

SENATE BILL NO. 2226

Introduced by

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Representatives Boucher, Carlson

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 1 and 3 of section 15-10-37 and
2 subsection 2 of section 15-62.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to student
3 financial assistance grants and technology grants; and to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 1 and 3 of section 15-10-37 of the North
6 Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

7 1. The state board of higher education shall administer a science, technology,
8 engineering, and mathematics occupations student loan program that encourages
9 college students to pursue ~~technology-based~~ studies in these fields, to participate
10 in ~~technology~~ internship programs, and to remain in the state after graduation. The
11 board shall adopt rules to implement the program, including internship
12 requirements, guidelines to determine which technology-related courses of study
13 are eligible under the program, and standards for eligibility.

14 3. The state board of higher education shall distribute student loan grants directly to
15 the Bank of North Dakota to repay outstanding student loan principal balances for
16 eligible applicants. The maximum student loan grant amount for which an
17 applicant may qualify is ~~one~~ two thousand dollars per year and a total of ~~five~~ ten
18 thousand dollars, or a lesser amount established by rule adopted by the state
19 board of higher education.

20 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 15-62.2-02 of the North Dakota
21 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

22 2. Determine the amount of individual grants, but not to exceed ~~one~~ two thousand
23 dollars per recipient per academic year under the North Dakota student financial
24 assistance program.

1 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** Section 2 of this Act is declared to be an emergency
2 measure.