

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 4.1-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to creating a farm management program within the department of
3 agriculture; to amend and reenact section 15-20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code,
4 relating to the powers and duties of the state board of career at technical education; and to
5 provide an appropriation.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 4.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
8 and enacted as follows:

9 **Farm management program.**

10 The commissioner shall implement and oversee a program to:

- 11 1. Coordinate new and existing farm management programs offered by a state agency,
12 board, or commission; and
- 13 2. Create and expand marketing clubs as adjuncts to new and existing farm
14 management programs.

15 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
16 amended and reenacted as follows:

17 **15-20.1-03. Powers and duties of state board relating to career and technical**
18 **education.**

19 The state board shall have all authority necessary to cooperate with the United States
20 department of education or other department or agency of the United States of America in the
21 administration of acts of Congress relating to career and technical education, including the
22 following powers and duties:

- 23 1. To administer any legislation enacted by the legislative assembly of this state pursuant
24 to or in conformity with acts of Congress relating to career and technical education.

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- 1 2. To administer the funds provided by the federal government and by this state for the
- 2 promotion of career and technical education and to contract with:
- 3 a. Any public or private institution or agency, board of trustees of any agricultural
- 4 and training school, or school district of this state; or
- 5 b. Any public or private institution or agency, or political subdivision, of another
- 6 state.
- 7 3. To formulate plans for the promotion of career and technical education in such
- 8 subjects as are an essential and integral part of the public school system of education
- 9 in this state.
- 10 4. To provide for the preparation of teachers.
- 11 5. To fix the compensation of such officers and assistants as may be necessary to
- 12 administer the federal acts and the provisions of this chapter relating to career and
- 13 technical education and to pay the same and other necessary expenses of
- 14 administration from any funds appropriated for such purpose.
- 15 6. To make studies and investigations relating to career and technical education.
- 16 7. To promote and aid in the establishment of schools, departments, or classes, and to
- 17 cooperate with local communities in the maintenance of career and technical
- 18 education schools, departments, or classes.
- 19 8. To prescribe the qualifications and provide for the certification of teachers, directors,
- 20 and supervisors.
- 21 9. To cooperate with governing bodies of school districts and with organizations and
- 22 communities in the maintenance of classes for the preparation of teachers, directors,
- 23 and supervisors of career and technical education, to maintain classes for such
- 24 purposes under its own direction and control, and to establish and control, by general
- 25 regulations, the qualifications to be possessed by persons engaged in the training of
- 26 career and technical education teachers.
- 27 ~~10. To coordinate new and existing farm management programs offered by any state~~
- 28 ~~agency or entity.~~
- 29 ~~11. To create and expand marketing clubs as adjuncts to new and existing farm~~
- 30 ~~management programs.~~

1 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER - FARM**

2 **MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in
3 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,900,000, or so much of the sum as
4 may be necessary, to the agriculture commissioner for the purpose of paying for services
5 related to the farm management program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
6 June 30, 2027.