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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1124

House Education Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 8, 2003

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Minutes:

Chairman Kelsch open hearing on bill.

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Senator Rich Wardner presented the bill allowing the University system to charge a nominal fee for meals and lodging during the Business Challenge held at DSU. Currently it is free with corporate sponsorship. Since the students receive credit hours and this is conducted in the summer months they are asking to charge \$75 to cover the costs of meals and lodging. Business Challenge needs help to offset the costs of the program to keep it alive. The fee will also give the student responsibility. There is an emergency clause, this would help in the planning process of 2003 event.

Rep. Mueller Q on the right to charge?

A. Senator Rich Wardner: Since the student receive a credit for their participation.

Q. Rep. Herbel What will this do to the program regarding number of students if a fee is charged?

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A. Senator Wardner: This helps give more options. The program is good for ND as it helps to share our futures business leaders. There is a tremendous amount of support for this program through the schools, community and business.

Q. Rep. Herbel Is this similar to basketball camps?

A. Senator Wardner: No, they don't receive credit.

Chairman Kelsch: Stated that issue is High School credit for the program, BB camps are all inclusive with no credits, only to better their skills. If this were just a business camp with no credit. But because they are receiving a credit is where the difference lies.

Colleen Rodakowski, Business Challenge coordinator, at DSU, support of bill. See attached testimony. The \$75 would cover approximately \$22,000 of the costs which would pay for the rooms and meals during the week, which is 46%. We are not looking to make money, but only to help offset the cost of offering the program so that we can continue to offer this experience to students, our future business leaders.

Q. Rep. Mueller: Could the fees be waived if it produced a hardship on the student?

A. Colleen: definitely, I try to find ways for each student up to the last possible moment.

Q. Rep. Hanson: Business challenge used to be for teachers and students, is it still?

A. Colleen: Yes, but the cost would only be to the student because of the HS credit.

Q. Rep. Jon Nelson Was the program always credited?

A. Colleen: No, I don't know the exact date when a credit was offered.

OPPOSITION: none

NEUTRAL: Tom Decker, DPI presented an amendment & testimony, see attachment.

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Line 3, after the word 'awarded' delete to the end of the sentence, with the last sentence remaining. Foundation Aid is available for this and student would not have to pay it or partially. The school districts that these student come from could pay these fees if they choose to, our concern is that the last sentence remain, "The institution shall waive any fee if a student or the student's parent or guardian is unable to pay the fee for room and meals.'

- Q. Rep. Jon Nelson: How much money does the Foundation provide?
- A. Decker: \$14,000 is what I've been told.
- Q. Rep. Herbel: What is the criteria for paying, is there a standard?
- A. Decker: I don't know of any standard, school districts would have these policies.

Chairman Kelsch stated that school district will know the student/family if they are able to pay.

And can ask on their behalf.

Decker: There is no problem with the school paying.

Q. Rep. Herbel: Are their districts currently paying the fees?

A. Decker: There has been no fee charged to this point.

Q. Rep. Sitte Would private school have to pay since they don't receive foundation aid?

A. Decker: I'm not sure I can give you a clear answer on that.

Close the hearing on HB1124

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES **BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1124**

House Education Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 13, 2003

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Minutes:

Chairman Kelsch open committee work.

Rep. Hass There are a couple of amendments that we needed to clean up the bill. Read the amendments. I move these amendments accepted into HB1124.

Rep. Jon Nelson :second the motion for the amendment.

Chairman Kelsch: This there a question on the amendment, does everyone understand what they do. They take into consideration one of the concerns brought out as to whether or not the University would be willing to waive the fees for stude ts if they were unable to pay. Staying in line with a free public education.

Rep. Williams I'm just curious why they would reference the wrong chapter.

Rep. Haas This is an agency bill, it was actually brought in by State Board for Higher Education.

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Rep. Sitte: Foundation Aid will pick up the \$75 fee for most students to attend.

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Chairman Kelsch: Foundation helps pay for this program, because it is a high school credit.

This \$75 fee is in addition for meals and lodging.

Rep. Haas the fee that we are discussing is only to pay for meals and board. Foundation aid never pay for that. Unless it is a special education student.

(759) Rep. Williams: If it is a game or contest, there is not aid. If it is a state or regional tournament, with a state kick back, then the rooms are paid for.

Chairman Kelsch No further discussion on this, clerk please take the voice vote on amendment.

Rep. Haas: comments on how much money are we talking about. 01-\$19,188, 02-\$22,116.

DSU is the fiscal agent for this. They receive the foundation aid for this. There is an emergency clause. Business Challenge is in the process of advertising for this summer and the sooner they know it will determine how they publicize the program and how they seek sponsorship.

Chairman Kelsch Call for the roll. Rep. Williams moves a DO PASS, Rep. Hunskor second.

Passed 13 yea, 0 no 1 absent, Rep. Haas will carry to the floor.

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FISCAL NOTE Requested by Legislative Council

Amendment to:

HB 1124

1A. State fiscal effect: Alentify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to

funding levels and appropriations enticipated under current law.

	2001-/ 003 Blennium		2003-2005	Blennium	2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,500	\$0	\$37,800
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2 5,500	\$0	\$37,800
Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,500	\$0	\$37,800

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision. 2005-2007 Biennium 2003-2005 Blennium 2001-2003 Biennium School School School Counties Cities **Districts** Counties Cities **Districts** Counties Cities Districts

- 2. Narrative: Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.
- Additional other (local) fund revenue will be generated by charging students enrolled in Business Challenge at Dickinson State University \$75.00 per year in 2003-05 and \$90.00 per year in 2005-07. This revenue will be used to offset the food and housing costs that are already being incurred. The additional revenue will not cover all the food and housing costs; however, it will help to offset the need to raise additional private support for the program. Other campuses do not anticipate a fiscal impact at the present time.
 - 3. State fiscal effect detail: For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please: A. Revenues: Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

2003-05 revenues assume 160 students in FY04 and 180 in FY05 at \$75.00 per student. 2005-07 revenues assume 200 students in FY06 and 220 students in FY07 at \$90.00 per student.

- B. Expenditures: Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line Item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.
- C. Appropriations: Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the blennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

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Laura Glatt 328-4116 Agency: NDUS **Phone Number:** Date Prepared: 01/20/2003

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Adopted by the Education Committee January 13, 2003

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Page 1, line 7, after "when" insert "provided by"

Page 1, line 8, remove "provides accommodations or meals"

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410) January 15, 2003 4:12 p.m.

Module No: HR-07-0626

Carrier: Haas

Insert LC: 38150.0101 Title: .0200

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1124: Education Committee (Rep. R. Kelsch, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, I ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1124 was placed on the Sixth order on the

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. Engrossed HB 1124

Senate Education Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-26-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Minutes: CHAIRMAN FREBORG called the committee to order. Roll Call was taken with all (6) members present.

CHAIRMAN FREBORG opened the hearing on Engrossed HB 1124 which relates to higher education institution room and meal fees; and to declare an emergency.

Testimony in support of Engrossed HB 1124:

SENATOR RICH WARDNER, Dist. 37, stated this bill was introduced because of a program at Dickinson State Univ. called Business Challenge. This program started as a partnership between GNDA and DSU. GNDA is no longer involved with the program, so DSU has taken it over by themselves. It has been funded through sponsors. The program was running in the "red" but has now taken care of it's deficit. However, sponsors are hard to come by so therefore DSU feels it needs to charge a fee for meals and rooms if possible. If a student can not afford the fee, it will be waived. The reason for the emergency is DSU is waiting for the outcome of the bill before they send materials for this year's Business Challenge. SENATOR COOK asked if this is

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constitutional. SENATOR WARDNER feels it is because credit is given to the students who participate and DPI has been involved with this bill.

COLLEEN RODAKOWSKI, Business Challenge Coordinator at DSU, presented testimony.

(see attached). She stated that the engrossed bill will add a new section to code. A \$75 fee has been suggested to partially cover the costs incurred by the school for room and board.

SENATOR COOK asked if this is constitutional. SENATOR FLAKOLL asked if there is a definition for "those unable to pay" and is there a full waiver.

MS. RODAKOWSKI stated she is pretty flexible in deciding who doesn't have to pay. Her goal is to encourage every student who is interested to participate. There would be a full waiver if necessary.

PAT SEAWORTH, Attorney, ND University Systems, stated the AG's office has no concern about the constitutionality of this bill. The fee is for room and board, not for college credits. The House Ed. Committee put this bill in a chapter of law dealing with higher ed., hence Ch. 15-10. That is why it creates a new section.

There was no opposition to HB 1124.

SENATOR TAYLOR moved a DO PASS and rerefer to Appropriations. Seconded by SENATOR FLAKOLL.

Roll Call Vote: 6 YES. 0 NO. 0 Absent. Motion Carried

Carrier: SENATOR TAYLOR

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410) February 26, 2003 12:56 p.m.

Module No: SR-34-3508 Carrier: Taylor Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1124, as engrossed: Education Committee (Sen. Freborg, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE REREFERRED to the Appropriations Committee (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1124 was rereferred to the Appropriations Committee.

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES **BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1124**

Senate Appropriations Committee

□ Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 5, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Minutes:

Senator Holmberg, chairman called the meeting back to order. (#33)

Senator Rich Wardner, District 37, Dickinson, spoke in behalf of HB 1124. No written testimony. He spoke about the history of this bill, GNDA sponsored Business Challenge on the campus of Dickinson State University for years, however GNDA decided a few years ago not to continue the partnership, and the college then took it over. Business Challenge has always been supported by corporate sponsors, but in recent years it has become harder and harder to find those sponsors to take care of the costs of Business Challenge. This bill allows for fees for room and meals, but if the student cannot afford the fees, the Institution can waive the fees. This bill came before this committee because the Fiscal Note does not affect the general fund, it would only affect Dickinson State University Business Challenge Fund, the money stays there and that would be the only fiscal affect it would have. Senator Grindberg (#162) He wondered if the Chamber of Commerce in Dickinson be able to be the entity involved in collecting and paying

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for this instead of amending statues? Senator Wardner replied that it was a possibility, it wasn't something they had thought of, but the University has gone ahead and hired a director of the program, Colleen Rodakowski, and she is the one that gets sponsorships. This is a good program, they bring high school teachers and high school students in and they learn how business works. Senator Holmberg asked Senator Wardner to tell the community the reason why there is an emergency clause on this bill, and why you as a supporter would like it passed as soon as possible. Senator Wardner stated that Colleen had the material ready and waiting and she needs to know whether there will be fees charged or not so that can be printed in the material that goes out to the schools. If the bill is defeated then she knows what to do. But the materials to promote Business Challenge are ready to go and she needs to know as soon as possible. Senator Robinson: (#336) Can't Institutions do this charging right now? He managed conferences for some 27 years and they all charged for rooms and meals. Senator Wardner replied that if you look at lines 8 & 9 of the bill you will see that it states "summer programs at the institution for which <u>high school credit</u> awarded, that is the key right there, that is the reason you need legislature, because you have high school students getting credit. That is the reason for the bill, because the high school credit that is given there. Senator Holmberg suggested that someone from Higher Ed might be able to answer the question also. Senator Wardner stated that Anita **Decker** from DPI was here and could possibility answer the question also. Colleen Rodakowski (#455) Business Challenge Coordinator at Dickinson State University. No written testimony. She testified in favor of HB 1124. She wanted to not only get the program going for this summer but to get the program permanently stabilized, that is why they are looking

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to fund a partial fee for room and meals. Last year they (the college) paid about \$22,000 for that

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week to house all of those people. A minimal fee of \$75 for the first year will maybe cover 46% - 52% of the total charges. Just looking at changing the law so that they can charge so they can

continue this program. This is not a 1 day course, it is 6 days on the campus.

Questions:(#540)

Senator Kilzer: He wanted to know how Colleen was paid, was she on the staff of Dickinson? Colleen: She is an employee of Dickinson State University. My salary, my program, my budget, are self-funding, so the donations they she raises, my budget is \$128,000 is what she needs to raise to support her program, that includes, her salary, her materials. Dickinson University has been supportive of the program, she doesn't pay rent, some of the promotional products are done by the University, office staff are available to her to help, phone and lights. They do a lot of in-kind contributions. Senator Kilzer continued: He wanted to know if that "jived" with the fiscal note of \$25,500. Colleen responded that the fiscal note is a biennium, that is just an estimate of what they anticipate bringing in, charging the \$75.00 fee. They are anticipating 160 students for the first year and 180 for the second. Senator Kilzer wondered about the \$128,000, Colleen replied that she writes grants, donations, etc.

Pat Seaworth (#710) attorney in the NDUS. No written testimony. He wanted to answer Senator Robinson's question on other summer programs already charge fees. Mr Seaworth stated that the state laws prohibit charging any tuition or fees for K-12 programs, with some exceptions. There is no law allowing charging of room and board fees for summer programs at which high school credit is awarded. The law needed to be changed to permit this. There are a lot of camps that go on at the universities all summer, they can be charged room and board and credit is not allowed,

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and foundation aid is not involved. There is a very small amount of foundation aid that goes into this program too. Senator Robinson stated that the difference was this was High School Credit as opposed to college credit. Pat responded that it was, dual credit would allow for charging fees also. Senator Mathern: (#872) Which high school provides these credits? Pat replied that it was the from across the state. Senator Mathern continued with was it the high school the student attends provides the credit? Pat continued: That was his understanding. Anita Decker from DPI clarified the answer: The high school that offers the credit is Dickinson High School, they transfer the credit, they receive the foundation aid, then the transcript is then sent to the home high school for that student.

Senator Andrist moved for a DO PASS on HB 1124, seconded by Senator Bowman. Roll call vote was called, which is attached. Motion carried Senator Robinson will carry the bill.

With no other testimony, etc on this bill, Hearing and vote was ended. (#1060)

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE HB 1124, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1124 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

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TESTIMONY ON HB 1124 HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE January 8, 2003

Colleen Rodakowski
Business Challenge Coordinator
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Chairwoman Kelsch and Members of the House Education Committee:

Good morning. My name is Colleen Rodakowski. I am the Business Challenge Coordinator at Dickinson State University (DSU) and I am here in support of HB 1124. Business Challenge is a weeklong summer business awareness educational program especially designed to get our children excited about entrepreneurial ventures and career opportunities within North Dakota.

From 1978 to November 2000, the three supporting entities were the Greater North Dakota Association (GNDA), DSU, and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), operating under the North Dakota Freedom of Enterprise Foundation. In December of 2000, Business Challenge reorganized. GNDA approached DSU and asked if it would take the program over. DSU hired me as its full-time coordinator. As the program is self-funded through donations secured from businesses, organizations, and individuals, the three supporting entities are now the North Dakota business community, DSU, and DPI, operating under the umbrella of the Dickinson State University Foundation, Inc. I have attached to my testimony "Business Challenge FAQs" with more information about our program.

In the last 25 years, Business Challenge has brought together over 5,500 North Dakota high school students and over 1,000 elementary and secondary educators. Participant attendees were declining, but since DSU took the program over, they have increased 45 percent in 2001 and 22 percent in 2002. Last year, 180 students and educators attended Business Challenge.

As you know, school districts in North Dakota may not charge any fees, except fees for personal items (including personal athletic equipment), services in connection with optional programs established outside regular K-12 programs, and a few other miscellaneous fees authorized by law. Because high school credit is awarded for Business Challenge and the program receives some foundation aid support, we are not permitted under current law to charge students any fee for the program. I understand that staff in the Attorney General's office have advised DPI officials that we may not charge room and board fees to cover costs incurred to house and feed students on college campuses. We attempt to cover those costs now with donated funds and contributions.

HB 1124 will amend section 15.1-09-36 of the North Dakota Century Code by adding a new subsection 6 permitting fees for rooms and meals provided by colleges and universities in connection with Business Challenge programs (or similar programs). We expect to keep these charges to the minimum required to cover actual costs. This will allow us to allocate other funds to instruction and related services. HB 1124 has no financial burden to the State of North Dakota.

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What is Business Challenge? Business Challenge is North Dakota's week-long, action-packed, entrepreneurial business experience. North Dakota was the second state in the nation to develop a business awareness educational program. The program has now spread to over 19 states, including the countries of Australia and New Zealand. With the decline of North Dakota's population, Business Challenge is an important tool to show our children the career opportunities within the state and to teach them about entrepreneurial skills, electronic business, and the global economy. We help students learn about the American Free Enterprise System and how the business economy affects them, no matter what career they follow. Business Challenge is a program of the North Dakota business community, Dickinson State University, and the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction.

Why become involved with Business Challenge? Business Challenge is a unique opportunity for students and educators to learn about, and experience first-hand, real-life application of business and entrepreneurship ideas. Business leaders from across the state share their expertise and knowledge with students as they lead discussion groups, teach strategies, and facilitate business simulations. Students and educators actually form mock companies—complete with a marketing plan and business activities. Business Challenge builds a bridge between business and education. This bridge is needed to help prepare our future workforce and create tomorrow's leaders.

Why are funds needed? Business Challenge is a self-funding program under the umbrella of Dickinson State University. Donations and expenses for Business Challenge are managed through the Dickinson State University Foundation, Inc., a duly qualified 501(c)(3) educational foundation affiliated with Business hallenge.

How will Business Challenge benefit vour community? Students and educators return to their home communities, understanding that their future career choices and entrepreneur opportunities are in their hands. They have assembled the beginning stepping stones to make success a reality. Attitudes, network contacts, and their sharpened focus to see and create opportunities, bring new enthusiasm to engage in community endeavors. Educators spread the word to their students and colleagues about the possibilities that already exist in North Dakota and open the door to those that can be nurtured to future growth. Communities are enriched through the participants' visions, skills, and knowledge gained from this intensive learning experience.

What are the direct benefits to participants? Participants gain a new insight into the possibilities that exist in their communities and within the state. They are energized. They have gained knowledge, collected tools, and practiced skills to continue their business adventure if they so choose. Many participants are enthusiastically surprised to learn about all the potentials that surround them. Even though they may not have seriously considered a "Business Challenge" in their lives, they now see possibilities to think about in their future.

Who participates in Business Challenge? For the past 25 years, Business Challenge has brought together over 5,500 North Dakota high school students and over 1,000 elementary and secondary educators. The program experienced a 45 percent increase in attendees in 2001 compared to 2000 and a 22 percent increase in attendees from 2001 to 2002. We anticipate approximately 225 students and educators will attend the 2003 program.

Yhen and where will Business Challenge take place? Business Challenge will be held on the Dickinson State University campus from July 13-18, 2003. Students and educators stay in the residence halls and continue their interaction and learning experiences beyond the classroom. For more information, visit our website at www.gobusinesschallenge.com.

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