

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1036

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Workforce Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 34-05 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the creation of the division of apprenticeship within the department of
3 labor and human rights; to provide an appropriation; and to provide a report.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 34-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Division of apprenticeship - Duties.**

- 8 1. There is created a division of apprenticeship within the department of labor and human
9 rights.
- 10 2. Employees of the division of apprenticeship shall report to the labor commissioner.
- 11 3. The labor commissioner may appoint a division director to oversee the division. If the
12 labor commissioner appoints a division director, all employees shall report to the
13 division director and the division director shall report to the labor commissioner.
- 14 4. The division of apprenticeship:
- 15 a. Shall assist, coordinate, and collaborate with the state director from the office of
16 apprenticeship of the United States department of labor to administer the federal
17 apprenticeship system within the state.
- 18 b. Shall develop and implement a statewide strategy to support the state director
19 from the office of apprenticeship of the United States department of labor to
20 maintain and manage existing apprenticeship programs and develop and expand
21 newly created apprenticeship programs in the state.

- 1 c. Shall develop a pilot program to support a business operating or seeking to
2 create an apprenticeship program under the federal apprenticeship system.
3 d. May contract with other state agencies to develop and administer programs to
4 assist the state director from the office of apprenticeship of the United States
5 department of labor in promoting entrance in the federal apprenticeship system.
6 5. This section does not apply to an apprenticeship program maintained, managed, or
7 overseen by any state board or commission in this state.

8 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND HUMAN RIGHTS -**
9 **DIVISION OF APPRENTICESHIP - FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS - REPORT TO**

10 **THE SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
11 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$650,000, or so much
12 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of labor and human rights for the purpose
13 of providing salaries and benefits for the division of apprenticeship staff, for the biennium
14 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The department of labor and human rights is
15 authorized three full-time equivalent positions to administer the division of apprenticeship. The
16 department of labor and human rights shall report to the seventieth legislative assembly
17 regarding the number of apprentices and employers assisted through the division of
18 apprenticeship and the number of new apprenticeship programs created during the 2025-27
19 biennium.