

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 **Mature students - Attendance at institutions of higher education.**

- 7 1. a. Any resident of this state who is at least ~~fifty-five~~sixty-five years of age may
8 attend for credit or audit any undergraduate course or class offered by an
9 institution of higher education under the control of the state board of higher
10 education without a charge of tuition or fees, and without having to demonstrate
11 the achievement of certain academic thresholds normally required of students.
12 b. Subdivision a does not extend to any online course or class.
- 13 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, any student duly admitted to the institution must be
14 given priority with respect to enrollment in courses or classes having a maximum
15 allowable enrollment.
- 16 3. An institution may not employ additional staff or increase the availability of courses or
17 classes based solely on interest expressed by students referenced in subsection 1.
- 18 4. If a student referenced in subsection 1 successfully completes the requirements of any
19 course or class attended for credit in accordance with this section, the student shall be
20 awarded academic credit by the institution.
- 21 5. All books, supplies, and expenses other than tuition and fees are the responsibility of
22 the student.

- 1 6. Each institution shall account for the students referenced in subsection 1 as a
- 2 separate class of attendees and may not include them in any other student counts for
- 3 any other purposes.