

HOUSE BILL NO. 1531

Introduced by

Representatives Prichard, Dyk, Heilman, Rios, Schatz, Timmons, VanWinkle

Senator Paulson

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 prohibiting institutions of higher education from waiving ~~application-~~
3 ~~fees~~educational costs or disbursing financial aid based on certain characteristics of the
4 applicant.

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 **Application fee Educational costs waiver - Financial aid disbursement - Prohibition.**

9 1. As used in this section, unless the context requires otherwise:

10 a. "Educational costs" includes all or part of the cost of tuition, book fees, housing,
11 or an application fee for admission to the institution;

12 b. "Financial aid" includes scholarships and grants; and

13 c. "Location" means an applicant's residence or prior residence, including an Indian
14 reservation.

15 2. An institution of higher education under the control of the state board of higher
16 education may not waive ~~an application fee for admission to the institution~~ educational
17 costs based on an applicant's traits or characteristics, including race, ethnicity,
18 national origin, ~~or diversity~~ gender identity, or sexual preference, but not including
19 location.

20 3. An institution of higher education under the control of the state board of higher
21 education may not disburse financial aid if the award is based on an applicant's traits
22 or characteristics, including race, ethnicity, national origin, gender identity, or sexual
23 preference, but not including location.