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HOUSE BILL NO. 1106

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Education Committee

(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century
- 2 Code, relating to eligibility for North Dakota academic and career and technical scholarships.

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

- 4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
 - 15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship Amount Applicability.
 - 1. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars for each semester or five hundred dollars for each quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75.

 The state board of higher education may adopt implementing policies or procedures governing payment and continuing eligibility and the superintendent of public instruction may adopt implementing rules regarding initial eligibility.
 - 2. A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars under this section.
 - 3. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the institution in which the student is enrolled.
 - 4. This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive semestersacademic terms. However, a scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years after the student's graduation from high school and may not be applied to graduate programs. Students receiving a scholarship who fail to maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 are not eligible for additional scholarship funds under this section.

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1 A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible student who graduates 2 from a high school in this state or from a high school in a bordering state under 3 chapter 15.1-29. 4 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, if during any semester or quarter a 5 student fails to maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, the state board of 6 higher education shall notify the student that the requirements of this section have not 7 been met and that if the student fails to increase the student's cumulative grade point 8 average to at least 2.75 during the ensuing semester or quarter, the student will not be 9 eligible for additional scholarship funds under this section. The provisions of this 10 subsection are applicable only one time during a student's college or university 11 programs. 12 For purposes of this section, full-time enrollment status is defined by the institution at 13 which a student is enrolled.