

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

SENATE BILL NO. 2020
(Appropriations Committee)
(At the request of the Governor)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state board for vocational and technical education; 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.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2020.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 2

House Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 0 Absent 7

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State