

SENATE BILL NO. 2398

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-10-14.2 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to a performance and accountability report by the board of higher education; and to
3 provide for legislative intent.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-10-14.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15-10-14.2. Higher education system strategic plan - Reports.**

8 1. The state board of higher education shall adopt a strategic planning process and
9 develop a strategic plan to define and prioritize university system goals and
10 objectives. The board shall provide an annual performance and accountability
11 report regarding performance and progress toward the goals outlined in the
12 university system's strategic plan and accountability measures.

13 2. The report required by subsection 1 must:

14 a. Include a detailed analysis of cost increases within the university system,
15 which are not directly related to classroom instruction;

16 b. Document and describe, for a period covering four bienniums, all full-time
17 equivalent positions in the university system which are not classroom
18 instructor positions;

19 c. Include information regarding the necessity for and salary history of all
20 positions that are described in subdivision b and which have a salary in
21 excess of one hundred thousand dollars; and

22 d. Describe actions taken by the university system to reduce nonclassroom
23 costs.

1 3. The state board of higher education shall report to the legislative assembly during
2 each regular legislative session regarding the status of higher education in this
3 state.

4 **SECTION 2. BUDGET PREPARATION - LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** It is the intent of the
5 legislative assembly that the North Dakota university system, in preparing a budget for
6 submission to the sixty-first legislative assembly, ensure that nonclassroom expenses are
7 reduced by at least the same percentage as tuition is increased.