

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2226

Introduced by

Senators Stenehjem, O'Connell

Representatives Boucher, Carlson

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 1 and 3 of section 15-10-37 and section
2 15-62.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to student financial assistance grants
3 and technology grants; and to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 1 and 3 of section 15-10-37 of the North
6 Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

- 7 1. The state board of higher education shall administer a science, technology,
8 engineering, and mathematics occupations student loan program that encourages
9 college students to pursue ~~technology-based~~ studies in these fields, to participate
10 in ~~technology~~ internship programs, and to remain in the state after graduation.
11 The board shall adopt rules to implement the program, including internship
12 requirements, guidelines to determine which technology-related courses of study
13 are eligible under the program, and standards for eligibility.
- 14 3. The state board of higher education shall distribute student loan grants directly to
15 the Bank of North Dakota to repay outstanding student loan principal balances for
16 eligible applicants. The maximum student loan grant amount for which an
17 applicant may qualify is ~~one~~ two thousand dollars per year and a total of ~~five~~ ten
18 thousand dollars, or a lesser amount established by rule adopted by the state
19 board of higher education.

20 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-62.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22 **15-62.2-02. State board of higher education - Powers and duties.**

- 23 1. The state board of higher education shall:

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 - a. Administer the North Dakota student financial assistance program and the North Dakota scholars program and adopt functional rules regarding the eligibility and selection of grant and scholarship recipients.
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 - b. Determine the amount of individual grants, but which may not exceed one thousand two hundred dollars per recipient per academic year, under the North Dakota student financial assistance program.
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 - c. ~~Adopt for~~ For the North Dakota student financial assistance program, adopt criteria for substantial need, based upon the ability of the parents or guardian to contribute toward the applicant's educational expenses. In determining educational expenses for an applicant attending an institution of higher education other than an institution under the control of the state board of higher education, the board shall use the lesser of:
 - (1) The statewide average tuition charged that year at four-year institutions of higher education under the control of the state board of higher education; or
 - (2) The actual tuition charged that year by the institution in which the applicant is enrolled.
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 - d. Establish the appropriate procedures for fiscal control, fund accounting, and necessary reports.
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 - e. Apply for, receive, expend, and administer granted moneys from federal or private sources.
2. The state board of higher education may not expend in excess of forty million dollars for student financial assistance grants during the 2009-11 biennium.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. Section 2 of this Act is declared to be an emergency re.