

**SENATE BILL NO. 2393**

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide a student loan reduction for certain residents.

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

3 **SECTION 1. Student loan reduction - Eligibility.**

4 1. The Bank of North Dakota shall reduce the outstanding student loan of any eligible  
5 individual as provided for in this section.

6 2. An eligible individual is one who:

7 a. Graduated from a high school in North Dakota or from a high school in  
8 another state under the provisions of chapter 15.1-29;

9 b. Obtained a baccalaureate degree;

10 c. Obtained through the Bank of North Dakota a student loan that remains  
11 outstanding but which is not in default; and

12 d. (1) Has resided in North Dakota continuously since obtaining the student  
13 loan; or

14 (2) Relocated to this state within ten years of having established residency  
15 in another state.

16 3. a. If an eligible individual has resided in North Dakota continuously since  
17 obtaining a student loan, the Bank of North Dakota shall reduce the amount of  
18 the individual's outstanding student loan by twenty-five percent of the loan's  
19 original amount for each three-year period that the individual remains in the  
20 state after graduating from an institution of higher education. An individual  
21 may not receive more than two reductions under this section.

22 b. If an eligible individual has relocated to this state within ten years of having  
23 established residency in another state, the Bank of North Dakota shall reduce  
24 the amount of the individual's outstanding student loan by twenty-five percent

1                   of the loan amount remaining to be repaid at the time of relocation to this state  
2                   for each three-year period that the individual remains in the state after  
3                   relocating from another state. An individual may not receive more than two  
4                   reductions under this section.