

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1353

Introduced by

Representatives P. Anderson, Beadle, Boschee, Guggisberg, M. Johnson, Maragos, Mock,
Schneider

Senators Dotzenrod, Nelson, Oban

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a study of the creation of a college tuition waiver or
2 reimbursement program.

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

4 **SECTION 1. STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY - SENIOR TUITION**

5 **WAIVER OR REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM.** During the 2017-18 interim, the state board of
6 higher education shall study the feasibility and desirability of the development of a state tuition
7 waiver or reimbursement program for college seniors at institutions of higher education under
8 the control of the board. The study must consider designing a program to waive or reimburse
9 tuition expenses at these institutions for students who are North Dakota residents who
10 graduated from a high school in this state or completed a program of home education
11 supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23. The study may include the objectives of a
12 senior tuition waiver or reimbursement program, the definition of residency for purposes of the
13 program, the duration of a tuition waiver once a student is designated a senior by the institution,
14 the necessary funding mechanisms for the program, the maximum total waiver or
15 reimbursement amounts available to individual students, grade point average requirements,
16 post-graduation requirements, merit-based requirements, and the effectiveness of tuition
17 waivers versus post-graduation reimbursement. The state board of higher education shall report
18 its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the
19 recommendations, to the sixty-sixth legislative assembly.