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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 15-10 and a new section to  
2 chapter 54-34.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the annual performance and  
3 accountability report of the state board of higher education, higher education startup funds for  
4 new programs, and duties of the international business and trade office; and to require  
5 monitoring by the state board of higher education and a report to the legislative council.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Two new sections to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code are  
8 created and enacted as follows:

9 **Annual performance and accountability report.** In the annual performance and  
10 accountability report required under section 15-10-14.2, the state board of higher education  
11 shall include an executive summary and information regarding:

12 1. Economic development, including:

- 13 a. New programs of study approved by the board and whether these programs  
14 are responsive to the economic development needs of the state.  
15 b. Information regarding how the goals of the system and of each of the  
16 institutions of higher education under the control of the board are designed to  
17 be responsive to the economic development needs of the state and  
18 businesses in the state and data regarding how well these goals are being  
19 met. The board shall consult with the department of commerce in determining  
20 what data most effectively measures the accomplishment of these goals.

21 2. Student recruitment, including:

- 22 a. Whether the university system's strategic plan provides for a systemwide plan  
23 for out-of-state recruitment of students.

b. Out-of-state recruitment efforts and how these efforts focus on factors specific to the state, such as specially situated trade partner countries, targeted industries, and workforce needs.

**New program startup - Grant.** The state board of higher education shall develop and implement a grant program to assist institutions under its control in funding new program startups. The grants must be awarded on a competitive basis to institutions that are starting new programs in response to emerging fields. In establishing the eligibility guidelines for the grants, the state board of higher education shall provide for a minimum matching fund requirement of one dollar of matching funds for every dollar of state funds provided under this section. The guidelines may allow for in-kind matches if appropriate. The state board of higher education shall consult with the department of commerce and job service North Dakota in determining whether a proposed new program is responsive to an emerging field.

**SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 54-34.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**International business and trade office - Higher education.** The international business and trade office shall work with the state board of higher education to implement strategies to expand international business expertise of students of higher education.

**SECTION 3. STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION REPORT ON CCBENEFITS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REPORT.** During the 2007-08 interim, the state board of higher education shall monitor the implementation of the services of ccbenefits, incorporated, by the institutions under the control of the state board of higher education. Before July 1, 2008, the state board of higher education shall report to the legislative council on the status of the implementation of the ccbenefits, incorporated, services, including the status of the implementation at each institution using the services, the level of utilization of the services at the institutional level and at the system level, the feasibility and desirability of expanding the use of the services from use by the community colleges to use by all institutions in order to improve responsiveness of institutions and to improve forecasting efforts of institutions, and recommendations relating to the use of the ccbenefits, incorporated, services. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-first legislative assembly.