

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

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 in the field
11 for which the individual was trained, in accordance with this subsection, provided
12 the field has been designated by the department of commerce as being one of
13 critical shortage.

14 2. For each year that an eligible individual resides in a rural area of the state and
15 continues employment in a field of critical shortage, the department of commerce
16 shall provide to the individual payment in an amount equal to one-third of any
17 tuition paid by the individual to attend a program in accordance with subsection 1.
18 The department may provide up to three annual payments to an individual under
19 this section. An annual payment may not exceed five thousand dollars.

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

23 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
24 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$150,000, or so much

- 1 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce to provide career training
- 2 program tuition rebates as provided in section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1,
- 3 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.