

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2242

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study relating to institutions of higher
2 education.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER**
5 **EDUCATION.**

6 1. During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the
7 institutions of higher education under the control of the state board of higher
8 education. The study must include:

- 9 a. Methods to promote efficiency and collaboration among state institutions;
- 10 b. Consideration of statewide dual-credit expansion to develop standard three-year
- 11 bachelor degree programs;
- 12 c. An analysis of the cost of tuition and fees for students;
- 13 d. Consideration of the feasibility and desirability of a system of uniform transcripts
- 14 and the waiver of fees to transfer credits within the state higher education
- 15 system; and
- 16 e. Consideration of the feasibility and desirability of consolidating colleges and
- 17 universities and implementing satellite campuses of universities.

18 2. If selected, the legislative management shall appoint a committee for this study as
19 follows:

- 20 a. The voting members of the committee, who must be appointed by the legislative
- 21 management, are:

- 1 (1) Three members of the senate, two from the party with the largest number of
- 2 members in the senate and one from the party with the second largest
- 3 number of members in the senate;
- 4 (2) Three members of the house of representatives, two from the party with the
- 5 largest number of members in the house of representatives and one from
- 6 the party with the second largest number of members in the house of
- 7 representatives; and
- 8 (3) One member of the legislative assembly to serve as the committee
- 9 chairman.
- 10 b. The nonvoting members of the committee are:
- 11 (1) The chairman of the state board of higher education;
- 12 (2) The chancellor of the North Dakota university system, or the chancellor's
- 13 designee;
- 14 (3) One representative of kindergarten through grade twelve education; and
- 15 (4) One representative each of the manufacturing, health care, agriculture, and
- 16 energy industries.
- 17 3. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together
- 18 with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth
- 19 legislative assembly.