

Sixty-third  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1331

Introduced by

Representatives Heilman, Beadle, Brabandt, Delmore, Kreun, Wall, Boe

Senators Laffen, Sorvaag

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-10-37 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the technology occupations student loan paydown program.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-10-37 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15-10-37. Technology occupations student loan paydown program.**

- 7 1. The state board of higher education shall administer a science, technology,  
8 engineering, and mathematics occupations student loan paydown program ~~that~~  
9 ~~encourages college students to pursue studies in these fields, to participate in~~  
10 ~~internship programs, and to remain in the state after graduation.~~ The board shall adopt  
11 rules to implement the program, including internship requirements, guidelines to  
12 determine which technology-related courses of study are eligible under the program,  
13 and standards for eligibility.
- 14 2. ~~Graduates of board approved colleges may apply for the technology occupations~~  
15 ~~student loan program. To be eligible to receive a student loan grants~~paydown ~~under~~  
16 ~~the program, the applicant~~this section, an individual:
- 17 a. ~~Must have graduated from a board approved college;~~
- 18 b. ~~Must have successfully completed the board approved technology related~~  
19 ~~courses;~~
- 20 e. ~~Must have maintained at least an~~ accredited institution of higher education, with a  
21 2.5 grade point average, based on a 4.0 grading system, at a board-approved  
22 college;
- 23 d.b. ~~Must have an outstanding student loan with the Bank of North Dakota or other~~  
24 ~~participating lender;~~

- 1           e.c.    Following graduation ~~must~~Must be employed in the~~the~~this state in a board-approved-
- 2                            technology occupation approved by the board; and
- 3           f.d.    ~~Must have met and shall continue to meet~~ any other requirements established by
- 4                            rule.
- 5           3.    The state board of higher education shall ~~distribute student loan grants directly to the~~
- 6                            ~~Bank of North Dakota to repay outstanding~~arrange to pay down the individual's
- 7                            ~~student loan principal balances for eligible applicants~~by one thousand five hundred
- 8                            dollars per year.
- 9           4.    The maximum ~~student loan grant amount for which an applicant may qualify is one-~~
- 10                           ~~thousand five hundred dollars per year and a total of~~amount that an individual is
- 11                            eligible to receive under this section is six thousand dollars, or a lesser amount
- 12                            ~~established by~~set in rule adopted by the state board of higher education.