

Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

Introduced by

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SENATE BILL NO. 2229

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 student teacher scholarship program; and to provide an
3 appropriation.

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

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

7 **Student teacher scholarship program - Administered by the board.**

8 1. For purposes of this section:

9 a. "Rural school district" has the same meaning as the term is defined in the 2006
10 national center for education statistics locale codes.

11 ~~b. "Student teacher" means an individual enrolled at an institution under the control~~
12 ~~of the state board of higher education, a private institution of higher education~~
13 ~~located in this state, or a tribal college located in this state who is completing an~~
14 ~~education degree to become a licensed teacher, and who has signed a contract~~
15 ~~to teach at a rural school district under the supervision of a licensed teacher.~~
"Student teacher" means an individual enrolled in a state-approved educator
preparation program in this state who is completing qualifications to become
a licensed teacher and who signed a contract to teach at a rural school district
under the supervision of a license teacher.

16 2. The state board of higher education shall administer a student teacher scholarship
17 program. The board shall adopt rules to administer the program including rules
18 establishing an application process, ~~eligibility criteria~~, and distribution of program
19 scholarships. An eligible student teacher may apply to the board to receive a
20 scholarship under the program.

21 3. To be eligible to receive a scholarship under this section, an individual:

- 22 a. ~~Must be enrolled at an institution under the control of the state board of higher~~
23 ~~education, a private institution of higher education located in this state, or a tribal~~
college located in this state; **Must be enrolled in a state-approved educator preparation program;**
- 1 b. Must be completing a degree qualifications to become a licensed teacher in
2 compliance with chapter 15.1-18 or chapter 15.1-13;
- 3 c. Must be enrolled in a teacher preparation program, accredited by the education
4 standards and practices board, at an institution under the control of the state
5 ~~board of higher education, a private institution of higher education located in this~~
6 ~~state, or a tribal college located in this state;~~ and
- 7 d. Must have signed a contract to student teach at a grade level or in a content area
8 and in a geographical location in the state identified by the board as having an
9 existing teacher shortage or critical need.
- 10 4. To be eligible to hire a student teacher awarded a scholarship under this section, a
11 school district:
- 12 a. Must be a rural school district;
- 13 b. Must demonstrate a teacher shortage, as determined by the board;
- 14 c. Must be willing to supervise, mentor, and train a student teacher; and
- 15 d. Must be able to provide the student teacher lodging accommodations within a
16 reasonable distance from the school of placement and at a reasonable rental
17 rate, as determined by the board.
- 18 5. Subject to legislative appropriation:
- 19 a. The board may award and distribute up to thirty-three scholarships during each
20 year of the biennium; and
- 21 b. The board shall distribute fifteen thousand dollars to an eligible individual
22 awarded a scholarship under the program. A scholarship may be used to pay:
- 23 (1) The cost of tuition at the institution under the control of the state board of
24 ~~higher education, private institution of higher education located in this state,~~
25 ~~or tribal college located in this state at which the student teacher is enrolled;~~
26 ~~and~~
- 27 (2) Living expenses while student teaching, including rent, food, clothing, and
28 travel to the school and district of placement.
- 29 6. The board may contract with a third-party organization to administer the program and
30 supervise the student teachers participating in the program.

1 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
2 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so much of the
3 sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of providing
4 scholarships to eligible student teachers under the student teacher scholarship program, for the
5 biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.