

March 5, 2025

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2242

Introduced by

Senators Myrdal, Paulson, Wobbema

Representatives D. Johnston, S. Olson, Motschenbacher

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 f. Research on the competitiveness among state institutions; and

19 g. An analysis of the quality of education provided at each state institution.

- 1 2. If selected, the legislative management shall appoint a committee for this study as
2 follows:
- 3 a. The voting members of the committee, who must be appointed by the legislative
4 management, are:
- 5 (1) Three members of the senate, two from the party with the largest number of
6 members in the senate and one from the party with the second largest
7 number of members in the senate;
- 8 (2) Three members of the house of representatives, two from the party with the
9 largest number of members in the house of representatives and one from
10 the party with the second largest number of members in the house of
11 representatives; and
- 12 (3) One member of the legislative assembly to serve as the committee
13 chairman.
- 14 b. The nonvoting members of the committee are:
- 15 (1) The chairman of the state board of higher education;
- 16 (2) The student representative of the state board of higher education;
- 17 (3) The chancellor of the North Dakota university system, or the chancellor's
18 designee;
- 19 ~~(3)~~(4) One representative of kindergarten through grade twelve education; and
- 20 ~~(4)~~(5) One representative each of the manufacturing, health care, agriculture, and
21 energy industries.
- 22 3. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together
23 with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth
24 legislative assembly.