

Sixty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1375

Introduced by

Representatives Pyle, Howe, Mitskog, O'Brien, Roers Jones, Schreiber-Beck, Stemen

Senators Bekkedahl, Davison, Luick, Weber

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a tuition scholarship program for students taking dual-credit courses
3 while in high school; to provide a statement of legislative intent; to provide for a legislative
4 management study; and to provide an appropriation.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **Dual-credit courses - Tuition scholarship program - Administered by the board.**

9 1. The state board of higher education shall administer a dual-credit tuition scholarship
10 program to offer a tuition scholarship to students. The board shall adopt procedures to
11 administer the program.

12 2. An eligible student may apply to the board to receive a scholarship toward the cost of
13 tuition and fees at the ~~state-approved postsecondary training program,~~ in-state public,
14 private, or tribal college, or private institution of higher education at which the student
15 is enrolled. To be eligible to receive a scholarship, an individual must:

16 a. Be enrolled and have completed at least one semester, quarter, or term at a
17 ~~state-approved postsecondary training program~~ public, private, or tribal institution
18 of higher education in the state, ~~tribal college in the state, or private institution of~~
19 ~~higher education in the state;~~

20 b. ~~Have completed at least one semester, quarter, or term at the state-approved~~
21 ~~postsecondary training program, tribal college, or private institution at which the~~
22 ~~student is enrolled;~~

23 ~~c. Have graduated:~~

24 (1) Graduated from a high school in the state ~~or from;~~

- 1 (2) Graduated from a high school in a ~~school district that borders the~~bordering
2 state, ~~or have completed~~ under chapter 15.1-29;
3 (3) Graduated from a nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing
4 with a custodial parent in this state; or
5 (4) Completed a program of home education under chapter 15.1-23; and
6 ~~d.c.~~ Have completed at least one dual-credit course provided by an institution under
7 the control of the state board of higher education while enrolled in high school or
8 a program of home education in the state, ~~or a high school in a school district that~~
9 ~~borders the state.~~
- 10 3. The state board of higher education shall provide an eligible student with a tuition
11 scholarship equal to ~~fifty percent~~ of the cost of the dual-credit courses provided by an
12 institution under the control of the state board of higher education, ~~and~~ completed by
13 the student while in high school or a program of home education, in an amount up to
14 ~~one thousand five~~seven hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars. A scholarship received by a student
15 during any semester, quarter, or term of enrollment under this section may not exceed
16 the cost of tuition and fees for the semester, quarter, or term. ~~A student is not eligible~~
17 to receive more than seven hundred fifty dollars under this section.

18 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA PROFITS.** There is
19 appropriated out of any moneys from the Bank of North Dakota's current earnings and
20 undivided profits, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$5,000,000~~\$1,500,000, or so much of
21 the sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of
22 providing tuition scholarships to eligible students participating in the program under this Act, for
23 the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

24 **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - DUAL-CREDIT TUITION SCHOLARSHIP**
25 **PROGRAM.** It is the intent of the sixty-seventh legislative assembly that if there are any dollars
26 in the skilled workforce scholarship fund and the skilled workforce student loan repayment fund
27 which have not been committed as of December 31, 2022, the state board of higher education
28 may award up to fifty percent of the uncommitted balance for dual-credit tuition scholarships
29 under section 1 of this Act.

30 **SECTION 4. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY.**
31 During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying all scholarship

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1 programs in the state. The legislative management shall report its findings and
2 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
3 the sixty-eighth legislative assembly.