

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Dahl

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to endowment funds at institutions of higher education; and to provide  
3 an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

#### 7 **State board - Creation of endowment fund.**

- 8 1. The state board of higher education shall forward to each institution under its  
9 control the same percentage of the total amount appropriated for the creation of an  
10 endowment fund as the number of the institution's full-time equivalent students  
11 enrolled on May 1, 2009, bears to the number of full-time equivalent students  
12 enrolled on May 1, 2009, in all institutions of higher education under its control.
- 13 2. Each institution shall retain any amount received under this section in a permanent  
14 fund. An institution may expend any interest earnings from the permanent fund if:
- 15 a. The expenditure is used to:
- 16 (1) Provide merit-based or needs-based scholarships for under graduate or  
17 graduate students; or
- 18 (2) Fund endowed chair positions; and
- 19 b. The institution obtains a dollar-for-dollar match per expenditure from a  
20 nonpublic source.

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 \$50,000,000, or so  
23 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of  
24 creating an endowment fund at each institution of higher education under the control of the

- 1 board in accordance with section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and
- 2 ending June 30, 2011.