

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1484

Introduced by

Representatives Gulleeson, S. Meyer, Monson, Nelson

Senators Klein, Taylor

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 a tuition rebate for graduates of career training programs; and to
3 provide an appropriation.

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

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

7 **Career training programs - Graduates - Tuition rebate.**

- 8 1. The department of commerce shall provide a tuition rebate to an individual who
9 successfully completes a career training program at a postsecondary institution in
10 this state, relocates to a rural area of this state, and obtains employment or is
11 self-employed in the field for which the individual was trained, in accordance with
12 this subsection, provided the field has been designated by the department of
13 commerce as being one of critical shortage.
- 14 2. An application for a rebate may be made during the first year of suitable
15 employment with payment being made upon completion of each full year of
16 employment.
- 17 3. For each year that an eligible individual resides in a rural area of the state and
18 continues employment in a field of critical shortage, the department of commerce
19 shall provide to the individual payment in an amount equal to one-third of any
20 tuition paid by the individual to attend a program in accordance with subsection 1.
21 The department may provide up to three annual payments to an individual under
22 this section. An annual payment may not exceed five thousand dollars.

1 4. For purposes of this section, "rural" means any area not included within the
2 boundaries of an incorporated city having a population in excess of twenty-five
3 hundred inhabitants.

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
5 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$150,000, or so much
6 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce to provide career training
7 program tuition rebates as provided in section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1,
8 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.