

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state board for  
2 vocational and technical education; to create and enact a new subsection to section 15-20.1-03  
3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the powers and duties of the state board for  
4 vocational and technical education; to amend and reenact section 6-09.10-02.1, subsection 1 of  
5 section 6-09.10-06, sections 15-20.1-01, and 15-20.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
6 relating to the duties of the credit review board and the state board for vocational and technical  
7 education; and to provide statements of legislative intent.

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

9 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the  
10 funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in  
11 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal  
12 funds and other income, to the state board for vocational and technical education for the  
13 purpose of defraying the expenses of its various divisions, for the biennium beginning July 1,  
14 1997, and ending June 30, 1999, as follows:

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| 15 Salaries and wages                        | \$ 2,567,463      |
| 16 Operating expenses                        | 555,204           |
| 17 Equipment                                 | 108,000           |
| 18 Grants                                    | 21,619,356        |
| 19 Adult farm management                     | 445,760           |
| 20 Postsecondary education vocational grants | 368,600           |
| 21 Small business management                 | <u>99,237</u>     |
| 22 Total all funds                           | \$25,763,620      |
| 23 Less estimated income                     | <u>14,247,597</u> |
| 24 Total general fund appropriation          | \$11,516,023      |

1           **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 6-09.10-02.1 of the 1995 Supplement to the  
2 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3           **6-09.10-02.1. Additional duties of board.** In addition to other powers and duties  
4 enumerated in this chapter, the board shall:

- 5           1. Establish policy for the North Dakota agricultural mediation service.
- 6           2. Recommend policies and procedures to the industrial commission regarding farm  
7 loan programs of the Bank of North Dakota.
- 8           3. Recommend policies and procedures regarding the adult farm management  
9 program to the state board ~~of~~ for vocational and technical education.
- 10          4. ~~Coordinate~~ Participate in a farm management delivery system coordinated by the  
11 state board for vocational and technical education among the adult farm  
12 management program, agricultural mediation service, and North Dakota state  
13 university. The system must be available to any farmer and may be funded from  
14 moneys available in the fund described in this chapter, fees paid by farmers, or  
15 other sources.

16           **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 6-09.10-06 of the 1995  
17 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 18          1. A revolving fund must be maintained at the Bank of North Dakota for the subsidy of  
19 interest rates on home-quarter purchases and coordination and operation of a farm  
20 management delivery system, as provided in this chapter. All moneys transferred  
21 into the fund, interest upon moneys in the fund, and payments to the fund are  
22 hereby appropriated for the purposes of this chapter. Any moneys generated by  
23 the farm management delivery system must be transferred to the state board for  
24 vocational and technical education and allocated by the state board for vocational  
25 and technical education to the adult farm management program, the agricultural  
26 mediation services, and North Dakota state university for expenses related to the  
27 jointly developed and implemented farm management delivery system. ~~The board~~  
28 ~~may not allocate more than forty percent of these moneys to any one of these~~  
29 ~~entities.~~

30           **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-20.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
31 amended and reenacted as follows:

1           **15-20.1-01. Definitions.** In this chapter, unless the context or subject matter otherwise  
2 requires:

- 3           1. "Director" means the director of vocational and technical education.
- 4           2. "Regulations" means regulations made by the director with the approval of the  
5 state board.
- 6           3. "State board" means the state board for vocational and technical education ~~which~~  
7 ~~is the state board of public school education.~~

8           **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-20.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
9 amended and reenacted as follows:

10           **15-20.1-02. State board for vocational and technical education - Director of**  
11 **vocational and technical education - Appointment, qualifications, assistants, duties.** The  
12 state board of public school education ~~is the state board~~ for vocational and technical education  
13 consists of the members of the state board of public school education, the executive director of  
14 job service North Dakota, and the commissioner of higher education or the commissioner's  
15 designee. The state board, ~~acting through the office of the superintendent of public instruction,~~  
16 shall appoint a director and executive officer of vocational and technical education who are  
17 charged with the administration, under the direction and supervision of the board, of the  
18 provisions of this chapter relating to vocational and technical education. The state board,  
19 ~~acting through the office of the superintendent of public instruction,~~ shall designate such  
20 assistants to the director as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. The  
21 duties, terms of office, and compensation of the director and of his assistants must be  
22 determined by the state board. The director shall hold as a minimum a baccalaureate degree  
23 received from a recognized college or university. The director shall enforce such rules and  
24 regulations as the state board may adopt and shall prepare such reports concerning vocational  
25 education as the state board may require.

26           **SECTION 6.** A new subsection to section 15-20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century  
27 Code is created and enacted as follows:

28           To coordinate new and existing farm management programs offered by any state  
29 agency or entity.

30           **SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - STATEWIDE ACCESS TO WORK FORCE**  
31 **TRAINING PROGRAMS - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE.** It is the

1 intent of the fifty-fifth legislative assembly that the state board for vocational and technical  
2 education cooperate with other state agencies and private organizations to provide work force  
3 training programs in a manner that will allow statewide access to these programs and will  
4 improve the agency's ability to coordinate and implement work force training programs in  
5 anticipation of future work force training needs. The state board for vocational and technical  
6 education shall provide, during the 1997-98 interim, periodic reports to the legislative council or  
7 its designated committee, on the agency's progress in coordinating statewide access to work  
8 force training programs.

9 **SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - FARM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FEES.** It is  
10 the intent of the fifty-fifth legislative assembly that all fees collected for farm management  
11 programs pursuant to sections 6-09.10-02.1 and 6-09.10-06 be transferred to the state board  
12 for vocational and technical education. The state board for vocational and technical education  
13 shall distribute the fees as it determines necessary to state agencies and organizations  
14 involved in providing farm management programs.