

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-20.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a department of career and technical education work experience pilot
3 program; to provide for a report to the legislative council; and to provide an expiration date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-20.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Cooperative work experience program.** The department shall administer a
8 cooperative work experience grant program to provide funds to a school or a consortia of
9 schools for the purpose of supporting local work experience programs that provide innovative
10 strategies to enhance real world, on-the-job, cooperative work experiences for students in this
11 state. The department shall establish eligibility criteria for funds under this section. A recipient
12 of funds under this section may use the funds to fund a program coordinator position or to fund
13 the local program, which may include internships, on-the-job training, school-to-work activities,
14 and business programs.

15 **SECTION 2. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.** During the 2005-06 and 2007-08
16 interims, the director of the department of career and technical education shall report to the
17 legislative council on the status of the cooperative work experience program under section 1 of
18 this Act. The director shall inform the legislative council whether the program should continue
19 and whether there are potential changes that could be made to increase and improve the
20 partnerships between businesses and school districts.

21 **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through July 31, 2009, and
22 after that date is ineffective.