

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Kasper

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15-70-01, 15-70-04, 15-70-05, and  
2 57-51.1-07.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the provision of financial assistance  
3 to tribally controlled community colleges; to provide an appropriation; and to declare an  
4 emergency.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-70-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **15-70-01. Definitions.** ~~In As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise~~  
9 ~~requires:~~

- 10 1. "Full time" means that a student is enrolled for at least twenty-four semester hours  
11 during an academic year.
- 12 2. "Nonbeneficiary student" means a resident of North Dakota who is enrolled in a  
13 tribally controlled community college but is not an enrolled member of a federally  
14 recognized Indian tribe nor a biological child of a member, living or deceased, of an  
15 Indian tribe.
- 16 ~~2.~~ 3. "Tribally controlled community college" means an institution of higher education in  
17 this state which is formally controlled or has been formally sanctioned or chartered  
18 by the governing body of an Indian tribe, or any combination of federally  
19 recognized Indian tribes.

20 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-70-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22 **15-70-04. Submission of grant application - Distribution of grants.** In order to  
23 qualify for a grant under this chapter, an institution shall submit an application in the manner  
24 required by the state board of higher education. The application must document the enrollment

1 status of each student on whose account financial assistance under this chapter is sought. If an  
2 application is approved, the board shall distribute to each tribally controlled community college,  
3 during each year of the biennium, ~~four~~ five thousand ~~five~~ three hundred ~~eighty-one~~ four dollars  
4 for each nonbeneficiary student on a full-time equivalent basis. If the amount appropriated is  
5 insufficient, the board shall distribute a prorated amount per nonbeneficiary student on a  
6 full-time equivalent basis.

7 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-70-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **15-70-05. Reporting by recipient institutions - Failure to report.** Each institution  
10 receiving a grant under this chapter shall ~~annually provide to the state board of higher~~  
11 ~~education an accurate and detailed account of~~ submit to the legislative council a report detailing  
12 the expenditures of the grant funds received by the institution under this chapter ~~and,~~ a copy of  
13 the institution's latest audit report and documentation of the enrollment status ~~and ethnic status~~  
14 of each student on whose account financial assistance under this chapter is sought, and any  
15 other information requested by the council. Any institution that fails to meet the requirements of  
16 this section is ineligible to receive future grants under this chapter until the institution submits  
17 the required information.

18 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-51.1-07.4 of the North Dakota Century Code  
19 is amended and reenacted as follows:

20 **57-51.1-07.4. Separate allocation of state share of collections from reservation**  
21 **development.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the state treasurer shall transfer to  
22 the permanent oil tax trust fund the first seven hundred thousand dollars of the state's share of  
23 tax revenues under this chapter from oil produced from wells within the exterior boundaries of  
24 the Fort Berthold Reservation ~~drilled and completed~~ after June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009.

25 **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
26 permanent oil tax trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of  
27 \$700,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education  
28 for the purpose of providing grant assistance to tribally controlled community colleges, for the  
29 biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

30 **SECTION 6. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.