

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to department of commerce division of workforce development career  
3 education and career promotion services; and to provide for a study and report to the legislative  
4 council.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Workforce development division - Career education - Career promotion.**

- 9 1. The division of workforce development, in consultation with the department of  
10 career and technical education, job service North Dakota, and the superintendent  
11 of public instruction, shall develop and implement a program to assist public  
12 schools in providing career education to students in kindergarten through grade  
13 twelve. Under this subsection, the division shall administer a program through  
14 which funds are provided for a career counselor who develops a program to  
15 increase career education and internship partnerships with businesses in the  
16 school community.
- 17 2. The division of workforce development shall develop and implement a career  
18 promotion program for students in grades nine through twelve. The focus of the  
19 program must be career opportunities available in the state in the state's target  
20 industries. The program may include marketing services, educational services,  
21 and matching fund grants. The services provided under this subsection must  
22 supplement career education services provided to students.

23 **SECTION 2. CAREER EDUCATION STUDY AND REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE**  
24 **COUNCIL - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.**

- 1           1.    During the 2007-08 interim, the department of commerce, in consultation with the  
2                   department of career and technical education, job service North Dakota, and the  
3                   superintendent of public instruction, shall study the career education needs of  
4                   public school students in kindergarten through grade twelve and how to improve  
5                   the career education services provided to these students. The study must include:  
6                   a.    A survey of career education services being provided in the state and an  
7                           analysis of the effectiveness of these services in preparing students to make  
8                           career decisions;  
9                   b.    Evaluation of the career education resources available to public schools  
10                       across the state, taking into account the possibility of cooperative  
11                       arrangements or joint powers agreements;  
12                   c.    Consideration of the workforce needs in the state;  
13                   d.    Consideration of the higher education opportunities and areas of study  
14                       available in the state;  
15                   e.    Consideration of possible strategies the state could undertake to improve the  
16                       career education services being provided in the state, including whether it is  
17                       feasible and desirable to implement a statewide career education requirement  
18                       and whether a state agency should be charged with administering a statewide  
19                       career education program; and  
20                   f.    Specific recommendations on how to improve the career education services  
21                       provided to students.  
22           2.    Before July 1, 2008, the department of commerce shall report to the legislative  
23                   council the outcome of the study and whether the department will be pursuing any  
24                   of the recommendations. The legislative council shall report its findings and  
25                   recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the  
26                   recommendations, to the sixty-first legislative assembly.