

SENATE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Senator Fiebiger

1 A BILL for an Act to provide a student loan reduction for certain residents.

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

3 **SECTION 1. Student loan reduction - Eligibility.**

4 1. The Bank of North Dakota shall reduce the outstanding student loan of any eligible
5 individual as provided in this section.

6 2. An eligible individual is one who:

7 a. Graduated from a high school in North Dakota or from a high school in
8 another state under chapter 15.1-29;

9 b. Obtained a baccalaureate degree;

10 c. Obtained through the Bank of North Dakota a student loan that remains
11 outstanding but which is not in default; and

12 d. (1) Has resided in North Dakota continuously since obtaining the student
13 loan; or

14 (2) Relocated to this state within ten years of having established residency
15 in another state.

16 3. a. If an eligible individual has resided in North Dakota continuously since
17 obtaining a student loan, the Bank of North Dakota shall reduce the amount of
18 the individual's outstanding student loan by twenty-five percent of the loan's
19 original amount for each three-year period that the individual remains in the
20 state after graduating from an institution of higher education. An individual
21 may not receive more than two reductions under this section.

22 b. If an eligible individual has relocated to this state within ten years of having
23 established residency in another state, the Bank of North Dakota shall reduce
24 the amount of the individual's outstanding student loan by twenty-five percent

1 of the loan amount remaining to be repaid at the time of relocation to this state
2 for each three-year period that the individual remains in the state after
3 relocating from another state. An individual may not receive more than two
4 reductions under this section.