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of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2303

Introduced by

Senators Bakke, Dever, Schneider

Representatives Delmore, R. Kelsch, Potter

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for low-income student assistance grants by the state board of
2 higher education; to provide for a report to the legislative council; and to provide an
3 appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Board of higher education - Low-income student assistance grants.**

6 1. To increase the likelihood that the students will graduate from either a two-year or
7 a four-year institution of higher education, the state board of higher education may
8 provide grants to any institution of higher education to support existing programs
9 that provide services to students from low-income families and specifically to those
10 students who are the first members of their families to attend an institution of
11 higher education.

12 2. For purposes of this section, "support" includes:

- 13 a. Tutoring;
14 b. Personal, financial, and academic counseling;
15 c. Mentoring;
16 d. Cultural enrichment; and
17 e. The provision of work study opportunities.

18 3. Any institution receiving a grant under this section shall file a report with the
19 legislative council detailing the program of support and the retention and
20 graduation rates achieved.

21 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
22 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000, or so much
23 of the sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of

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- 1 providing grants to institutions of higher education that support the retention of students from
- 2 low-income families, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.