

**House Education
HB1083**

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Chairman Owens and members of the committee, my name is Wayde Sick, State Director of the Department of Career and Technical Education. I am submitting testimony in support of HB1083.

As we all know, education was greatly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Although educators rose to the challenge to continue to provide quality education virtually, students that were on track to qualify for the North Dakota Academic or Career and Technical Education Scholarships, may not have earned necessary grades. This was due to the quick transition to distance learning, not at the fault of the student, the teacher or the school district.

Thank you.