

Introduced by

Senator Wobbema

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 34-05 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the creation of the division of apprenticeship within the department of  
3 labor and human rights; to provide an appropriation; and to provide a report.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 34-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Division of apprenticeship - Duties.**

- 8 1. There is created a division of apprenticeship within the department of labor and human  
9 rights.
- 10 2. Employees of the division of apprenticeship shall report to the labor commissioner.
- 11 3. The labor commissioner may appoint a division director to oversee the division. If the  
12 labor commissioner appoints a division director, all employees shall report to the  
13 division director and the division director shall report to the labor commissioner.
- 14 4. The division of apprenticeship:
- 15 a. Shall assist, coordinate, and collaborate with the state director from the office of  
16 apprenticeship of the United States department of labor to administer the federal  
17 apprenticeship system within the state.
- 18 b. Shall develop and implement a statewide strategy to support the state director  
19 from the office of apprenticeship of the United States department of labor to  
20 maintain and manage existing apprenticeship programs and develop and expand  
21 newly created apprenticeship programs in the state.
- 22 c. Shall develop a pilot program to support a business operating or seeking to  
23 create an apprenticeship program under the federal apprenticeship system.

- 1           d. May contract with other state agencies to develop and administer programs to  
2           assist the state director from the office of apprenticeship of the United States  
3           department of labor in promoting entrance in the federal apprenticeship system.

4           **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND HUMAN RIGHTS -**  
5           **DIVISION OF APPRENTICESHIP - FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS - REPORT TO**

6           **THE SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
7           general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$650,000, or so much  
8           of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of labor and human rights for the purpose  
9           of providing salaries and benefits for the division of apprenticeship staff, for the biennium  
10          beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The department of labor and human rights is  
11          authorized three full-time equivalent positions to administer the division of apprenticeship. The  
12          department of labor and human rights shall report to the seventieth legislative assembly  
13          regarding the number of apprentices and employers assisted through the division of  
14          apprenticeship and the number of new apprenticeship programs created during the 2025-27  
15          biennium.