

**Department of Career and Technical Education  
Budget No. 270  
House Bill Nos. 1019, 1014, 1018**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2007-09 executive budget (bills as introduced)	27.50	\$19,285,093	\$11,035,715	\$30,320,808
<b>2007-09 legislative appropriations</b>	<b>27.50</b>	<b>21,804,036</b>	<b>11,035,632</b>	<b>32,839,668</b>
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	\$2,518,943	(\$83)	\$2,518,860
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2005-07 appropriations	0.00	\$4,963,250	(\$255,565)	\$4,707,685

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

**Salaries and Wages**

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Department of Career and Technical Education is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in Senate Bill No. 2189.

	<b>Major Items</b>			<b>Total</b>
	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	
The legislative action:				
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget relating to retiree health credit contributions		(\$1,057)	(\$83)	(\$1,140)
Added funding for grants for area career and technology centers		800,000		800,000
Added funding for workforce training grants to institutions of higher education		1,650,000		1,650,000
Provided funding in House Bill No. 1018 for grants for innovation		70,000		70,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$2,518,943</b>	<b>(\$83)</b>	<b>\$2,518,860</b>

**FTE Changes**

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation which included funding for 27.5 FTE positions, the same as the 2005-07 biennium. The executive recommendation added 2 FTE positions for the career course network and removed 1 FTE administrative assistant position and 1 FTE vocational technical education program director position.

**Other Sections in House Bill No. 1019**

**Area career and technology center grants** - Section 4 requires the department to use \$1.2 million of the grants line item in Section 3 of the bill for the development, in the second year of the 2007-09 biennium, of at least two new area career and technology centers in areas of the state that currently are not served. The grants are to be awarded on a competitive basis and require a 25 percent match by a recipient.

**Cost-share incentives** - Section 4 requires the department to use \$800,000 of the grants line item in Section 3 of the bill to increase cost-share incentives for cooperative delivery efforts of career and technical education programs.

**Workforce training grants** - Section 5 provides that the workforce training line item in Section 3 of the bill includes \$1,650,000 from the general fund for supplemental grants to the institutions of higher education assigned primary responsibility for workforce training in the state.

**Elementary student entrepreneurship program** - Section 6 adds a new section to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Chapter 15-20.1 to create a North Dakota elementary student entrepreneurship program under the authority of the State Board for Career and Technical Education.

**Workforce Enhancement Council** - Section 8 adds a new section to NDCC Chapter 54-60 to create a Workforce Enhancement Council consisting of private sector members of the Workforce Development Council, the director of the Department of Career and Technical Education, and the director of the Division of Workforce Development, who shall serve as chairman.

**Legislative intent** - Section 12 provides legislative intent that \$250,000 from the grants line item in Section 3 of the bill be used to provide grants to support the North Dakota elementary student entrepreneurship program.

#### **Related Legislation**

House Bill No. 1018 provides a general fund appropriation of \$70,000 to the Department of Career and Technical Education for grants for innovation and related statutory provisions for the grant program.

House Bill No. 1078 allows employees of the Department of Career and Technical Education to transfer retirement plan membership from the Teachers' Fund for Retirement to the Public Employees Retirement System.