

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2225

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 6-09.14-01 and subsection 4 of section 10-30.5-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility under the partnership in assisting community expansion program and the North Dakota development fund; to establish a grant program for early childhood facilities; and to provide an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

1. "Business" means a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, individual, or association providing child care as an early childhood facility licensed under chapter 50-11.1 or involved in manufacturing, processing, value-added processing, and targeted industries as defined by the Bank of North Dakota.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Subsection 4 of section 10-30.5-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. "Primary sector business" means an individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or association which through the employment of knowledge or labor adds value to a product, process, or service that results in the creation of new wealth. The term includes tourism and child care provided by an early childhood facility licensed under chapter 50-11.1 but does not include production agriculture.

SECTION 3. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - GRANTS FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS. During the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011, the department of commerce shall establish and implement a grant program to provide matching grants to North Dakota child care providers that are early childhood facilities licensed under chapter 50-11.1. A recipient of a grant under this section shall use the grant funds for technical assistance, which may include the development of a business plan. To receive a grant under this section, an applicant shall establish the applicant has available \$1 of matching funds for every \$3 of grant funds. The matching funds must be in cash and may come from private or public sources, or from a combination of private and public sources. A grant awarded under this section may not exceed \$5,000 per recipient. The department may not award more than half of the amount of the funds appropriated for grants under this program to nonprofit early childhood facilities and public early childhood facilities.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for deposit in the North Dakota development fund for the purpose of providing financing to child care providers, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the

purpose of providing child care provider grants under section 3 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011."

Renumber accordingly