

April 17, 2001

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1444

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1287 and 1288 of the House Journal and pages 889 and 890 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1444 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide for a student loan forgiveness program to individuals preparing to teach at grade levels or in content areas having declared teacher shortages.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Loans - Teacher shortages - Loan forgiveness.

1. The state board of higher education shall administer a student loan forgiveness program for individuals teaching at grade levels or in content areas identified as having a teacher shortage. The board shall adopt rules to implement the program.
2. The superintendent of public instruction shall annually identify the grade levels and content areas in which a teacher shortage exists.
3. To be eligible for loan forgiveness under this section, an individual:
 - a. Must have been admitted as a full-time student in a teacher preparation program, with the declared intention to teach at a grade level or in a content area identified by the superintendent of public instruction as one in which a teacher shortage exists; and
 - b. Must have obtained a student loan.
4. An individual may receive up to one thousand dollars per year and a maximum of five thousand dollars under this section.
5. The board shall consider all applications under this section in chronological order.
6. Upon notification that the individual has completed a full year of teaching in a school district or nonpublic school in this state at a grade level or in a content area identified by the superintendent of public instruction as one in which a teacher shortage exists, the board shall distribute funds directly to the bank of North Dakota to repay outstanding loan principal balances for eligible applicants.

SECTION 2. STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS FUNDING. The funds appropriated in the student grant programs line item included in subdivision 1 of section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2003, include \$250,000 from the general fund for providing loan forgiveness as authorized in section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003."

Renumber accordingly