

**Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven**

SENATE BILL NO. 2020
(Appropriations Committee)
(At the request of the Governor)

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

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 hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the state board for vocational and technical education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of its various divisions, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - STATEWIDE ACCESS TO WORK FORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE. It is the intent of the fifty-fifth legislative assembly that the state board for vocational and technical education cooperate with other state agencies and private organizations to provide work force training programs in a manner that will allow statewide access to these programs and will improve the agency's ability to coordinate and implement work force training programs in anticipation of future work force training needs. The state board for vocational and technical education shall provide, during the 1997-98 interim, periodic reports to the legislative council or its designated committee, on the agency's progress in coordinating statewide access to work force training programs.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2020.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 2

House Vote: Yeas 81 Nays 13 Absent 3

Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Governor

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Secretary of State