

HOUSE BILL NO. 1483

Introduced by

Representatives Nowatzki, Fairfield, Froelich, Kerzman

Senators D. Mathern, Thane, Tomac

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 4-05.1-19 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the state board of agricultural research.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-05.1-19 of the 1997 Supplement to the North
5 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **4-05.1-19. State board of agricultural research - Duties.** Within the policies of the
7 state board of higher education, the state board of agricultural research is responsible for the
8 budgeting, supervision, and policymaking responsibilities associated with the supervision of the
9 agricultural experiment station. The agricultural research board shall:

- 10 1. Determine the causes of any adverse economic impacts on crops and livestock
11 produced in this state;
- 12 2. Develop ongoing strategies for the provision of research solutions to negate
13 adverse economic impacts on crops and livestock produced in this state;
- 14 3. Make available financial resources, including grants and salaries, and make
15 available equipment and facilities to implement the strategies developed under
16 subsection 2, subject to approval by the state board of higher education;
- 17 4. Develop an annual budget for the operation of the agricultural experiment station;
- 18 5. Develop a biennial budget request and submit that request to the state board of
19 higher education on or before March first of each even-numbered year;
- 20 6. Maximize the use of existing financial resources, equipment, and facilities to
21 generate the greatest economic benefit from research efforts and to promote
22 efficiency;
- 23 7. Annually evaluate the results of research activities and expenditures and report the
24 findings to the legislative council and the state board of higher education;

- 1 8. Annually evaluate the progress toward investing a sum equal to two percent of
2 gross farm income in research and extension and report the findings to the
3 legislative council and the state board of higher education;
4 9. Advise the administration of North Dakota state university regarding the
5 recruitment and selection of the vice president of agricultural affairs and the station
6 director; and
7 ~~9.~~ 10. Advise the director of the extension service regarding the dissemination of
8 research information and the best practices for management of the extension
9 service.

10 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** It is the intent of the legislative assembly to
11 increase financial support for agricultural research and extension to an amount equivalent to
12 two percent of gross farm income in this state and to gradually move to the goal beginning
13 July 1, 1999, and to achieve the goal during the biennium ending June 30, 2009.