

**North Dakota University System office  
Budget No. 215  
House Bill Nos. 1003, 1395**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2007-09 executive budget (bills as introduced)	21.00	\$70,910,723	\$2,437,810	\$73,348,533
<b>2007-09 legislative appropriations</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>68,601,118<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>6,117,530</b>	<b>74,718,648</b>
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	(1.00)	(\$2,309,605)	\$3,679,720	\$1,370,115
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2005-07 appropriations	0.00	\$13,031,507	\$3,517,754	\$16,549,261

<sup>1</sup>This amount includes \$3,470,000 of one-time funding of which \$2.3 million is for support of the ConnectND system, \$420,000 is for common information services parity funding, and \$750,000 is for a master capital plan and deferred maintenance at Mayville State University. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$65,131,118.

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

**Salaries and Wages**

The University System budget request included funding for parity to provide for inflationary costs, including the general fund share of salary and health insurance increases. This method of funding these costs was not changed by the executive budget or the Legislative Assembly.

	<b>Major Items</b>		
	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>
			<b>Total</b>
The legislative action:			
Decreased funding for bond payments from \$15,822,002, of which \$14,792,252 is from the general fund and \$1,027,750 is from special funds, to \$15,754,112, of which \$14,724,362 is from the general fund and \$1,029,750 is from special funds, to more accurately reflect estimated bond payments for the 2007-09 biennium (see <b>Capital Assets</b> section below)		(\$67,890)	(\$67,890)
Decreased funding for board initiatives from \$2,091,174 as recommended in the executive budget to \$398,500, of which \$300,000 is for a grant to the Space Grant Consortium and \$98,500 is for a recruiting initiative at Minot State University - Bottineau (see <b>Board Initiatives</b> section below)		(1,692,674)	(1,692,674)
Removed funding included in the executive budget recommendation to separate the vice chancellor for strategic planning and the executive director of the College Technical Education Council as well as provide funding for anticipated higher salary needs for the vice chancellor position (see <b>System Governance</b> section below)	(1.00)	(308,000)	(308,000)

Decreased funding for system governance relating to one-time funding provided in the 2005-07 biennium for a technology commercialization study (see <b>System Governance</b> section below)	(50,000)		(50,000)
Decreased funding for system governance (see <b>System Governance</b> section below)	(200,000)		(200,000)
Increased funding for Northern Tier Network infrastructure from \$1 million to \$2,773,800 and changed funding source from the general fund to the permanent oil tax trust fund	(1,000,000)	\$2,773,800	1,773,800
Removed funding for an operations pool	(344,559)		(344,559)
Removed funding for contingency and capital emergency	(496,482)		(496,482)
Decreased funding for professional student exchange program to remove funding included in the executive budget recommendation for a proposed loan forgiveness program for optometrists (see <b>Professional Student Exchange Program</b> section below)	(100,000)		(100,000)
Allocated \$250,000 of the \$1 million included in the executive budget recommendation for the North Dakota University System office for development of a master capital plan and deferred maintenance projects at Mayville State University to the university for support of campus operations (see <b>Capital Assets</b> section below)	(250,000)		(250,000)
Increased funding for competitive research from \$5.5 million to \$5,650,000 (see <b>Competitive Research</b> section below)	150,000		150,000
Increased funding for support of the ConnectND system from \$3.7 million to \$6 million	2,300,000		2,300,000
Decreased funding for professional liability insurance from \$1,350,000 to \$1.1 million	(250,000)		(250,000)
Increased funding for the Kansas State University veterinary medicine program, from \$317,460 to \$523,380 from the student loan trust fund, to fund five new students per year in the 2007-09 biennium (see <b>Professional Student Exchange Program</b> section below)		205,920	205,920

Provided funding in House Bill No. 1395 for grant assistance payments to tribally controlled community colleges (see <b>Related Legislation</b> section below)			700,000	700,000
Total	(1.00)	(\$2,309,605)	\$3,679,720	\$1,370,115

**FTE Changes**

The Legislative Assembly removed the 1 new FTE position included in the executive budget recommendation to separate the vice chancellor for strategic planning and the executive director of the College Technical Education Council position. The 2007-09 biennium appropriation includes funding for 20 FTE positions, the same as the 2005-07 biennium.

**One-Time Funding**

In Section 19 of House Bill No. 1003, the Legislative Assembly identified \$28,382,068 from the general fund and \$7,583,315 from the permanent oil tax trust fund for the following one-time funding items for the North Dakota University System. These amounts are not to be considered part of the University System's base budget for preparing the 2009-11 executive budget and the University System is to report to the Appropriations Committees during the 2009 legislative session on the use of this funding.

	General Fund	Permanent Oil Tax Trust Fund	Total
Northern Tier Network infrastructure (University System office)		\$2,773,800	\$2,773,800
ConnectND system support (University System office)	\$2,300,000		2,300,000
Common information system pool parity funding (University System office)	420,000		420,000
Deferred maintenance (University System office and higher education institutions)	10,893,033		10,893,033
Capital projects (higher education institutions)	13,808,235	4,809,515	18,617,750
Campus initiatives (higher education institutions)	960,800		960,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,382,068</b>	<b>\$7,583,315</b>	<b>\$35,965,383</b>

**Competitive Research**

The Legislative Assembly provided funding of \$5,650,000 from the general fund for competitive research. The \$5,650,000 is \$150,000 more than the executive recommendation of \$5.5 million and \$460,000 more than the 2005-07 biennium legislative appropriation of \$5,190,000. The following is a summary of funding for the competitive research program:

Biennium	General Fund
1995-97	\$1,980,000
1997-99	\$1,980,000
1999-2001	\$1,971,000
2001-03	\$4,000,000
2003-05	\$4,750,000 <sup>1</sup>
2005-07	\$5,190,000
2007-09	\$5,650,000

<sup>1</sup>The 2003 Legislative Assembly provided that \$100,000 of the \$4,750,000 be used for a public private partnership for establishment of a design center at the University of North Dakota.

### Board Initiatives

The Legislative Assembly provided funding of \$398,500 from the general fund for board initiatives. The \$398,500 is \$1,692,674 less than the executive recommendation of \$2,091,174 and \$1,326,500 less than the 2005-07 biennium adjusted appropriation of \$1,725,000. Section 5 of House Bill No. 1003 provides that the board initiatives funding includes \$300,000 for a grant to the Space Grant Consortium to match federal funds and \$98,500 for a recruiting initiative for Minot State University - Bottineau. The funding for the recruiting initiative is provided for a two-year pilot basis, and Minot State University - Bottineau is to report on the effectiveness of the initiative to the Appropriations Committees of the 61st Legislative Assembly.

### System Governance

The Legislative Assembly provided funding of \$5,883,394, of which \$5,652,394 is from the general fund and \$231,000 is from special funds, for system governance. The \$5,883,394 is \$558,000 less than the executive recommendation of \$6,441,394 and \$314,972 more than the 2005-07 biennium appropriation of \$5,568,422. The following is a summary of the funding for system governance:

	2007-09 Executive Budget Recommendation			2007-09 Legislative Appropriation		
	General Fund	Special Funds	Total	General Fund	Special Funds	Total
2005-07 biennium appropriation	\$5,378,496	\$189,926	\$5,568,422	\$5,378,496	\$189,926	\$5,568,422
Provide funding for costs to continue fiscal year 2007 legislatively funded salary increases	46,301	3,475	49,776	46,301	3,475	49,776
Provide funding for salary increases of 5 percent per year	239,132	11,586	250,718	239,132	11,586	250,718
Provide funding for estimated health insurance premium increases	64,294	5,781	70,075	64,294	5,781	70,075
Provide funding for operating expenses increase, including increases in Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education and Midwestern Higher Education Compact dues	174,171	20,232	194,403	174,171	20,232	194,403
Provide funding to separate the vice chancellor for strategic planning and the executive director of the College Technical Education Council as well as provide funding for an anticipated higher salary replacement cost for the vice chancellor position	308,000		308,000			
Remove funding relating to one-time funding provided in the 2005-07 biennium for a technology commercialization study				(50,000)		(50,000)
Decrease funding from the general fund				(200,000)		(200,000)
2007-09 biennium appropriation	\$6,210,394	\$231,000	\$6,441,394	\$5,652,394	\$231,000	\$5,883,394

### Common Information Services

The Legislative Assembly provided funding of \$31,477,093, of which \$28,703,293 is from the general fund and \$2,773,800 is from the permanent oil tax trust fund, for common information services to be allocated by the State Board of Higher Education based on the provisions of Section 7 of House Bill No. 1003. The following is a summary of the 2007-09 biennium legislative appropriation compared to the 2007-09 executive recommendation and the 2005-07 biennium adjusted appropriation:

	2005-07 Biennium Adjusted Appropriation	2007-09 Biennium Executive Recommendation	2007-09 Biennium Legislative Appropriation	2007-09 Biennium Legislative Appropriation Increase (Decrease) from 2007-09 Biennium Executive Recommendation	2007-09 Biennium Legislative Appropriation Increase (Decrease) from 2005-07 Biennium Adjusted Appropriation
General fund	\$20,607,093	\$27,403,293	\$28,703,293	\$1,300,000	\$8,096,200
Permanent oil tax trust fund			2,773,800	2,773,800	2,773,800
Total	\$20,607,093	\$27,403,293	\$31,477,093	\$4,073,800	\$10,870,000

Of the \$31,477,093, \$6 million from the general fund is for support of the ConnectND system of which \$3.7 million is considered base funding and \$2.3 million is considered one-time funding, and \$2,773,800 from the permanent oil tax trust fund is one-time funding for Northern Tier Network infrastructure. Section 7 provides that the common information services allocations are to be made based on the University System information technology plan and technology priorities. The funds allocated must be used to support the Higher Education Computer Network, the Interactive Video Network, the On-line Dakota Information Network, and other related technology initiatives as determined by the State Board of Higher Education.

#### Student Financial Assistance Grants

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to provide funding of \$5,987,497, of which \$5,823,497 is from the general fund and \$164,000 is from federal funds, for student financial assistance grants. The \$5,987,497 is \$2,483,095 more than the 2005-07 biennium appropriation of \$3,504,402. The funding will be used to provide grants to students of up to \$1,000 per year. To qualify, a student must be a resident undergraduate student who has graduated from a North Dakota high school and is attending a qualified postsecondary institution in North Dakota. The award of grants is based on student need. The following is a summary of funding for student financial assistance grants:

Biennium	General Fund	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
1995-97	\$2,032,478	\$400,000	\$1,350,000	\$3,782,478
1997-99	\$1,495,000	\$410,986	\$2,574,400	\$4,480,386
1999-2001	\$1,735,881	\$140,000	\$2,574,400	\$4,450,281
2001-03	\$2,670,881	\$214,000	\$1,338,150	\$4,223,031
2003-05	\$2,730,215	\$200,000	\$0	\$2,930,215
2005-07	\$3,332,402	\$172,000	\$0	\$3,504,402
2007-09	\$5,823,497	\$164,000	\$0	\$5,987,497

#### Professional Student Exchange Program

The Legislative Assembly provided funding of \$2,722,946, of which \$2,199,566 is from the general fund and \$523,380 is from the student loan trust fund, for the professional student exchange program. The \$2,722,946 is \$105,920 more than the executive recommendation of \$2,617,026, of which \$2,299,566 is from the general fund and \$317,460 is from the student loan trust fund, and \$595,666 more than the 2005-07 biennium appropriation of \$2,127,280. The Legislative Assembly removed funding of \$100,000 from the general fund included in the executive budget recommendation for a new loan forgiveness program for optometrists. The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to provide \$100,000 from the general fund for a new loan forgiveness program for veterinarians. The Legislative Assembly increased funding from the student loan trust fund by \$205,920, from \$317,460 as included in the executive recommendation to \$523,380, to fund five new students per year for the 2007-09 biennium in the Kansas State University veterinary medicine program compared to the two new students per year included in the executive recommendation. The following is a summary of funding for the professional student exchange program:

Biennium	General Fund	Student Loan Trust Fund	Total Funds
1995-97	\$1,326,756		\$1,326,756
1997-99	\$1,389,801		\$1,389,801
1999-2001	\$1,310,716		\$1,310,716
2001-03	\$1,560,716		\$1,560,716
2003-05	\$1,678,300		\$1,678,300
2005-07	\$1,864,780	\$262,500	\$2,127,280
2007-09	\$2,199,566	\$523,380	\$2,722,946

#### Scholars Program

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to provide funding of \$1,478,566 from the general fund for the scholars program. The \$1,478,566 is \$616,489 more than the 2005-07 biennium appropriation of \$862,077. The funding is sufficient to provide 50 new freshmen awards in each year of the 2007-09 biennium, an increase of approximately 15 new freshmen awards from the number provided in fiscal year 2007. The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to provide \$200,000 from the general fund to provide a one-time \$2,000 stipend to all new freshmen in fiscal years 2008 and 2009. The following is a summary of funding for the scholars program:

Biennium	General Fund	Special Funds	Total Funds
1995-97	\$496,403		\$496,403
1997-99	\$473,786	\$185,500	\$659,286
1999-2001	\$520,730	\$185,500	\$706,230
2001-03	\$770,730		\$770,730
2003-05	\$816,386		\$816,386
2005-07	\$862,077		\$862,077
2007-09	\$1,478,566		\$1,478,566

#### Native American Scholarship Program

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to provide funding of \$380,626 from the general fund for Native American scholarships. The \$380,626 is \$128,638 more than the 2005-07 biennium appropriation of \$251,988. The funding is expected to be sufficient to provide approximately 270 grants of \$700 per student for each year of the biennium. The University System office provided 362 grants of \$700 per student for the 2005-07 biennium. The following is a summary of funding for the Native American scholarship program:

Biennium	General Fund
1995-97	\$200,000
1997-99	\$204,000
1999-2001	\$204,082
2001-03	\$204,082
2003-05	\$204,086
2005-07	\$251,988
2007-09	\$380,626

#### Education Incentive Programs

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to provide funding of \$1,740,314 from the general fund for education incentive programs, an increase in funding of \$512,412 from the 2005-07 biennium appropriation of \$1,227,902. Section 14 of House Bill No. 1003 provides that the funding of \$1,740,314 may be allocated to education incentive programs as determined by the State Board of Higher Education. The board may determine the appropriate number of years of program eligibility for each education incentive program.

#### Capital Assets

The Legislative Assembly provided funding of \$16,504,112, of which \$15,474,362 is from the general fund and \$1,029,750 is from special funds, for capital assets. Of the \$16,504,112, \$15,754,112 is for capital construction lease payments relating to bonds issued by the North Dakota Building Authority for building projects authorized by the Legislative Assembly and \$750,000 is for the development of a master capital plan and deferred maintenance projects at Mayville State University as approved by the State Board of Higher Education. The following is a summary of the 2007-09 legislative appropriation compared to the 2007-09 executive recommendation and the 2005-07 legislative appropriation:

	2005-07 Biennium Legislative Appropriation	2007-09 Biennium Executive Recommendation	2007-09 Biennium Legislative Appropriation	2007-09 Biennium Legislative Appropriation Increase (Decrease) From 2007-09 Biennium Executive Recommendation	2007-09 Biennium Legislative Appropriation Increase (Decrease) From 2005-07 Biennium Legislative Appropriation
Capital construction lease payments Master capital plan and deferred maintenance (Mayville State University)	\$14,278,141	\$15,822,002 1,000,000	\$15,754,112 750,000	(\$67,890) (250,000)	\$1,475,971 750,000
Total	\$14,278,141	\$16,822,002	\$16,504,112	(\$317,890)	\$2,225,971
General fund	\$12,998,391	\$15,792,252	\$15,474,362	(\$317,890)	\$2,475,971
Special funds	1,279,750	1,029,750	1,029,750		(250,000)
Total	\$14,278,141	\$16,822,002	\$16,504,112	(\$317,890)	\$2,225,971

### Capital Improvements

The following schedule presents the higher education capital improvement funding contained in the 2007-09 executive recommendation and the appropriations approved by the Legislative Assembly for the 2007-09 biennium:

Entity/Project	2007-09 Executive Recommendation		2007-09 Legislative Appropriations	
	General Fund	Special Funds	General Fund	Special Funds
<b>University System office</b>				
Master capital plan and deferred maintenance (Mayville State University)	\$1,000,000		\$750,000	
Total	\$1,000,000		\$750,000	
<b>Bismarck State College</b>				
Schafer Hall renovation first floor	\$515,195	\$27,805	\$488,700	\$54,300
Student housing project				5,679,750
Extraordinary repairs	473,192		473,192	
Total	\$988,387	\$27,805	\$961,892	\$5,734,050
<b>Lake Region State College</b>				
Wind energy project		\$3,007,600		\$3,007,600
Extraordinary repairs	\$125,604		\$125,604	
Total	\$125,604	\$3,007,600	\$125,604	\$3,007,600
<b>Williston State College</b>				
Creighton building addition		\$1,400,000		\$1,400,000
Service rig facility				700,000
Extraordinary repairs	\$157,198		\$157,198	
Total	\$157,198	\$1,400,000	\$157,198	\$2,100,000
<b>University of North Dakota</b>				
Allied Health facility		\$20,400,000		\$20,400,000
American Indian Center		10,000,000		10,000,000
EERC Commercialization Center		5,000,000		5,000,000

Entity/Project	2007-09 Executive Recommendation		2007-09 Legislative Appropriations	
	General Fund	Special Funds	General Fund	Special Funds
Earth Systems Science Building		5,000,000		5,000,000
Indoor track facility		15,000,000		15,000,000
Memorial Union front (north) entrance		4,500,000		4,500,000
O'Kelly Hall-Ireland Laboratory renovations	\$2,200,000		\$1,980,000	220,000
School of Medicine and Health Sciences - Laboratory and administration renovations		9,800,000		9,800,000
School of Medicine and Health Sciences - Bismarck Family Practice Center		4,500,000		4,000,000
Wilkerson dining center		4,000,000		4,000,000
Extraordinary repairs	5,928,875		5,928,875	
Total	\$8,128,875	\$78,200,000	\$7,908,875	\$77,920,000
<b>North Dakota State University</b>				
Dakota Coteau Field School		\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000
Ellig Softball Complex		4,500,000		4,500,000
Living Learn Residence Hall West and Ceres Hall		12,000,000		12,000,000
Minard Hall renovation - Phases 1 and 2	\$5,000,000		\$4,500,000	500,000
Bison Sports Arena renovation				25,500,000
Extraordinary repairs	4,209,161		4,209,161	
Total	\$9,209,161	\$20,500,000	\$8,709,161	\$46,500,000
<b>State College of Science</b>				
Football stadium and track renovation		\$1,700,000		\$1,700,000
Parking lot		714,000		714,000
Robertson Hall renovation		6,000,000		6,000,000
Steamline distribution replacement	\$1,670,420			1,670,420
Extraordinary repairs	1,386,445		\$1,386,445	
Total	\$3,056,865	\$8,414,000	\$1,386,445	\$10,084,420
<b>Dickinson State University</b>				
Whitney Stadium renovation and addition		\$8,000,000		\$8,000,000
Extraordinary repairs	\$1,018,763		\$1,018,763	
Total	\$1,018,763	\$8,000,000	\$1,018,763	\$8,000,000
<b>Mayville State University</b>				
Northwest Hall rehabilitation		\$900,000		\$900,000
Extraordinary repairs	\$946,930		\$1,089,963	
Total	\$946,930	\$900,000	\$1,089,963	\$900,000
<b>Minot State University</b>				
Swain Hall renovation and addition	\$2,500,000	\$4,536,150	\$6,332,535	\$703,615
Dome athletic floor replacement		336,400	387,000	



Entity/Project	2007-09 Executive Recommendation		2007-09 Legislative Appropriations	
	General Fund	Special Funds	General Fund	Special Funds
Dakota Hall elevator		340,000		340,000
Pioneer Hall elevator		363,000		363,000
Extraordinary repairs	1,452,744		1,452,744	
Total	\$3,952,744	\$5,575,550	\$8,172,279	\$1,406,615
<b>Valley City State University</b>				
Steamline replacement	\$2,200,000			\$2,200,000
Extraordinary repairs	796,235		\$796,235	
Total	\$2,996,235	\$0	\$796,235	\$2,200,000
<b>Minot State University - Bottineau</b>				
Steamline replacement	\$239,095	\$12,905		\$252,000
Extraordinary repairs	158,702		\$158,702	
Total	\$397,797	\$12,905	\$158,702	\$252,000
<b>Forest Service</b>				
Storage buildings and outdoor restroom facilities	\$120,000		\$120,000	
Extraordinary repairs	60,204		60,204	
Total	\$180,204	\$0	\$180,204	\$0
<b>Total Higher Education</b>	<b>\$32,158,763</b>	<b>\$126,037,860</b>	<b>\$31,415,321</b>	<b>\$158,104,685</b>

#### Other Income

The Legislative Assembly approved the executive recommendation, as provided in Section 11 of House Bill No. 1003 and House Bill No. 1030, to appropriate on a continuing basis (through June 30, 2009) all other funds, including tuition income, received by the institutions of higher education during the 2007-09 biennium. Consequently, the legislative appropriations for all institutions of higher education do not include a specific appropriation of other funds, including tuition income.

#### Other Sections in House Bill No. 1003

**Appropriation** - Section 4 provides a \$150,000 general fund appropriation to Dickinson State University for one-time startup funding for establishing a Theodore Roosevelt Center.

**Student loan trust fund** - Section 9 provides that the appropriation for the North Dakota University System includes funding of \$523,380 from the student loan trust fund for the professional student exchange program.

**Permanent oil tax trust fund** - Section 10 provides that the appropriation for the North Dakota University System includes funding of \$7,783,315 from the permanent oil tax trust fund, of which \$2,773,800 is for Northern Tier Network infrastructure, \$4,109,515 is for steamline projects at the State College of Science, Valley City State University, and Minot State University - Bottineau, and \$900,000 is for the service rig program at Williston State College.

**Transfer authority** - Section 12 allows the State Board of Higher Education to authorize higher education institutions to transfer spending authority from the operations line item to the capital assets line item. Any transfers are to be reported to the Office of Management and Budget.

**FTE positions** - Section 13 provides the State Board of Higher Education with the authority to adjust FTE positions as needed, subject to the availability of funds, for institutions and entities under its control. The University System is to report any adjustments to the Office of Management and Budget prior to the submission of the 2009-11 budget request.

**Bismarck State College National Energy Center of Excellence building** - Section 15 allows the State Board of Higher Education to enter agreements with the Bismarck State College Foundation or other private entity to authorize construction by the foundation or other private entity of a National Energy Center of Excellence building on the Bismarck State College campus using state funds, federal funds, donations, gifts, or other private funds.

**Bond issuance authorization and appropriation** - Section 16 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to arrange for the issuance of revenue bonds for several higher education capital projects and provides the higher education institutions with the appropriation authority for the revenue bond proceeds.

**Higher education accountability measures** - Section 17 provides accountability measures to be included in the State Board of Higher Education's performance and accountability report as required by North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 15-10-14.2.

**Tuition rate increases** - Section 18 provides that the State Board of Higher Education is to limit any annual tuition increase for students attending institutions under its control for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 academic years to not more than 5 percent for each year unless the board receives prior Budget Section approval.

**Unspent 2005-07 general fund appropriations** - Section 20 requires the State Board of Higher Education to use \$200,000 of University System office unspent 2005-07 biennium general fund appropriation authorized to continue under NDCC Section 54-44.1-11 for completing and furnishing the Thatcher Hall renovation and addition at Minot State University - Bottineau.

**Northern Tier Network** - Section 21 provides legislative intent that higher education institutions utilizing the Northern Tier Network be responsible for funding the related ongoing maintenance costs for the network.

**North Dakota State University College of Business building** - Section 22 allows the State Board of Higher Education to enter an agreement or agreements with the North Dakota State University Foundation or other private entity for construction of a College of Business building off the North Dakota State University campus, using donations, gifts, or other private funds.

**Legislative Council study - Higher education** - Section 23 provides for a Legislative Council study of higher education.

**Legislative Council study - Professional student exchange programs** - Section 24 provides for a Legislative Council study of professional student exchange programs.

**Bismarck Family Practice Center** - Section 25 provides legislative intent that the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences may construct, renovate, remodel, purchase, or lease a building for the Bismarck Family Practice Center.

**Veterinary medicine education program - Kansas State University** - Sections 26 and 27 amend NDCC Section 15-10-43 to eliminate the payback provision for all Kansas State University veterinary medicine positions and allow for the appointment of alternates to the selection committee.

**Repeal** - Section 27 repeals NDCC Section 15-10-43 relating to the North Dakota State University's 18th Street development fund.

#### **Related Legislation**

**Special revenue funds** - House Bill No. 1030 provides for the continuation of the continuing appropriation authority for higher education institutions' special revenue funds, including tuition, through June 30, 2009.

**Budget requests and appropriations** - House Bill No. 1031 provides for the continuation of the requirement that the budget request for the North Dakota University System include budget estimates for block grants for a base funding component and for an initiative funding component and a budget estimate for an asset funding component and the requirement that the appropriation for the University System include block grants for a base funding appropriation and for an initiative funding appropriation and an appropriation for asset funding through June 30, 2009.

**Unspent general fund appropriations** - House Bill No. 1032 provides for the continuation of the University System authority to carry over at the end of the biennium unspent general fund appropriations through June 30, 2009.

**Veterinarian loan repayment program** - House Bill No. 1125 establishes a loan repayment program for veterinarians. Under the program, veterinarians in the state will be eligible to receive up to \$80,000 in loan repayment funds.

**Financial assistance to tribally controlled community colleges** - House Bill No. 1395 provides a \$700,000 special funds appropriation from the permanent oil tax trust fund to the State Board of Higher Education for providing grant assistance payments to tribally controlled community colleges to defray the costs of education associated with enrollment of nonbeneficiary students. This bill also provides that the State Treasurer transfer to the permanent oil tax trust fund the first \$700,000 of the state's share of tax revenues under NDCC Chapter 57-51.1 from oil produced from wells within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Reservation drilled and completed after June 30, 2007.

**Higher education information technology** - House Bill No. 1461 provides that the State Board of Higher Education manage and regulate information technology planning, services, and major projects.

**Student loan interest rates** - House Bill No. 1487 provides the Bank of North Dakota with the ability to offer a fixed or variable interest rate option for student loans guaranteed by the state without federal coinsurance.

**Nursing Education Consortium** - Senate Bill No. 2379 provides that the University of North Dakota College of Nursing establish and administer a Nursing Education Consortium for addressing common concerns in nursing education which produce obstacles in meeting the state's current and future nursing needs with a focus on the specific needs of rural communities. The bill also provides a \$200,000 general fund appropriation to the University of North Dakota for funding a simulation laboratory program.