

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2003

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the North Dakota
2 university system; to create and enact two new sections to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota
3 Century Code, relating to presidential searches and the state commissioner of higher education;
4 to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 6-09-53, subdivision a of subsection 1 of section
5 15-10-17, subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 15-10-48, subdivisions a and c of
6 subsection 1 of section 15-10-48.2, subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 15-10-49,
7 subsection 1 of section 15-10-75, subsection 1 of the new section to chapter 15-10, as created
8 by section 1 of House Bill No. 1437, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly,
9 paragraph 3 of subdivision h of subsection 1 of section 15-18.2-02, subsection 2 of section
10 15-18.2-03, subsection 1 of section 15-18.2-05, section 15-54.1-04, subsection 2 of section
11 15-62.5-03, and section 54-44.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, sections 6 and 7 of
12 chapter 126 of the 2021 Session Laws, sections 7, 8, and 9 of chapter 3 of the 2023 Session
13 Laws, and subsection 17 of section 1 of chapter 550 of the 2021 Special Session Session
14 Laws, relating to the powers and duties of the state board of higher education, the economic
15 diversification research fund, matching grants for the advancement of academics, the workforce
16 education innovation program, academic tenure policy at institutions of higher education, state
17 aid for institutions of higher education, university system capital building funds, the scholars
18 program, the cancellation of unexpended appropriations, transfers from the Bank of North
19 Dakota to the skilled workforce loan repayment program fund and the skilled workforce
20 scholarship fund, transfers from the Bank of North Dakota to the skilled workforce loan
21 repayment program fund, the skilled workforce scholarship fund, and to the state board of
22 higher education for dual-credit tuition scholarships, and funding for hyperbaric oxygen therapy;
23 to repeal section 15-10-74 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the naming of the

1 Bismarck state college polytechnic center; to authorize the state board of higher education to
2 issue and sell bonds for capital projects; to provide for a transfer; to provide for the conveyance
3 of real property; to provide for a legislative management higher education funding review
4 committee; to provide for a legislative management study; to provide for a report; to provide
5 legislative intent; to provide an exemption; and to declare an emergency.

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

7 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
8 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
9 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and
10 federal funds, to the state board of higher education and to the entities and institutions under
11 the supervision of the board for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state board of
12 higher education and the entities and institutions under the supervision of the board, for the
13 period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

14 Subdivision 1.

15 NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

		Adjustments or		
		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
18	Capital assets - bond payments	\$11,197,896	(\$936,521)	\$10,261,375
19	Competitive research programs	5,685,750	0	5,685,750
20	System governance	10,569,162	1,181,064	11,750,226
21	State employee child care benefits	0	910,000	910,000
22	Core technology services	71,988,917	6,518,417	78,507,334
23	Student financial assistance grants	29,917,306	1,000,000	30,917,306
24	Supplemental student financial	0	5,000,000	5,000,000
25	assistance grants			
26	Professional student exchange program	3,699,342	1,500,000	5,199,342
27	Academic and CTE scholarships	17,216,749	0	17,216,749
28	Scholars program	1,807,115	0	1,807,115
29	Native American scholarship	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
30	Tribally controlled community	1,400,000	200,000	1,600,000

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1	college grants			
2	Education incentive programs	260,000	0	260,000
3	Student mental health	284,400	0	284,400
4	Veterans' assistance grants	454,875	0	454,875
5	Shared campus services	800,000	0	800,000
6	Nursing education consortium	1,356,000	1,100,000	2,456,000
7	NASA EPSCoR	342,000	0	342,000
8	Education challenge fund	0	24,760,000	24,760,000
9	Workforce education innovation grants	0	10,000,000	10,000,000
10	Dual-credit tuition scholarship	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
11	Total all funds	\$159,479,512	\$51,232,960	\$210,712,472
12	Less other funds	<u>26,260,897</u>	<u>36,885,852</u>	<u>63,146,749</u>
13	Total general fund	\$133,218,615	\$14,347,108	\$147,565,723
14	Full-time equivalent positions	162.83	6.00	168.83

15 Subdivision 2.

16 BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE

17			Adjustments or	
18		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
19	Operations	\$110,026,302	\$5,165,031	\$115,191,333
20	Capital assets	<u>1,922,561</u>	<u>2,200,000</u>	<u>4,122,561</u>
21	Total all funds	\$111,948,863	\$7,365,031	\$119,313,894
22	Less other funds	<u>74,566,953</u>	<u>5,251,570</u>	<u>79,818,523</u>
23	Total general fund	\$37,381,910	\$2,113,461	\$39,495,371
24	Full-time equivalent positions	335.33	2.92	338.25

25 Subdivision 3.

26 LAKE REGION STATE COLLEGE

27			Adjustments or	
28		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
29	Operations	\$41,913,733	\$2,418,065	\$44,331,798
30	Capital assets	<u>362,667</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,862,667</u>
31	Total all funds	\$42,276,400	\$4,918,065	\$47,194,465

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1	Less other funds	<u>26,601,597</u>	<u>3,431,171</u>	<u>30,032,768</u>
2	Total general fund	\$15,674,803	\$1,486,894	\$17,161,697
3	Full-time equivalent positions	120.59	(5.44)	115.15

4 Subdivision 4.

5 WILLISTON STATE COLLEGE

6			Adjustments or	
7		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
8	Operations	\$37,378,349	\$2,423,802	\$39,802,151
9	Capital assets	<u>1,261,968</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,261,968</u>
10	Total all funds	\$38,640,317	\$2,423,802	\$41,064,119
11	Less other funds	<u>25,154,992</u>	<u>796,812</u>	<u>25,951,804</u>
12	Total general fund	\$13,485,325	\$1,626,990	\$15,112,315
13	Full-time equivalent positions	102.83	(3.09)	99.74

14 Subdivision 5.

15 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

16			Adjustments or	
17		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
18	Operations	\$967,725,670	\$56,041,426	\$1,023,767,096
19	Capital assets	4,411,566	124,500,000	128,911,566
20	Research network	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>
21	Total all funds	\$974,637,236	\$180,541,426	\$1,155,178,662
22	Less other funds	<u>790,481,856</u>	<u>169,626,346</u>	<u>960,108,202</u>
23	Total general fund	\$184,155,380	\$10,915,080	\$195,070,460
24	Full-time equivalent positions	2,060.56	131.39	2,191.95

25 Subdivision 6.

26 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES

27			Adjustments or	
28		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
29	Operations	\$240,396,968	\$18,815,356	\$259,212,324
30	Healthcare workforce initiative	<u>10,676,150</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,676,150</u>
31	Total all funds	\$251,073,118	\$18,815,356	\$269,888,474

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1	Less other funds	<u>168,241,842</u>	<u>5,776,474</u>	<u>174,018,316</u>
2	Total general fund	\$82,831,276	\$13,038,882	\$95,870,158
3	Full-time equivalent positions	488.83	40.23	529.06
4	Subdivision 7.			

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

6			Adjustments or	
7		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
8	Operations	\$807,365,091	\$45,414,240	\$852,779,331
9	Capital assets	7,799,104	125,000,000	132,799,104
10	Research network	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>
11	Total all funds	\$817,664,195	\$170,414,240	\$988,078,435
12	Less other funds	<u>653,917,430</u>	<u>163,772,791</u>	<u>817,690,221</u>
13	Total general fund	\$163,746,765	\$6,641,449	\$170,388,214
14	Full-time equivalent positions	1,867.50	(61.54)	1,805.96
15	Subdivision 8.			

NORTH DAKOTA STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

17			Adjustments or	
18		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
19	Operations	\$102,490,255	\$8,221,477	\$110,711,732
20	Capital assets	<u>1,012,379</u>	<u>65,000</u>	<u>1,077,379</u>
21	Total all funds	\$103,502,634	\$8,286,477	\$111,789,111
22	Less other funds	<u>63,645,097</u>	<u>2,338,578</u>	<u>65,983,675</u>
23	Total general fund	\$39,857,537	\$5,947,899	\$45,805,436
24	Full-time equivalent positions	313.95	12.59	326.54
25	Subdivision 9.			

DICKINSON STATE UNIVERSITY

27			Adjustments or	
28		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
29	Operations	\$56,728,746	\$3,370,815	\$60,099,561
30	Capital assets	<u>409,078</u>	<u>12,500,000</u>	<u>12,909,078</u>
31	Total all funds	\$57,137,824	\$15,870,815	\$73,008,639

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1	Less other funds	<u>32,697,829</u>	<u>13,758,716</u>	<u>46,456,545</u>
2	Total general fund	\$24,439,995	\$2,112,099	\$26,552,094
3	Full-time equivalent positions	178.00	(7.20)	170.80
4	Subdivision 10.			

MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

6			Adjustments or	
7		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
8	Operations	\$56,295,375	\$2,799,716	\$59,095,091
9	Capital assets	<u>358,992</u>	<u>34,924,814</u>	<u>35,283,806</u>
10	Total all funds	\$56,654,367	\$37,724,530	\$94,378,897
11	Less other funds	<u>34,375,971</u>	<u>36,760,335</u>	<u>71,136,306</u>
12	Total general fund	\$22,278,396	\$964,195	\$23,242,591
13	Full-time equivalent positions	226.92	0.00	226.92
14	Subdivision 11.			

MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

16			Adjustments or	
17		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
18	Operations	\$116,510,048	\$4,701,181	\$121,211,229
19	Capital assets	<u>1,099,620</u>	<u>27,867,000</u>	<u>28,966,620</u>
20	Total all funds	\$117,609,668	\$32,568,181	\$150,177,849
21	Less other funds	<u>68,644,425</u>	<u>22,339,213</u>	<u>90,983,638</u>
22	Total general fund	\$48,965,243	\$10,228,968	\$59,194,211
23	Full-time equivalent positions	423.63	(2.47)	421.16
24	Subdivision 12.			

VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

26			Adjustments or	
27		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
28	Operations	\$56,008,906	\$1,499,518	\$57,508,424
29	Capital assets	<u>455,823</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>455,823</u>
30	Total all funds	\$56,464,729	\$1,499,518	\$57,964,247
31	Less other funds	<u>28,111,916</u>	<u>1,421,115</u>	<u>29,533,031</u>

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1	Total general fund	\$28,352,813	\$78,403	\$28,431,216
2	Full-time equivalent positions	211.94	5.50	217.44
3	Subdivision 13.			

DAKOTA COLLEGE AT BOTTINEAU

5			Adjustments or	
6		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
7	Operations	\$26,229,141	\$1,249,697	\$27,478,838
8	Capital assets	<u>114,007</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>614,007</u>
9	Total all funds	\$26,343,148	\$1,749,697	\$28,092,845
10	Less other funds	<u>14,900,270</u>	<u>555,764</u>	<u>15,456,034</u>
11	Total general fund	\$11,442,878	\$1,193,933	\$12,636,811
12	Full-time equivalent positions	84.00	3.85	87.85
13	Subdivision 14.			

NORTH DAKOTA FOREST SERVICE

15			Adjustments or	
16		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
17	Operations	\$24,874,803	\$1,942,413	\$26,817,216
18	Capital assets	<u>118,728</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>118,728</u>
19	Total all funds	\$24,993,531	\$1,942,413	\$26,935,944
20	Less other funds	<u>19,141,941</u>	<u>1,399,079</u>	<u>20,541,020</u>
21	Total general fund	\$5,851,590	\$543,334	\$6,394,924
22	Full-time equivalent positions	29.00	7.00	36.00
23	Subdivision 15.			

TOTAL - SECTION 1

25			Adjustments or	
26		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
27	Grand total all funds	\$2,838,425,542	\$535,352,511	\$3,373,778,053
28	Grand total other funds	<u>2,026,743,016</u>	<u>464,113,816</u>	<u>2,490,856,832</u>
29	Grand total general fund	\$811,682,526	\$71,238,695	\$882,921,221

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE

SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding

items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which the entity shall report to the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Capital projects - general fund	\$9,635,000	\$0	\$9,635,000
Capital projects - strategic investment and improvements fund	0	101,196,814	101,196,814
Capital projects - other funds	0	219,225,000	219,225,000
Williston state college health care program startup costs	1,490,000	0	1,490,000
University of North Dakota national security crossroads	0	16,000,000	16,000,000
North Dakota state university new horizon programming	0	16,000,000	16,000,000
State college of science lease payments and aviation maintenance program	1,300,000	0	1,300,000
Mayville state university nursing simulation laboratory	500,000	0	500,000
Minot state university advancing students toward education and employment	500,000	0	500,000
Dual-credit scholarships	0	1,500,000	1,500,000
Challenge grants	0	24,760,000	24,760,000
Nursing education consortium	0	1,100,000	1,100,000
Financial aid system enhancements	25,000	0	25,000
Workforce education innovation grants	0	10,000,000	10,000,000
Forest service emerald ash borer mitigation	<u>0</u>	<u>950,000</u>	<u>950,000</u>
Total	\$13,450,000	\$390,731,814	\$404,181,814

SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL FEDERAL, PRIVATE, AND OTHER FUNDS -

APPROPRIATION. All funds, in addition to those appropriated in section 1 of this Act, from federal, private, and other sources for competitive grants or other funds that the legislative assembly has not indicated the intent to reject, including tuition revenue, received by the state

board of higher education and the institutions and entities under the control of the state board of higher education, are appropriated to the board and those institutions and entities, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. All additional funds received under the North Dakota-Minnesota reciprocity agreement during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, are appropriated to the state board of higher education for reimbursement to institutions under the control of the board.

SECTION 4. USE OF EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS FUNDING - MATCHING FUNDS. The capital assets line items in subdivisions 2 through 12 of section 1 of this Act include funding from the general fund for institution extraordinary repairs. An institution, excluding the university of North Dakota and North Dakota state university, shall provide one dollar of matching funds from operations or other sources for each one dollar of extraordinary repairs funding used for a project. The university of North Dakota and North Dakota state university shall provide two dollars of matching funds from operations or other sources for each one dollar of extraordinary repairs funding used for a project.

SECTION 5. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND. The grand total other funds line item in subdivision 15 of section 1 of this Act includes \$170,006,814 from the strategic investment and improvements fund as follows:

Challenge grants	\$24,760,000
Nursing education consortium	1,100,000
Workforce education innovation grants	10,000,000
Forest service emerald ash borer mitigation	950,000
Lake Region state college roof project	2,500,000
University of North Dakota science, technology, engineering, and mathematics building	55,640,000
University of North Dakota national security crossroads	16,000,000
North Dakota state university new horizon programming	16,000,000
Mayville state university old main renovation	34,924,814
Minot state university academic facilities projects	<u>8,132,000</u>
Total strategic investment and improvements fund	\$170,006,814

SECTION 6. OTHER FUNDS - COMMUNITY HEALTH TRUST FUND - UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES - ALLIED HEALTH

FACILITY. The other funds line item in subdivision 5 of section 1 of this Act includes \$5,000,000 from the community health trust fund for the university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences allied health facility project.

SECTION 7. TRANSFER - NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OFFICE -

BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE. Of the funding appropriated in the system governance and core technology services line items in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, the state board of higher education shall transfer \$500,000 to the operations line item in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act by August 1, 2025. The North Dakota university system office may not assess institutions under the control of the state board of higher education to recover the cost of this transfer.

SECTION 8. TRANSFER - NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OFFICE - LAKE

REGION STATE COLLEGE. Of the funding appropriated in the system governance and core technology services line items in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, the state board of higher education shall transfer \$342,000 to the operations line item in subdivision 3 of section 1 of this Act by August 1, 2025. The North Dakota university system office may not assess institutions under the control of the state board of higher education to recover the cost of this transfer.

SECTION 9. TRANSFER - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA PROFITS - STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS. The industrial commission shall transfer to the North Dakota university system office a total of \$1,500,000 from the current earnings and accumulated undivided profits of the Bank of North Dakota during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as requested by the commissioner of higher education. The other funds line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 includes \$1,500,000 for the North Dakota university system office for dual-credit tuition scholarships.

SECTION 10. TRANSFER - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND -

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CAPITAL BUILDING FUND. The office of management and budget shall transfer \$26,500,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the university system capital building fund during the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2027, as requested by the commissioner of higher education. Funding transferred pursuant to this section is to be allocated to each institution as follows:

	<u>Tier II</u>	<u>Tier III</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bismarck state college	\$770,505	\$700,000	\$1,470,505

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1	Lake Region state college	233,263	700,000	933,263
2	Williston state college	322,154	700,000	1,022,154
3	University of North Dakota	5,354,139	2,600,000	7,954,139
4	North Dakota state university	4,695,895	2,600,000	7,295,895
5	North Dakota state college of science	1,214,738	700,000	1,914,738
6	Dickinson state university	516,884	700,000	1,216,884
7	Mayville state university	332,070	700,000	1,032,070
8	Minot state university	906,412	700,000	1,606,412
9	Valley City state university	452,403	700,000	1,152,403
10	Dakota college at Bottineau	<u>201,537</u>	<u>700,000</u>	<u>901,537</u>
11	Total	\$15,000,000	\$11,500,000	\$26,500,000

12 **SECTION 11. CAPITAL BUILDING FUNDS - USES.** The institutions listed may use funding
13 from the respective institution's university system capital building fund allocation for the
14 following projects authorized by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly:

15	Bismarck state college - student housing	\$2,200,000
16	University of North Dakota - science, technology, engineering, and	79,500,000
17	mathematics building	
18	University of North Dakota - allied health facility	45,000,000
19	Dickinson state university - Woods hall and agriculture and technical	12,500,000
20	education building projects	
21	North Dakota state university - university village replacement phase II	54,000,000
22	North Dakota state university - Van Es biosafety laboratory	8,000,000
23	Minot state university - regional health sciences institute	<u>13,000,000</u>
24	Total	\$214,200,000

25 **SECTION 12. CAMPUS CAPITAL PROJECTS - PROJECT MANAGEMENT.** During the
26 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, each capital project authorized by
27 the state board of higher education must have adequate project management oversight by
28 either an institution official or a representative of an external entity. An institution may seek
29 assistance from the university system office for project management oversight of a capital
30 project.

SECTION 13. BOND ISSUANCE AUTHORIZATION - PURPOSES. The state board of higher education, in accordance with chapter 15-55, may arrange for the funding of projects authorized in this section, declared to be in the public interest, through the issuance of self-liquidating, tax-exempt evidences of indebtedness under chapter 15-55, during the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2027. Evidences of indebtedness issued pursuant to this section are not a general obligation of the state of North Dakota. Any unexpended balance resulting from the proceeds of the evidences of indebtedness must be placed in a sinking fund to be used for the retirement of indebtedness. The evidences of indebtedness may be issued and the proceeds are appropriated in section 1 of this Act for the following capital projects:

North Dakota state university - university village replacement phase II	\$54,000,000
North Dakota state university - memorial union renovation and addition and related demolition of other facilities	50,000,000
Dickinson state university - Woods hall, agriculture and technical education building, and rodeo arena projects	12,500,000
Minot state university - student center	<u>3,100,000</u>
Total special funds	\$119,600,000

SECTION 14. NORTH DAKOTA STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE - ENHANCED LEASE PAYMENTS. The appropriation in subdivision 8 of section 1 of this Act includes \$800,000 for enhanced lease payments for deferred maintenance and extraordinary repairs for a facility in Fargo. The enhanced lease payments must be made pursuant to an agreement with the lessor that includes the repayment of the enhanced lease payments if the property is leased to another party or conveyed prior to June 30, 2035.

SECTION 15. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 6-09-53 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. In consultation with representatives of North Dakota state university and the university of North Dakota, the Bank, in consultation with the state board of higher education, shall award grants to institutions under the control of the state board of higher education. ~~The sum of five million dollars must be awarded~~The bank must award ninety percent of the funds available each biennium to North Dakota state university and the university of North Dakota with equal amounts awarded to each institution.

1 The remaining funding must be awarded to the other institutions under the control of
2 the state board of higher education, as determined by the board. The state board of
3 higher education may not award more than fifty percent of the available funding during
4 the first year of the biennium. The Bank of North Dakota shall distribute the grant
5 funding as awarded by the state board of higher education.

6 **SECTION 16. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 15-10-17 of the North
7 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 8 a. ~~Appoint~~Subject to section 24 of this Act, appoint and remove the president or
9 other faculty head, and the professors, instructors, teachers, officers, and other
10 employees of the several institutions under the board's control, fix the salaries for
11 those positions within the limits of legislative appropriations; and fix the terms of
12 office and prescribe the duties of the positions.

13 **SECTION 17. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 15-10-48 of the North
14 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 15 c. The board may award up to ~~two million seven hundred thousand~~three million two
16 hundred forty-five thousand dollars in matching grants each to the university of
17 North Dakota and North Dakota state university; and up to ~~two million two~~
18 ~~hundred thousand~~two million six hundred forty-five thousand dollars in matching
19 grants to the university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences.
20 Of the amount available to the university of North Dakota, two hundred fifty
21 thousand dollars must be awarded for projects dedicated to projects at the school
22 of law.

23 **SECTION 18. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 15-10-48.2 of the
24 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 25 a. Subject to legislative appropriations, each biennium the state board of higher
26 education shall award one dollar in matching grants for every two dollars raised
27 by the institutional foundation of North Dakota state university for projects
28 dedicated exclusively to agricultural research and extension at the agricultural
29 experiment station. Notwithstanding section 15-10-53, awards under this section
30 may be used for endowments, academic scholarships, operations, facility repair
31 projects, and new capital construction projects.

1 **SECTION 19. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 15-10-48.2 of the
2 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 3 c. The board may award up to ~~two million two hundred thousand~~two million six
4 hundred forty-five thousand dollars in matching grants under this section.

5 **SECTION 20. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 15-10-49 of the North
6 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 7 c. The board may award up to:

- 8 (1) ~~One million seven hundred thousand~~Two million forty-five thousand dollars
9 each to Bismarck state college, Dickinson state university, Minot state
10 university, and the North Dakota state college of science;
11 (2) ~~One million one hundred thousand~~One million three hundred twenty
12 thousand dollars each to ~~Dickinson state university~~, Mayville state university,
13 and Valley City state university; and
14 (3) ~~Six hundred thousand~~Seven hundred twenty thousand dollars each to
15 Dakota college at Bottineau, Lake Region state college, and Williston state
16 college.

17 **SECTION 21. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 15-10-75 of the North Dakota Century
18 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 19 1. The state board of higher education may provide award funds to institutions under its
20 control, excluding the university of North Dakota and North Dakota state university, to
21 create or enhance educational programs that address the workforce needs of North
22 Dakota business and industry. An award made under this section may be used for
23 curriculum development, equipment and technology purchases, facility modifications
24 and equipment installation, hiring and training new and existing instructors,
25 educational program promotion, and enhancement of postsecondary partnerships with
26 primary and secondary schools. An institution may not be awarded more than
27 one million five hundred thousand dollars pursuant to this section during a biennium.
28 The state board of higher education shall establish a committee, guidelines, and
29 application process for administration of the grant program established under this
30 section.

1 **SECTION 22.** A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
2 and enacted as follows:

3 **Presidential searches.**

4 The state board of higher education is responsible for appointment of presidents at
5 institutions under the control of the board. Upon notification that the position of an institution
6 president will become vacant, the state board of higher education may authorize a search
7 committee to conduct a search for a new president. The state board of higher education may
8 retain the services of a consultant, determined and selected by the search committee, to assist
9 the search committee.

10 **SECTION 23.** A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
11 and enacted as follows:

12 **State commissioner of higher education - Contract terms - Institution position.**

13 The state board of higher education may enter into a personnel contract with the state
14 commissioner of higher education. The personnel contract may provide for the commissioner to
15 become a faculty or staff member at an institution under the control of the state board of higher
16 education when the contract term is complete. The salaries and wages of a person who
17 becomes a faculty or staff member pursuant to this section must be paid from the appropriation
18 to the North Dakota university system office. The North Dakota university system office may not
19 assess institutions under the control of the state board of higher education to recover the cost of
20 the salaries and wages paid pursuant to this section.

21 **SECTION 24. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of the new section to chapter 15-10 of the North
22 Dakota Century Code, as created by section 1 of House Bill No. 1437, as approved by the
23 sixty-ninth legislative assembly, is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 24 1. By July 1, 2026, institutions of higher education under the control of the state board of
25 higher education offering faculty academic tenure shall develop and adopt a policy for
26 tenured and tenure-track faculty employed by the institution, which:
- 27 a. Defines progression and advancement criteria at each stage of tenure
28 progression, including criteria for continued post-tenure review.
- 29 b. Establishes a procedure for annual evaluation of all nontenure, tenure-track, and
30 tenured faculty by the president of the institution or the designee of the president.

- c. Establishes a procedure for post-tenure evaluations, which must be informed by the annual evaluations under subdivision b and conducted by a committee appointed by the president of the institution or the designee of the president. The first post-tenure evaluation must be completed within three years. Subsequent post-tenure evaluations must be completed at least every five years or more frequently.
- d. Provides the composition of a culminating post-tenure evaluation committee must include the administrative supervisor of the faculty member being evaluated, at least one ranking administrator, and tenured faculty comprising no less than one-third and no more than one-half of the committee.
- e. Defines the outcome of an unsatisfactory review of post-tenured faculty, which may be removal from the position. The decision to remove faculty from a position must be made by the employing institution and the state board of higher education.
- f. Is approved by the state board of higher education.
- g. Provides for a hearing and appeal process for a faculty member aggrieved by the policy adopted under this subsection or decision made by the committee under subdivision c.

SECTION 25. AMENDMENT. Paragraph 3 of subdivision h of subsection 1 of section 15-18.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- (3) ~~9.014.0~~ for professional level credits;

SECTION 26. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 15-18.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. If the number of credit-hours completed by an institution would cause a decrease in the credit completion factor for that institution compared to the credit completion factor the institution ~~was entitled to receive during the 2017-19~~received during the prior biennium, the state board of higher education shall multiply the product determined under section 15-18.2-02 by a credit growth factor of 1.0 for credits in excess of the factor the institution ~~was entitled to receive during the 2017-19~~received during the prior biennium. Any weighted credit-hours multiplied by a credit growth factor under this section must have a weight of 1.0 under section 15-18.2-02. The state board of higher

education shall multiply the remaining weighted credits by the credit completion factor the institution ~~was entitled to receive during the 2017-19~~received during the prior biennium.

SECTION 27. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 15-18.2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. Except as provided under subsections 2 and 3, to determine the state aid payment to which each institution under its control is entitled, the state board of higher education shall multiply the product determined under section 15-18.2-03 by a base amount of:
 - a. ~~\$73.15~~\$79.57 in the case of North Dakota state university and the university of North Dakota;
 - b. ~~\$103.76~~\$111.55 in the case of Dickinson state university, Mayville state university, Minot state university, and Valley City state university; and
 - c. ~~\$110.38~~\$119.91 in the case of Bismarck state college, Dakota college at Bottineau, Lake Region state college, North Dakota state college of science, and Williston state college.

SECTION 28. AMENDMENT. Section 15-54.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-54.1-04. Tier III capital building funds - Matching requirements.

The state board of higher education may allocate tier III capital building fund moneys to an institution only after the institution, excluding the university of North Dakota and North Dakota state university, provides ~~two dollars~~one dollar of matching funds from operations or other sources for each one dollar from the university system capital building fund for the project. The state board of higher education may allocate tier III capital building fund moneys to the university of North Dakota and North Dakota state university only after the institution provides two dollars of matching funds from operations or other sources for each one dollar from the university system capital building fund for the project. An institution may not use tier I extraordinary repairs funding, tier II capital building fund moneys, or state funding appropriated for a specific capital project as matching funds under this section.

SECTION 29. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 15-62.5-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 1 2. If two or more applicants have the same scores as determined in subsection 1, they
2 must be ranked by the numeric sum of their ~~four~~ scale scores on the ACT or
3 equivalent scores. If a nationally recognized standardized test approved by the state
4 board of higher education does not calculate scale scores, the equivalent will be zero.

5 **SECTION 30. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-44.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **54-44.1-11. Office of management and budget to cancel unexpended appropriations -**
8 **When they may continue. (Effective through July 31, ~~2025~~2027)**

9 Except as otherwise provided by law, the office of management and budget, thirty days after
10 the close of each biennial period, shall cancel all unexpended appropriations or balances of
11 appropriations after the expiration of the biennial period during which they became available
12 under the law. Unexpended appropriations for the state historical society are not subject to this
13 section and the state historical society shall report on the amounts and uses of funds carried
14 over from one biennium to the appropriations committees of the next subsequent legislative
15 assembly. Unexpended appropriations for the North Dakota university system are not subject to
16 this section and the North Dakota university system shall report on the amounts and uses of
17 funds carried over from one biennium to the next to subsequent appropriations committees of
18 the legislative assembly. The chairmen of the appropriations committees of the senate and
19 house of representatives of the legislative assembly with the office of the budget may continue
20 appropriations or balances in force for not more than two years after the expiration of the
21 biennial period during which they became available upon recommendation of the director of the
22 budget for:

- 23 1. New construction projects.
24 2. Major repair or improvement projects.
25 3. Purchases of new equipment costing more than ten thousand dollars per unit if it was
26 ordered during the first twelve months of the biennium in which the funds were
27 appropriated.
28 4. The purchase of land by the state on a "contract for deed" purchase if the total
29 purchase price is within the authorized appropriation.

5. Purchases by the department of transportation of roadway maintenance equipment costing more than ten thousand dollars per unit if the equipment was ordered during the first twenty-one months of the biennium in which the funds were appropriated.

6. Authorized ongoing information technology projects.

Office of management and budget to cancel unexpended appropriations - When they may continue. (Effective after July 31, 20252027) The office of management and budget, thirty days after the close of each biennial period, shall cancel all unexpended appropriations or balances of appropriations after the expiration of the biennial period during which they became available under the law. Unexpended appropriations for the state historical society are not subject to this section and the state historical society shall report on the amounts and uses of funds carried over from one biennium to the appropriations committees of the next subsequent legislative assembly. The chairmen of the appropriations committees of the senate and house of representatives of the legislative assembly with the office of the budget may continue appropriations or balances in force for not more than two years after the expiration of the biennial period during which they became available upon recommendation of the director of the budget for:

1. New construction projects.
2. Major repair or improvement projects.
3. Purchases of new equipment costing more than ten thousand dollars per unit if it was ordered during the first twelve months of the biennium in which the funds were appropriated.
4. The purchase of land by the state on a "contract for deed" purchase if the total purchase price is within the authorized appropriation.
5. Purchases by the department of transportation of roadway maintenance equipment costing more than ten thousand dollars per unit if the equipment was ordered during the first twenty-one months of the biennium in which the funds were appropriated.
6. Authorized ongoing information technology projects.

SECTION 31. AMENDMENT. Section 6 of chapter 126 of the 2021 Session Laws is amended and reenacted as follows:

**SECTION 6. TRANSFER - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA - SKILLED
WORKFORCE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FUND.** The Bank of

North Dakota shall transfer the sum of \$2,250,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the Bank's current earnings and undivided profits to the skilled workforce student loan repayment fund during the ~~bienniumperiod~~ beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, ~~2023~~2027.

SECTION 32. AMENDMENT. Section 7 of chapter 126 of the 2021 Session Laws is amended and reenacted as follows:

SECTION 7. TRANSFER - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA - SKILLED WORKFORCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. The Bank of North Dakota shall transfer the sum of \$2,250,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the Bank's current earnings and undivided profits to the skilled workforce scholarship fund during the ~~bienniumperiod~~ beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, ~~2023~~2027.

SECTION 33. AMENDMENT. Section 7 of chapter 3 of the 2023 Session Laws is amended and reenacted as follows:

SECTION 7. TRANSFER - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA PROFITS - STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS. The industrial commission shall transfer to the North Dakota university system a total of \$1,500,000 from the current earnings and accumulated undivided profits of the Bank of North Dakota during the ~~bienniumperiod~~ beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, ~~2025~~2027, as requested by the commissioner of higher education. The estimated income line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 includes \$1,500,000 for the North Dakota university system office for dual-credit tuition scholarships.

SECTION 34. AMENDMENT. Section 8 of chapter 3 of the 2023 Session Laws is amended and reenacted as follows:

SECTION 8. TRANSFER - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA PROFITS - SKILLED WORKFORCE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FUND. The industrial commission shall transfer the sum of \$3,400,000 from the current earnings and accumulated undivided profits of the Bank of North Dakota to the skilled workforce student loan repayment program fund during the ~~bienniumperiod~~ beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, ~~2025~~2027.

SECTION 35. AMENDMENT. Section 9 of chapter 3 of the 2023 Session Laws is amended and reenacted as follows:

SECTION 9. TRANSFER - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA PROFITS - SKILLED

WORKFORCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. The industrial commission shall transfer the sum of \$3,400,000 from the current earnings and accumulated undivided profits of the Bank of North Dakota to the skilled workforce scholarship fund during the ~~biennium period~~ beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, ~~2025~~2027.

SECTION 36. AMENDMENT. Subsection 17 of section 1 of chapter 550 of the 2021 Special Session Session Laws is amended and reenacted as follows:

17. There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the state fiscal recovery fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,104,121, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences for the purpose of purchasing equipment ~~and hiring personnel to~~ be granted to health care providers in the state to provide hyperbaric oxygen therapy for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, ~~2023~~2027.

SECTION 37. REPEAL. Section 15-10-74 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

SECTION 38. EXEMPTION - TRANSFER AUTHORITY - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the office of management and budget shall transfer appropriation authority from the operations to the capital assets line items within subdivisions 2 through 14 of section 1 of this Act as requested by the state board of higher education, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2027. The board shall report any transfer of funds under this section to the legislative management.

SECTION 39. EXEMPTION - FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION ADJUSTMENTS. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the state board of higher education may adjust full-time equivalent positions as needed, subject to the availability of funds, for institutions and entities under its control during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The North Dakota university system shall report any adjustments to the office of management and budget as part of the submission of the 2027-29 biennium budget request.

SECTION 40. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS. The following appropriations are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027:

1. Any amounts remaining from the \$18,160,000 appropriated from the general fund for capital projects inflation and \$411,724,026 appropriated from other funds, including \$209,976,971 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements fund, for capital projects at institutions under the control of the state board of higher education in section 1 of chapter 3 of the 2023 Session Laws;
2. Any amounts remaining from the \$8,500,000 appropriated from other funds to Bismarck state college for the multipurpose academic and athletic center in section 2 of chapter 638 of the 2023 Special Session Session Laws;
3. Any amounts remaining from the \$1,500,000 appropriated from Bank of North Dakota profits for dual-credit scholarships in section 1 of chapter 3 of the 2023 Session Laws;
4. Any amounts remaining from the funding appropriated from federal funds derived from the state fiscal recovery fund to the state board of higher education and institutions under the control of the state board of higher education in section 1 of chapter 548 and section 1 of chapter 550 of the 2021 Special Session Session Laws and continued into the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, in section 42 of chapter 3 of the 2023 Session Laws.

SECTION 41. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS. The following appropriations are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027:

1. Any amounts remaining from the funding appropriated for the branch research centers capital projects inflation in subdivision 4 of section 1 of chapter 20 of the 2023 Session Laws, including related revenues.
2. Any amounts remaining from the funding appropriated for the northern crops institute feed production center facility upgrade and pellet mill in subdivision 2 of section 1 of chapter 20 of the 2023 Session Laws, including related revenues.
3. Any amounts remaining from the funding appropriated for the main research center Waldron hall replacement project in subdivision 4 of section 1 of chapter 20 of the 2023 Session Laws, including related revenues.

SECTION 42. EXEMPTION - SALE OF PROPERTY AUTHORIZED - USE OF PROCEEDS. The state of North Dakota, by and through the state board of higher education, may sell and convey certain real property located at the intersection of sixth avenue north and

forty-second street north, in the southeast corner, unplatted parts including the north half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 5, township 151 north, range 50, estimated to include 20 acres, in the records of the city of Grand Forks. If any real property authorized to be conveyed under this section is conveyed, the terms of conveyance must be determined jointly by the state board of higher education or a designee of the board and the commissioner of university and school lands. Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 do not apply to the transfers authorized by this section. Any proceeds from the sale of land pursuant to this section may be used only for deferred maintenance and extraordinary repairs.

SECTION 43. EXEMPTION - SALE OF PROPERTY AUTHORIZED - USE OF

PROCEEDS. The state of North Dakota, by and through the state board of higher education, may sell and convey certain real property located at the intersection of Demers avenue and forty-second street north, in the northwest corner, known as 4201 James Ray drive, the south east corner of lot 1, block 1, estimated to be 2.74 acres, in the records of the city of Grand Forks. If any real property authorized to be conveyed under this section is conveyed, the terms of conveyance must be determined jointly by the state board of higher education or a designee of the board and the commissioner of university and school lands. Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 do not apply to the transfers authorized by this section. Any proceeds from the sale of land pursuant to this section may be used only for deferred maintenance and extraordinary repairs.

SECTION 44. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES - UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM -

STUDENT RESIDENCY - REPORT. The university of North Dakota shall develop and implement student recruitment and acceptance strategies to increase the number of resident medical students enrolled in the school of medicine and health sciences and to increase the number of resident students enrolled in the physician assistant program, with a goal for eighty-five percent of medical students enrolled at the school of medicine and health sciences and in the physician assistant program to be residents of the state by the fall 2030 semester. The university of North Dakota shall provide an annual report to the legislative management regarding strategies under consideration and implemented to increase resident medical student enrollment in the school of medicine and health sciences and in the physician assistant program, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

**SECTION 45. HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING REVIEW COMMITTEE - REPORT TO
THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

1. During the 2025-26 interim, the higher education funding review committee is created and composed of thirteen members as follows:
 - a. Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the majority leader of the house of representatives and one member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;
 - b. Two members of the senate appointed by the majority leader of the senate and one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate;
 - c. One member of the legislative assembly appointed by the legislative management to serve as the committee chairman;
 - d. Six nonvoting members, including:
 - (1) The university of North Dakota vice president for finance and operations, or a designee of the vice president for finance and operations;
 - (2) The North Dakota state university vice president for finance and administration, or a designee of the vice president for finance and administration;
 - (3) Two representatives from regional four-year universities, including dual-mission institutions, appointed by the state board of higher education; and
 - (4) Two representatives from two-year colleges, including polytechnic institutions, appointed by the state board of higher education.
2. The committee shall review funding methods for higher education in the state, including the higher education funding formula, the university system capital building fund, permanent funds distributions, property tax allocations, oil and gas gross production and oil extraction tax revenue allocations, other statutory funds for higher education and research, and other funding appropriated to institutions and entities under the control of the state board of higher education.
3. The committee must receive and consider input from representatives of all higher education institutions under the control of the state board of higher education.

- 1 4. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the legislative
2 management by September 1, 2026.

3 **SECTION 46. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - DUAL-CREDIT.** During the
4 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall study dual-credit in the state, including which
5 institutions may offer dual-credit courses, where dual-credit courses may be provided by the
6 institutions, and state funding provided for dual-credit. The legislative management shall report
7 its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the
8 recommendations, to the seventieth legislative assembly.

9 **SECTION 47. PRAXIS CORE TESTING PERFORMANCE - LEGISLATIVE**
10 **MANAGEMENT REPORT.** The legislative management shall request a report during the
11 2025-26 interim from the association of colleges for teacher education regarding a study of the
12 praxis core testing performance of student teachers who used grades and exams to
13 demonstrate reading, writing, and mathematics competencies.

14 **SECTION 48. STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY AND REPORT -**
15 **COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION - LEGISLATIVE INTENT - REPORT.**

- 16 1. The state board of higher education shall study the costs and benefits of a system of
17 higher education led by a chancellor compared to a commissioner during the 2025-26
18 interim. The state board of higher education shall report its findings and
19 recommendations, including any legislation required to implement the
20 recommendations, to the legislative management by May 31, 2026.
- 21 2. It is the intent of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly that:
- 22 a. The state board of higher education appoint a state commissioner of higher
23 education in compliance with chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code
24 and subsection 7 of section 6 of article VIII of the Constitution of North Dakota.
- 25 b. The state commissioner of higher education be recognized as a position
26 important to the efficient and effective functioning of the North Dakota university
27 system.
- 28 c. The state board of higher education recognize the importance of hiring an
29 individual for the position of state commissioner of higher education in an efficient
30 and timely manner.

- 1 3. The state board of higher education shall provide a report to the legislative
2 management by October 15, 2025, regarding the hiring process for the state
3 commissioner of higher education position, including detail regarding the cause or
4 reasoning behind any delays in the hiring process.

5 **SECTION 49. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - WEIGHTED CREDIT-HOURS - INSTRUCTIONAL**
6 **PROGRAM CLASSIFICATION FACTORS.** It is the intent of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly
7 that wind energy technology and law enforcement courses be transferred to the career and
8 technical education instructional program classification within the higher education funding
9 formula.

10 **SECTION 50. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF**
11 **MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES - ALLIED HEALTH FACILITY.** It is the intent of the
12 sixty-ninth legislative assembly that an allied health facility expansion be completed at the
13 university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences.

14 **SECTION 51. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - SEPARATION AGREEMENTS.** It is the intent of the
15 sixty-ninth legislative assembly that the state board of higher education not enter into any
16 separation or early retirement agreements, other than approved agreements consistent with the
17 individual's personnel contract and state law, with a cost to the state or the institutions under the
18 control of the state board of higher education during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and
19 ending June 30, 2027.

20 **SECTION 52. EMERGENCY.** The workforce education innovation grants and capital assets
21 line items in section 1 and sections 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, 14, 21, 38, 42, and 43 of this Act are
22 declared to be an emergency measure.