

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2020

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1249 and 1250 of the Senate Journal and pages 1387 and 1388 of the House Journal and that Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 2020 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 2, after "education" insert "; to provide for a legislative council study; to create and enact a new section to chapter 52-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to workforce training funds; and to provide an effective date"

Page 1, after line 13, insert:

"Information technology technical education program development grants 422,300"

Page 1, line 14, replace "525,760" with "575,760"

Page 1, line 17, replace "28,756,397" with "29,228,697"

Page 1, line 19, replace "13,868,655" with "14,340,955"

Page 1, replace lines 20 through 24 with:

"SECTION 2. WORKFORCE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT REPORT TO FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The division of workforce development of the department of commerce shall prepare a report annually on workforce training and development activities of the North Dakota university system, job service North Dakota, department of human services, state board for vocational and technical education, department of commerce, and other workforce partners. The division of workforce development of the department of commerce shall present the reports to the House and Senate appropriations committees of the fifty-eighth legislative assembly.

SECTION 3. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANTS. The state board for vocational and technical education shall use the amount appropriated in the line item entitled information technology technical education program development grants in section 1 of this Act to contract with a nonprofit private entity to provide assistance to schools in information technology technical education program development. The funds must be expended in accordance with the April 24, 2001, partnership agreement entered into between the state board for vocational and technical education and explornet.

SECTION 4. WORKFORCE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY. The legislative council shall consider studying, during the 2001-02 interim, workforce training and development programs in North Dakota, including efforts to recruit and retain North Dakota's workforce, underemployment and skills shortages, current workforce training efforts, and the involvement of the new economy initiative goals and strategies; and the work force 2000 and new jobs training programs and other workforce training and development programs administered by agencies of the state of North Dakota, and the feasibility and desirability of consolidating in a single agency the funding and administration of those programs. Agencies to be considered as part of the study include job service North Dakota, the department of economic development and finance, the state board for vocational and technical education, and the North Dakota university system. The

legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the fifty-eighth legislative assembly.

SECTION 5. WORKFORCE TRAINING - REGIONAL FUNDS - REPORT TO BUDGET SECTION. The North Dakota university system shall report during the 2001-02 interim to the budget section of the legislative council regarding the amount of funds raised in each region of the state during the first fiscal year of the biennium and the amount anticipated to be raised prior to June 30, 2003.

SECTION 6. A new section to chapter 52-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Workforce training funds - Distribution. Within the limits of legislative appropriations, workforce training funds must be distributed by the state board for vocational and technical education as follows:

1. During the first fiscal year of each biennium, the state board for vocational and technical education shall distribute up to one-half of the total amount appropriated for the biennium. The funds must be divided among the institutions of higher education assigned primary responsibility for workforce training pursuant to business plans approved by the state board of higher education and filed annually with the state board for vocational and technical education and the division of workforce development of the department of commerce.
2. To be eligible to receive state funding for the second fiscal year of each biennium, each institution of higher education assigned primary responsibility for workforce training must provide certification to the workforce development division of the department of commerce that at least fifty percent of the regional funds included in the approved business plan for the biennium have been received, or are pledged to be received, prior to the end of the biennium. These funds may not be distributed to an institution of higher education assigned primary responsibility for workforce training until the workforce development division notifies the state board for vocational and technical education that the institution has met the requirements of this subsection.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 6 of this Act becomes effective July 1, 2003."

Page 2, remove lines 1 through 19

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2020 - Vocational Education - Conference Committee Action

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	SENATE VERSION	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE VERSION	HOUSE VERSION	COMPARISON TO HOUSE
Salaries and wages	\$3,066,412	\$2,946,750		\$2,946,750	\$2,946,750	
Operating expenses	682,906	596,147		596,147	596,147	
Equipment	60,000	60,000		60,000	60,000	
Grants	23,274,665	22,920,288		22,920,288	22,920,288	
Information technology technical education grants			\$422,300	422,300	422,300	
Adult farm management	525,760	525,760	50,000	575,760	525,760	\$50,000
Workforce training	875,000	1,350,000		1,350,000	1,350,000	
Postsecondary education vocational grants	357,452	357,452		357,452	357,452	

Total all funds	\$28,842,195	\$28,756,397	\$472,300	\$29,228,697	\$29,178,697	\$50,000
Less estimated income	<u>14,990,919</u>	<u>14,887,742</u>		<u>14,887,742</u>	<u>14,887,742</u>	
General fund	\$13,851,276	\$13,868,655	\$472,300	\$14,340,955	\$14,290,955	\$50,000
FTE	29.50	28.50	0.00	28.50	28.50	0.00

Dept. 270 - Vocational Education - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	ADD FUNDING FOR ADULT FARM MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS	ADD FUNDING FOR GRANT TO EXPLORNET ¹	TOTAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES
Salaries and wages			
Operating expenses			
Equipment			
Grants			
Information technology technical education grants		\$422,300	\$422,300
Adult farm management	\$50,000		50,000
Workforce training			
Postsecondary education vocational grants			
Total all funds	\$50,000	\$422,300	\$472,300
Less estimated income			
General fund	\$50,000	\$422,300	\$472,300
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ An information technology technical education program development line item of \$422,300 is added for a grant to ExplorNet (a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation) for the purpose of providing services to schools to assist in information technology technical education program development.

This amendment adds the following sections:

- Section 2, similar to the section added by the House, requiring an annual report to be prepared on workforce training and development activities and that the annual reports be presented to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees of the 58th Legislative Assembly. References in the House section to the Workforce Development Council are changed to the Division of Workforce Development of the Department of Commerce.
- Section 3, similar to the section added by the House, requiring the \$422,300 added for information technology education grants to be used to provide a grant to a nonprofit private entity for the purpose of providing assistance to schools in information technology program development. A sentence is added to the House section referencing the partnership agreement entered into between the State Board for Vocational and Technical Education and ExplorNet.
- Section 4, which expands the Legislative Council study proposed by the House relating to workforce training and development activities.
- Section 5, which requires a report to the Budget Section during the 2001-02 interim regarding regional funds raised by the institutions assigned primary responsibility for workforce training.
- Section 6, which replaces section 2 of the reengrossed bill and creates a new section to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 52-08, requiring that prior to the distribution of workforce training funds for the second year of a biennium, each workforce training region must certify that at least 50 percent (compared to 75 percent in the Senate version) of the regional funds estimated to be raised during the biennium have been received or are pledged to be received. This section is effective July 1, 2003.