Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1385

Introduced by

Representatives Steiner, R. Kelsch, Sanford, Thoreson

Senator Wardner

- 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 the attendance of mature students at institutions of higher education.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created

5 and enacted as follows:

6 <u>Mature students - Attendance at institutions of higher education.</u>

- 7 <u>1.</u> Any resident of this state who is at least fifty-five years of age may attend any
- 8 undergraduate course or class offered by an institution of higher education under the
- 9 <u>control of the state board of higher education without a charge of tuition or fees, and</u>
- 10 <u>without having to demonstrate the achievement of certain academic thresholds</u>
- 11 <u>normally required of students.</u>
- Notwithstanding subsection 1, any student duly admitted to the institution must be
 given priority with respect to enrollment in courses or classes having a maximum
- 14 <u>allowable enrollment.</u>
- An institution may not employ additional staff or increase the availability of courses or
 classes based solely on interest expressed by students referenced in subsection 1.
- If a student referenced in subsection 1 successfully completes the requirements of any
 course or class attended in accordance with this section, the student shall be awarded
 academic credit by the institution.
- 20 <u>5.</u> <u>All books, supplies, and expenses other than tuition and fees are the responsibility of</u>
 21 <u>the student.</u>
- 22 <u>6.</u> Each institution shall account for the students referenced in subsection 1 as a
- 23 separate class of attendees and may not include them in any other student counts for
 24 any other purposes.