

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1385**

Introduced by

Representatives Zaiser, DeKrey, Griffin, N. Johnson, Thorpe, Wall

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 52-08.1-01 and subsection 1 of section  
2 52-08.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility to receive workforce 20/20  
3 training.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 52-08.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **52-08.1-01. North Dakota workforce 20/20 policy and goals.**

- 8 1. The legislative assembly finds that a highly skilled workforce is critical to the  
9 present and future competitiveness of North Dakota's economy. The legislative  
10 assembly, therefore, declares that it is the policy of the state to support and  
11 promote skill training, retraining, and upgrade training for North Dakota workers. It  
12 is the goal of the state to:
- 13 a. Improve the skills of North Dakota workers;
  - 14 b. Promote and sponsor effective and responsive training programs for  
15 employed and unemployed North Dakotans who need job-related training;
  - 16 c. Promote programs that lead to family wage jobs;
  - 17 d. Secure the active participation and full cooperation of North Dakota industry  
18 leaders, business owners, and employee representatives in developing  
19 programs to increase and improve worker skill training;
  - 20 e. Promote the coordination of North Dakota's education and job training  
21 systems to more fully respond to the increasingly complex training needs of  
22 workers; and
  - 23 f. Promote access to education and job training programs for all North Dakotans  
24 regardless of their economic status or geographic location within the state.

- 1           2.    The legislative assembly declares that it is the policy of this state to integrate skill  
2                    training and development programs into its economic development strategies. Skill  
3                    training may include trade skills; occupational skills; communication skills, including  
4                    reading for information; and problem-solving skills, including applied mathematics  
5                    and location of information.

6           **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 52-08.1-02 of the North Dakota  
7 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 8           1.    Job service North Dakota shall give priority to applicants that:  
9                    a.    Are compatible with statewide economic development strategies.  
10                  b.    Demonstrate business and community financial support and participation.  
11                  c.    Coordinate activities and resources with other training programs.  
12                  d.    Provide for followup and evaluation of program results.  
13                  e.    Provide customized training, retraining, and upgrade skills training in  
14                        occupations that pay not less than two hundred percent of the federal and  
15                        state minimum wage.  
16                  f.    Provide training to unemployed and employed residents of North Dakota for  
17                        new businesses creating new jobs and expanding businesses.