

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED 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; and to provide an appropriation.

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.
3 Skill training includes trade skills and occupational skills. Soft skill training for
4 supervisors and management staff is authorized and includes communication,
5 teamwork, and supervisory skills.

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.

18 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
19 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$500,000, or
20 so much of the sum as may be necessary, to job service North Dakota for the purpose
21 of developing a skills training program under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium
22 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.