

Introduced by

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(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 10-30.5-02 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to the North Dakota development fund; to amend and reenact
3 subsection 1 of section 6-09.14-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility
4 under the partnership in assisting community expansion program; to establish a grant program
5 for early childhood facilities; to provide a report to the budget section; to provide an
6 appropriation; and to provide an expiration date.

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

8 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 6-09.14-01 of the North Dakota
9 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

10 1. "Business" means a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, individual,
11 or association providing child care or involved in manufacturing, processing,
12 value-added processing, and targeted industries as defined by the Bank of North
13 Dakota.

14 **SECTION 2.** A new subsection to section 10-30.5-02 of the North Dakota Century
15 Code is created and enacted as follows:

16 Moneys in the development fund may be used to provide financing to early
17 childhood facilities licensed under chapter 50-11.1. Moneys also may be used to
18 make grants or loans to match grants or loans made by county-authorized or
19 city-authorized development corporations, job development authorities created
20 under chapter 11-11.1 or 40-57.4, and regional planning councils for acquiring,
21 leasing, or remodeling of real estate facilities or for acquiring equipment for
22 establishing or expanding a licensed early childhood facility. The corporation may
23 not award more than half of the amount of the funds appropriated to provide
24 financing under this subsection to nonprofit early childhood facilities and public

1 early childhood facilities. An award under this subsection may not exceed one
2 hundred thousand dollars per award.

3 **SECTION 3. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - GRANTS FOR CHILD CARE**

4 **PROVIDERS.** During the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011, the
5 department of commerce shall establish and implement a grant program to provide matching
6 grants to North Dakota child care providers. A recipient of a grant under this section shall use
7 the grant funds for technical assistance, which may include the development of a business
8 plan. To receive a grant under this section, an applicant shall establish the applicant has
9 available \$1 of matching funds for every \$3 of grant funds. The matching funds must be in
10 cash and may come from private or public sources, or from a combination of private and public
11 sources. A grant awarded under this section may not exceed \$10,000 per recipient. The
12 department may not award more than half of the amount of the funds appropriated for grants
13 under this program to nonprofit early childhood facilities and public early childhood facilities.

14 **SECTION 4. REPORT TO THE BUDGET SECTION.** The department of commerce
15 shall report to the budget section during the second quarter of calendar year 2010 on the status
16 of the financing provided to child care providers under section 2 of this Act and the grants to
17 child care providers under section 3 of this Act.

18 **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
19 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,250,000, or so
20 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for deposit in the North
21 Dakota development fund for the purpose of providing financing to child care providers, for the
22 biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

23 **SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
24 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$500,000, or so much
25 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of providing
26 child care provider grants under section 3 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009,
27 and ending June 30, 2011.

28 **SECTION 7. EXPIRATION DATE.** Sections 1 and 2 of this Act are effective through
29 July 31, 2011, and after that date are ineffective.