

**SENATE BILL NO. 2412**

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for state agency participation in the work first demonstration project  
2 of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Definitions.**

- 5 1. "Initiative goal" means reduction of poverty and development of an economically  
6 sustainable community in the Turtle Mountains, as measured by:
- 7 a. The annual average monthly number of temporary assistance for needy  
8 families recipients in Rolette County as a percentage of the statewide annual  
9 average monthly number of temporary assistance for needy families  
10 recipients is at a rate comparable to Rolette County's percentage of the state  
11 population in 2010;
  - 12 b. The unemployment rate for Rolette County is comparable to the statewide  
13 unemployment rate in 2010; and
  - 14 c. The elementary and secondary school dropout rate in Rolette County is  
15 comparable to the statewide elementary and secondary school dropout rate in  
16 2010.
- 17 2. "Turtle Mountain work first initiative" means a ten-year, multifaceted program of the  
18 Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians which builds upon the tribe's traditions  
19 and encourages tribal, county, regional, state, and federal agencies to refocus and  
20 expand activities to create a socioeconomic infrastructure in Rolette County to  
21 attract new private sector jobs and nurture a reliable work force.
- 22 3. "Work first initiative partnership agreements" means annual statements by tribal,  
23 county, regional, state, and federal agencies relating to the program activities and

1                    budgets the agencies will administer in conjunction with the Turtle Mountain work  
2                    first initiative.

3                    **SECTION 2. State agency participation in work first demonstration project.** The  
4 department of human services, job service North Dakota, department of economic development  
5 and finance, and any other agency as determined by the governor to be essential to the  
6 success of the Turtle Mountain work first initiative shall negotiate annually and execute  
7 interagency work first initiative partnership agreements with the Turtle Mountain Band of  
8 Chippewa Indians to achieve initiative goals.

9                    **SECTION 3. Allocation of funds - Formula.** The department of human services  
10 annually shall allocate funds for activities identified in the annual Turtle Mountain work first  
11 initiative partnership agreement. The allocated funds must be derived from federal temporary  
12 assistance for needy families block grant equaling the total amount of temporary assistance for  
13 needy families block grant funds to which the state is entitled multiplied by a specific ratio. The  
14 numerator of the specific ratio is the monthly average of qualified families residing within Rolette  
15 County receiving temporary assistance for needy families benefits during the previous federal  
16 fiscal year period, and the denominator of the specific ratio is the annual monthly average of  
17 qualified families statewide receiving such assistance during the same period.

18                    **SECTION 4. Allocation for activities.** The department of human services annually  
19 shall allocate funds for activities identified in the annual Turtle Mountain work first initiative  
20 partnership agreement. The funds provided by the department under this section must be an  
21 amount equal to eighty percent of the corresponding state payments for aid to families with  
22 dependent children in federal fiscal year 1994 multiplied by the specific ratio defined in  
23 section 3 of this Act.

24                    **SECTION 5. Allocation for child care.** The department of human services annually  
25 shall allocate funds for child care related activities identified in the annual Turtle Mountain work  
26 first initiative partnership agreement. The funds must be mandatory and discretionary federal  
27 child care assistance funds received by the department equaling the total federal mandatory  
28 and discretionary child care assistance funds to which the state is entitled multiplied by the  
29 specific ratio defined in section 3 of this Act.

30                    **SECTION 6. Allocation - Job service.** Job service North Dakota annually shall  
31 allocate funds for activities identified in the annual Turtle Mountain work first initiative

1 partnership agreement. The funds are to be derived from federal welfare-to-work funds  
2 equaling the amount of the total welfare-to-work grant funds to which the state is entitled and  
3 funds federally required of the state multiplied by the specific ratio defined in section 3 of this  
4 Act.

5 **SECTION 7. Allocation - Department of economic development and finance.** The  
6 department of economic development and finance annually shall allocate state funds for  
7 business recruitment activities identified in the annual Turtle Mountain work first initiative  
8 partnership agreement.