational career~~ and technical education and the division of workforce development of the department of commerce.
2. To be eligible to receive state funding for the second fiscal year of each biennium, each institution of higher education assigned primary responsibility for workforce training must provide certification to the workforce development division of the department of commerce that at least fifty percent of the regional funds included in the approved business plan for the biennium have been received, or are pledged to be received, prior to the end of the biennium. These funds may not be distributed to an institution of higher education assigned primary responsibility for workforce training until the workforce development division notifies the state board for ~~vocational career~~ and technical education that the institution has met the requirements of this subsection.

SECTION 92. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 52-08.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. Programs must be conducted in cooperation with appropriate state board for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education approved training providers and institutions.

SECTION 93. AMENDMENT. Section 52-09-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

52-09-08. Default in taxes - Interest - Action to collect - Levy of tax by political subdivisions. Taxes unpaid on the date on which they are due and payable, as prescribed by the bureau, must bear interest at the rate of one-half of one per centum per month from and after that date until payment plus accrued interest is received by the bureau; provided, that the bureau may prescribe fair and reasonable regulations pursuant to which interest does not accrue with respect to taxes required. The amount of interest imposed may not be less than five dollars. Interest collected pursuant to this section must be paid into the old-age and survivors' fund. A political subdivision, except a school district, a multidistrict special education board, or a center board of an area ~~vocational~~ career and technology center, shall levy a tax sufficient to meet its obligations under this chapter, up to a maximum levy not exceeding the limitation in section 57-15-28.1 or, for counties, the limitation in subsection 36 of section 57-15-06.7. Within the levy limitations set out in subsection 6 of section 57-15-28.1 and subsection 36 of section 57-15-06.7, the governing body of a county may levy a tax for comprehensive health care insurance employee benefit programs duly established by the governing body. Any obligations under this chapter over and above the amount raised by the maximum levy permitted in this section must be paid out of the general fund of the political subdivision. All payments by a school district for obligations incurred under this chapter must be made out of the school district's general fund established pursuant to section 57-15-14.2.

SECTION 94. AMENDMENT. Subsection 12 of section 54-10-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

12. Area ~~vocational~~ career and technology centers.

SECTION 95. AMENDMENT. Section 54-56-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-56-01. Children's services coordinating committee - Membership. The children's services coordinating committee consists of the governor or a designee of the governor, the superintendent of public instruction, a representative of juvenile courts appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court, the executive director of the department of human services, the state health officer, the director of the department of corrections and rehabilitation, or a designee of the director of the department of corrections and rehabilitation, the director of ~~vocational~~ career and technical education, and a representative of the Indian affairs commission. The governor or the governor's designee shall act as chairperson.

SECTION 96. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 54-59-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. The educational technology council consists of:
 - a. The chief information officer.
 - b. The superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee.
 - c. The commissioner of higher education or the commissioner's designee.
 - d. A representative appointed by the state board for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education.

- e. A representative appointed by the governor from a list of three nominees submitted by the North Dakota association of technology leaders.
- f. A representative appointed by the governor from a list of three nominees submitted by the North Dakota council of educational leaders.
- g. A representative appointed by the governor from a list of three nominees submitted by the North Dakota school boards association.
- h. A representative appointed by the governor from a list of three nominees submitted by the North Dakota association of special education directors.
- i. Two representatives of school districts, one of which has an enrollment in kindergarten through grade twelve of fewer than four hundred, appointed by the governor.
- j. The director of technology for the department of public instruction.
- k. A representative appointed by the governor from a list of three nominees submitted by the state association of non public schools.

SECTION 97. AMENDMENT. Section 54-60-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-60-06. Commerce cabinet. The North Dakota commerce cabinet is created. The cabinet is composed of the directors of each of the department divisions and of the executive heads, or other authorized representatives, of the state board for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education, the state board of higher education, the Bank of North Dakota, the department of agriculture, the workers compensation bureau, the department of transportation, job service North Dakota, the game and fish department, and of any other state agency appointed by the commissioner. The commissioner is the chairman of the cabinet and shall determine which agencies are members of the cabinet. The cabinet shall:

- 1. Coordinate and communicate economic development and tourism efforts of the agencies represented.
- 2. Meet at times determined by the commissioner.
- 3. Develop and make available before each regular session of the legislative assembly a list that identifies economic development moneys included in budget requests of cabinet agencies.

SECTION 98. AMENDMENT. Subsection 16 of section 57-15-06.7 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 16. A county levying a tax to provide for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education and on-the-job training services as provided in section 40-57.2-04 may levy a tax not exceeding one mill.

SECTION 99. AMENDMENT. Subsection 15 of section 57-15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 15. Taxes levied for the purpose of ~~vocational~~ career and technical education and on-the-job training services in accordance with section 40-57.2-04 may be levied in an amount not exceeding one mill.

SECTION 100. AMENDMENT. Subsections 1 and 2 of section 57-15-14.2 of the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

1. A school board of any school district may levy an amount sufficient to cover general expenses including the costs of the following:
 - a. Board and lodging for high school students as provided in section 15.1-30-04.
 - b. The teachers' retirement fund as provided in section 15-39.1-28.
 - c. Tuition for students in grades seven through twelve as provided in section 15.1-29-15.
 - d. Special education program as provided in section 15.1-32-20.
 - e. The establishment and maintenance of an insurance reserve fund for insurance purposes as provided in section 32-12.1-08.
 - f. A final judgment obtained against a school district.
 - g. The district's share of contribution to the old-age survivors' fund and matching contribution for the social security fund as provided by chapter 52-09 and to provide the district's share of contribution to the old-age survivors' fund and matching contribution for the social security fund for contracted employees of a multidistrict special education board.
 - h. The rental or leasing of buildings, property, or classroom space. Minimum state standards for health and safety applicable to school building construction shall apply to any rented or leased buildings, property, or classroom space.
 - i. Unemployment compensation benefits.
 - j. The removal of asbestos substances from school buildings or the abatement of asbestos substances in school buildings under any method approved by the United States environmental protection agency and any repair, replacement, or remodeling that results from such removal or abatement, any remodeling required to meet specifications set by the Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility guidelines for buildings and facilities as contained in the appendix to 28 CFR 36, any remodeling required to meet requirements set by the state fire marshal during the inspection of a public school, and for providing an alternative education program as provided in section 57-15-17.1.
 - k. Participating in cooperative ~~vocational~~ career and technical education programs approved by the state board.
 - l. Maintaining a ~~vocational~~ career and technical education program approved by the state board and established only for that school district.
 - m. Paying the cost of purchasing, contracting, operating, and maintaining schoolbuses.
 - n. Establishing and maintaining school library services.
 - o. Equipping schoolbuses with two-way communications and central station equipment and providing for the installation and maintenance of such equipment.
 - p. Establishing free public kindergartens in connection with the public schools of the district for the instruction of resident children below school age during the regular school term.
 - q. Establishing, maintaining, and conducting a public recreation system.
 - r. The district's share of contribution to finance an interdistrict cooperative agreement authorized by section 15.1-09-40.

2. This limitation does not apply to mill levies pursuant to subdivisions a, c, f, and j of subsection 1. If a school district maintained a levy to finance either its participation in a cooperative ~~vocational~~ career and technical education program or its sponsorship of single-district ~~vocational~~ career and technical education programs prior to July 1, 1983, and the district discontinues its participation in or sponsorship of those ~~vocational~~ career and technical education programs, that district must reduce the proposed aggregated expenditure amount for which its general fund levy is used by the dollar amount raised by its prior levy for the funding of those programs.

SECTION 101. AMENDMENT. Section 57-15-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

57-15-17. Disposition of building fund tax. Revenue raised for building purposes shall be disposed of as follows:

1. a. All revenue accruing from appropriations or tax levies for a school building fund together with such amounts as may be realized for building purposes from all other sources must be placed in a separate fund known as a school building fund and must be deposited, held, or invested in the same manner as the sinking funds of such school district or in the purchase of shares or securities of federal or state-chartered savings and loan associations within the limits of federal insurance.
 - b. The funds may only be used for the following purposes:
 - (1) The erection of new school buildings or facilities, or additions to old school buildings or facilities, or the making of major repairs to existing buildings or facilities, or improvements to school land and site. For purposes of this paragraph, facilities may include parking lots, athletic complexes, or any other real property owned by the school district.
 - (2) The payment of rentals upon contracts with the state board of public school education.
 - (3) The payment of rentals upon contracts with municipalities for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education facilities financed pursuant to chapter 40-57.
 - (4) Within the limitations of school plans as provided in subsection 2 of section 57-15-16.
 - (5) The payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on bonds issued pursuant to subsection 7 of section 21-03-07.
 - (6) The payment of premiums for fire and allied lines, liability, and multiple peril insurance on any building and its use, occupancy, fixtures, and contents.
 - c. The custodian of the funds may pay out the funds only upon order of the school board, signed by the president and the business manager of the school district. The order must recite upon its face the purpose for which payment is made.
2. Any moneys remaining in a school building fund after the completion of the payments for any school building project which has cost seventy-five percent or more of the amount in such building fund at the time of letting the contracts therefor shall be returned to the general fund of the school district upon the order of the school board.
 3. The governing body of any school district may pay into the general fund of the school district any moneys which have remained in the school building fund for a period of ten years or more, and such district may include the same as a part of its cash on hand in making up its budget for the ensuing year. In determining what amounts have remained in said fund for ten years or more, all payments which have been paid from the school

building fund for building purposes shall be considered as having been paid from the funds first acquired.

4. Whenever collections from the taxes levied for the current budget and other income are insufficient to meet the requirements for general operating expenses, a majority of the governing body of a school district may transfer unobligated funds from the school building fund into the general fund of the school district if the school district has issued certificates of indebtedness equal to fifty percent of the outstanding uncollected general fund property tax. No school district may transfer funds from the school building fund into the general fund for more than two years.

SECTION 102. AMENDMENT. Subdivision m of subsection 1 of section 57-38-01.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- m. Reduced by the amount of interest received during that taxable year on a contract for deed on the sale of eighty or more acres [32.37 or more hectares] of agricultural land to a beginning farmer. The contract for deed must extend for not less than ten years and have an annual interest rate equal to or less than the minimum rate allowed by the internal revenue service before interest is imputed. In order for an individual, estate, or trust to qualify for this reduction, the taxpayer must obtain a statement from the buyer stating that the buyer meets all requirements of the beginning farmer definition, together with such other information as the state tax commissioner may require. The value placed on any real property located in North Dakota and owned by the buyer must be the amount listed as the true and full value on the most recent real estate tax statement for that particular piece of property. In determining the net worth of any person, including the person's dependents and spouse, if any, for purposes of this subdivision, the value of their equity in their principal residence, the value of one personal or family motor vehicle, and the value of their household goods, including furniture, appliances, musical instruments, clothing, and other personal belongings may not be included. This statement must be filed along with the income tax return. For the purposes of this subdivision, "beginning farmer" means any person who is:

- (1) A resident of this state.
- (2) Receiving more than one-half of that person's gross annual income from farming, unless the person initially commences farming during the tax year for which an adjustment will be claimed under this subdivision.
- (3) Intending to use any farmland to be purchased or rented for agricultural purposes.
- (4) Except for contracts for deed entered into prior to July 1, 1985, having adequate training by education in the type of farming operation which the person wishes to begin through satisfactory participation in the adult farm management education program of the state board for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education or an equivalent program approved by the agriculture commissioner.
- (5) Having, including the net worth of any dependents and spouse, a net worth of less than one hundred thousand dollars.

SECTION 103. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 57-38-67 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. "Beginning farmer" means any person who is:
 - a. A resident of this state;

- b. Receiving more than half of that person's gross annual income from farming, unless the person initially commences farming during the tax year for which a deduction will be claimed under sections 57-38-67 through 57-38-70;
- c. Intending to use any farmland to be purchased or rented for agricultural purposes;
- d. Except for tax-exempt transactions entered into prior to July 1, 1985, having adequate training by education in the type of farming operation which the person wishes to begin on the purchased or rented land referred to in subdivision c through satisfactory participation in the adult farm management education program of the state board for ~~vocational~~ career and technical education or an equivalent program approved by the agriculture commissioner; and
- e. Having, including the net worth of any dependents and spouse, a net worth of less than one hundred thousand dollars, not including the value of their equity in their principal residence, the value of one personal or family motor vehicle, and the value of their household goods, including furniture, appliances, musical instruments, clothing, and other personal belongings.

SECTION 104. REPEAL. Section 15-20.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1183.

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