

Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1032

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 a qualifying certified
19 nursing assistant educational program and up to one thousand five hundred dollars to
20 assist the student with the costs of completing a qualifying commercial driver's license
21 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.