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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study relating to institutions of higher
2 education.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER**
5 **EDUCATION.**

6 1. During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the
7 institutions of higher education under the control of the state board of higher
8 education. The study must include:

- 9 a. Methods to promote efficiency and collaboration among state institutions;
- 10 b. Consideration of statewide dual-credit expansion to develop standard three-year
11 bachelor degree programs;
- 12 c. An analysis of the cost of tuition and fees for students;
- 13 d. Consideration of the feasibility and desirability of a system of uniform transcripts
14 and the waiver of fees to transfer credits within the state higher education
15 system; and
- 16 e. Consideration of the feasibility and desirability of consolidating colleges and
17 universities and implementing satellite campuses of universities.

18 2. If selected, the legislative management shall appoint a committee for this study as
19 follows:

- 20 a. The voting members of the committee, who must be appointed by the legislative
21 management, are:
 - 22 (1) Three members of the senate, two from the party with the largest number of
23 members in the senate and one from the party with the second largest
24 number of members in the senate;

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- 1 (2) Three members of the house of representatives, two from the party with the
- 2 largest number of members in the house of representatives and one from
- 3 the party with the second largest number of members in the house of
- 4 representatives;
- 5 (3) One member of the legislative assembly to serve as the committee
- 6 chairman.
- 7 b. The nonvoting members of the committee are:
- 8 (1) The chairman of the state board of higher education;
- 9 (2) One representative of kindergarten through grade twelve education;
- 10 (3) One representative each of the manufacturing, health care, agriculture, and
- 11 energy industries.
- 12 3. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together
- 13 with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth
- 14 legislative assembly.