

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments**

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2242

Introduced by

Senators Myrdal, Paulson, Wobbema

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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;
 - 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.
- 20 2. If selected, the legislative management shall appoint a committee for this study as
21 follows:

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