

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1517

Introduced by

Representatives Jonas, Murphy, Richter, Sanford, Hager

Senators Bekkedahl, Boschee

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the creation of the North Dakota student teacher scholarship program;
3 and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **North Dakota student teacher scholarship program.**

8 1. The state board of higher education shall:

9 a. Develop and administer the North Dakota student teacher scholarship program to
10 provide scholarships for student teachers who will seek initial teacher licensure
11 after graduation;

12 b. Distribute funds for the scholarships to each institution or program with a physical
13 presence in the state offering a North Dakota state-approved teacher preparation
14 program; and

15 c. Provide guidance and assistance to each North Dakota state-approved educator
16 preparation program to administer the program.

17 2. To be eligible to receive a scholarship under this section, a student must:

18 a. Be enrolled in a North Dakota state-approved teacher preparation program and
19 be completing the student teaching experience in the state;

20 b. Be progressing satisfactorily through the teacher preparation program, as
21 determined by the North Dakota state-approved educator preparation program;
22 and

- 1 c. Not hold an initial teaching license or an alternate access teaching license issued
2 by the North Dakota education standards and practices board.
- 3 3. An institution of higher education shall apply a scholarship not exceeding three
4 thousand dollars to an eligible student's tuition and fees for the semester the student is
5 completing the student teaching experience.

6 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION - STUDENT**
7 **TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the

8 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$4,200,000, or so
9 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of
10 providing funds to institutions of higher education to award scholarships to students who are
11 eligible to receive a student teacher scholarship, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and
12 ending June 30, 2027.