

**SECOND ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments**

REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2020

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; to provide for a legislative council study; to create and
3 enact a new section to chapter 52-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to workforce
4 training funds; and to provide an effective date.

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

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

12 Salaries and wages	\$2,946,750
13 Operating expenses	596,147
14 Equipment	60,000
15 Grants	22,920,288
16 Information technology technical education	422,300
17 program development grants	
18 Adult farm management	575,760
19 Work force training	1,350,000
20 Postsecondary education vocational grants	<u>357,452</u>
21 Total all funds	\$29,228,697
22 Less estimated income	<u>14,887,742</u>
23 Total general fund appropriation	\$14,340,955

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

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

17 **SECTION 4. WORKFORCE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT - LEGISLATIVE**
18 **COUNCIL STUDY.** The legislative council shall consider studying, during the 2001-02 interim,
19 workforce training and development programs in North Dakota, including efforts to recruit and
20 retain North Dakota's workforce, underemployment and skills shortages, current workforce
21 training efforts, and the involvement of the new economy initiative goals and strategies; and the
22 work force 2000 and new jobs training programs and other workforce training and development
23 programs administered by agencies of the state of North Dakota, and the feasibility and
24 desirability of consolidating in a single agency the funding and administration of those
25 programs. Agencies to be considered as part of the study include job service North Dakota, the
26 department of economic development and finance, the state board for vocational and technical
27 education, and the North Dakota university system. The legislative council shall report its
28 findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the
29 recommendations, to the fifty-eighth legislative assembly.

30 **SECTION 5. WORKFORCE TRAINING - REGIONAL FUNDS - REPORT TO**
31 **BUDGET SECTION.** The North Dakota university system shall report during the 2001-02

1 interim to the budget section of the legislative council regarding the amount of funds raised in
2 each region of the state during the first fiscal year of the biennium and the amount anticipated
3 to be raised prior to June 30, 2003.

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

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

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

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