

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state board for  
2 vocational and technical education; and to provide for a legislative council study.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the  
5 funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and  
7 other income, to the state board for vocational and technical education for the purpose of  
8 defraying the expenses of its various divisions, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, and  
9 ending June 30, 2003, as follows:

10 Salaries and wages	\$2,946,750
11 Operating expenses	596,147
12 Equipment	60,000
13 Grants	22,920,288
14 Information technology technical	422,300
15 education program development grants	
16 Adult farm management	525,760
17 Work force training	1,350,000
18 Postsecondary education vocational grants	<u>357,452</u>
19 Total all funds	\$29,178,697
20 Less estimated income	<u>14,887,742</u>
21 Total general fund appropriation	\$14,290,955

22 **SECTION 2. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES - WORKFORCE**  
23 **DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL REPORT TO FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The  
24 workforce development council shall prepare a report annually on workforce training and

1 development activities of the North Dakota university system, job service North Dakota,  
2 department of human services, state board for vocational and technical education, department  
3 of commerce, and other workforce partners. The workforce development council shall present  
4 the reports to the House and Senate appropriations committees of the fifty-eighth legislative  
5 assembly.

6 **SECTION 3. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

7 **DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.** The state board for vocational and technical education shall use  
8 the amount appropriated in the line item entitled information technology technical education  
9 program development grants in section 1 of this Act to contract with a nonprofit private entity to  
10 provide assistance to schools in information technology technical education program  
11 development.

12 **SECTION 4. WORKFORCE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT - LEGISLATIVE**

13 **COUNCIL STUDY.** During the 2001-02 interim, the legislative council shall consider studying  
14 the various workforce training and development programs administered by agencies of the  
15 state of North Dakota and the feasibility and desirability of consolidating in a single agency the  
16 funding and administration of those programs. Agencies to be considered as part of the study  
17 include job service North Dakota, the department of economic development and finance, the  
18 state board for vocational and technical education, and the North Dakota university system.  
19 The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any  
20 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the fifty-eighth legislative assembly.