

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Higher Education Committee)

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 high-demand certificates scholarships; 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 **High-demand certificates scholarship.**

- 8 1. The state board of higher education shall adopt policies and procedures to develop,  
9 implement, promote, and administer a high-demand certificates scholarship program  
10 to encourage residents of the state to enroll in educational programs for commercial  
11 driver's license and certified nursing assistant certificates.
- 12 2. Individuals enrolled in a qualifying educational program with a physical presence in  
13 this state may apply for a scholarship under this section. Eligible applicants must be  
14 enrolled in a commercial driver's license or certified nursing assistant program at an  
15 accredited institution or other program approved by the board of career and technical  
16 education.
- 17 3. Subject to legislative appropriations, eligible applicants may be awarded up to five  
18 hundred dollars to assist the student with the costs of completing ~~the~~ a qualifying  
19 certified nursing assistant educational program and up to one thousand five hundred  
20 dollars to assist the student with the costs of completing a qualifying commercial  
21 driver's license educational program.
- 22 4. The state board of higher education shall distribute grants to the accredited institution  
23 or other program approved by the board of career and technical education to provide

1           the amounts necessary for the scholarships awarded to the students enrolled in each  
2           institution or program.

3           **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION - HIGH-**  
4           **DEMAND CERTIFICATES SCHOLARSHIP.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
5           general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so  
6           much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of  
7           providing financial assistance to students eligible for the high-demand certificates scholarship  
8           program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.