

Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2197

Introduced by

Senator Krebsbach

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 the re-energize North Dakota scholarship; to provide an appropriation;
3 ~~and to provide an expiration date; and to declare an emergency.~~

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 **Re-energize North Dakota scholarship.**

- 8 1. The state board of higher education may award scholarships for the purpose of
9 recruiting and retraining individuals to work in the North Dakota oil and gas industry.
- 10 2. An applicant is eligible for the re-energize North Dakota scholarship if the applicant ~~is~~
11 ~~a resident of the state and:~~
- 12 a. Is or was employed in the oil and gas industry in an oil and gas-producing county
13 for a minimum of twelve months during the past ~~thirty-six~~ twenty-four months; or
- 14 b. Is an immediate family member of a current employee who has been employed in
15 the oil and gas industry in an oil and gas-producing county for a minimum of
16 twelve months and is enrolled in a face-to-face educational program.
- 17 3. Scholarships must be awarded in the eligibility priority order identified in subsection 2.
- 18 4. The scholarship recipient must attend a qualifying educational program resulting in
19 attainment of a workforce training credential, certificate, associate's degree, bachelor's
20 degree, or master's degree. The educational program must be provided at an
21 institution ~~under the control of the state board~~ of higher education in North Dakota.
- 22 5. After the initial award, recipients must remain a resident of the state and maintain
23 academic progress in the eligible program according to program requirements to
24 continue receiving the re-energize North Dakota scholarship.

- 1 6. Scholarships may be awarded in the amount of up to one thousand five hundred
2 dollars per quarter, semester, or term. Individuals may receive combined awards
3 totaling no more than twelve thousand dollars and the combined award for all family
4 members associated with an individual employee in the oil and gas industry may not
5 exceed twenty-four thousand dollars. Scholarships are limited to the amount charged
6 each quarter, semester, or term by the educational institution for tuition, fees, books,
7 and supplies required for the qualifying educational program.
- 8 7. The state board of higher education shall adopt policies and procedures to administer
9 the re-energize North Dakota scholarship program.
- 10 8. For the purposes of this section, ~~an oil:~~
- 11 a. "Immediate family member" means a spouse or child.
- 12 b. "Oil and gas-producing county" means Billings, Bottineau, Bowman, Burke,
13 Divide, Dunn, Golden Valley, McHenry, McKenzie, McLean, Mountrail, Renville,
14 Slope, Stark, Ward, or Williams County.

15 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION - FULL-TIME**
16 **EQUIVALENT POSITION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the
17 state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,125,000, or so much of the sum as
18 may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of awarding
19 re-energize North Dakota scholarships, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
20 June 30, 2025. Of the amount appropriated, the state board of higher education may use up to
21 \$125,000 for student financial assistance and scholarship programs coordination and
22 marketing. The state board of higher education is authorized one full-time equivalent position.

23 **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** Section 1 of this Act is effective through June 30, 2027,
24 and after that date is ineffective.

25 **SECTION 4. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.