

**State Board for Career and Technical Education (formerly State Board for Vocational and Technical Education)
House Bill No. 1020**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2003-05 executive budget (bills as introduced)	27.50	\$15,118,520	\$10,875,297	\$25,993,817
2003-05 legislative appropriations	27.50	14,673,473	10,874,500	25,547,973
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	(\$445,047)	(\$797)	(\$445,844)
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2001-03 appropriations	(1.00)	\$304,612	(\$4,021,268)	(\$3,716,656)

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the State Board for Career and Technical Education is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in Senate Bill No. 2423, which allows agencies to provide salary increases of up to 1 percent on January 1, 2004, and up to 2 percent on January 1, 2005, to be funded in part from pooled savings accumulated from agency FTE position reductions.

	Major Items FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Removed funding recommended in the executive budget for state employee salary increases		(\$31,339)	(\$704)	(\$32,043)
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget for state employee health insurance premiums from \$493 to \$488.70 per month per policy		(2,900)	(93)	(2,993)
Reduced funding for information technology. The amount reduced represents a reduction in information technology funding of approximately 5 percent.		(10,808)		(10,808)
Removed funding to expand career development programs		(360,000)		(360,000)
Decreased funding for the awareness campaign from \$80,000 to \$40,000		(40,000)		(40,000)
Total	0.00	(\$445,047)	(\$797)	(\$445,844)

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to remove 1 FTE computer and network specialist III position. The number of FTE positions for the State Board for Career and Technical Education for the 2003-05 biennium is 27.50 FTE, 1 FTE less than the 28.5 FTE authorized for the 2001-03 biennium.

Other Sections in Bill

Legislative intent on higher education funding - Section 2 was added to provide legislative intent that the workforce training funds of \$1,350,000 from the general fund appropriated to the State Board for Career and Technical Education be considered by the North Dakota University System as a part of higher education's share of total general fund spending.

Related Legislation

State Board for Career and Technical Education - House Bill No. 1183 provides for a change of the agency's name from State Board for Vocational and Technical Education to State Board for Career and Technical Education and changes the name of "area vocational and technology centers" to "area career and technology centers." This bill also authorizes the area vocational and technology centers to accept property and grants from the federal government, designates a department of career and technical education, and repeals North Dakota Century Code Section 15-20.1-10, which relates to the powers of the school board of a vocational school district.