

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

SENATE BILL NO. 2019  
(Appropriations Committee)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of career and technical education; to provide an exemption; and to declare an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and federal funds, to the department of career and technical education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department of career and technical education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

|   | <u>Base Level</u> | <u>Adjustments or<br/>Enhancements</u> | <u>Appropriation</u> |
|---|-------------------|--|----------------------|
| Salaries and wages  | \$5,118,145       | \$720,245                              | \$5,838,390          |
| New and vacant FTE pool   | 0                 | 126,203                                | 126,203              |
| Operating expenses  | 3,046,350         | 1,699,261                              | 4,745,611            |
| Grants  | 11,507,349        | 2,500,000                              | 14,007,349           |
| Grants - secondary  | 41,537,780        | 10,500,000                             | 52,037,780           |
| Marketplace for kids  | 300,000           | 100,000                                | 400,000              |
| Science, technology, engineering, and<br>mathematics initiative | 100,000           | 0                                      | 100,000              |
| Adult farm management   | 1,706,138         | (1,706,138)                            | 0                    |
| Workforce training  | 2,500,000         | 750,000                                | 3,250,000            |
| Total all funds   | \$65,815,762      | \$14,689,571                           | \$80,505,333         |
| Less other funds  | 14,500,485        | 3,927,524                              | 18,428,009           |
| Total general fund  | \$51,315,277      | \$10,762,047                           | \$62,077,324         |
| Full-time equivalent positions                                  | 23.50             | 0.00                                   | 23.50                |

**SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which the entity shall report to the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

| <u>One-Time Funding Description</u>            | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Other Funds</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Virtual reality career exploration             | \$0                 | \$1,000,000        | \$1,000,000  |
| Rent, moving, and office equipment<br>expenses | 300,000             | 0                  | 300,000      |
| Total  | \$300,000           | \$1,000,000        | \$1,300,000  |

**SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The department of career and technical education may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE pool line item in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to transfer funds from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the salaries and wages line item in accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

**SECTION 4. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND.** The other funds line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$1,000,000 from the strategic

investment and improvements fund for the purpose of purchasing virtual reality career exploration hardware and software.

**SECTION 5. EXEMPTION - STATEWIDE AREA CAREER CENTER INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM.** The sum of \$74,595,701 appropriated from the federal coronavirus capital projects fund for the statewide area career center initiative grant program, of which \$68,276,228 was appropriated in section 1 of chapter 548 of the 2021 Special Session Session Laws and continued into the 2023-25 biennium in section 3 of chapter 27 of the 2023 Session Laws and \$6,319,473 was transferred in section 10 of chapter 21 of the 2023 Session Laws, is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds from these appropriations may be continued into the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

**SECTION 6. EMERGENCY.** The \$300,000 appropriated from the general fund in the operating expenses line item for rent, moving, and office equipment expenses in section 1 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2019 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 47                      Nays 0                      Absent 0

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 82                      Nays 8                      Absent 4

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Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State