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Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1369

Introduced by

Representatives Dosch, Kempenich, Nathe

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-10-14.2 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to a performance and accountability report by the state board of higher education; and
3 to provide legislative intent.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-10-14.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15-10-14.2. Higher education system strategic plan - Reports.**

- 8 1. The state board of higher education shall adopt a strategic planning process and
9 develop a strategic plan to define and prioritize university system goals and objectives.
10 The board shall provide an annual performance and accountability report regarding
11 performance and progress toward the goals outlined in the university system's
12 strategic plan and accountability measures.
- 13 2. The report required by subsection 1 must:
- 14 a. Include a detailed analysis of cost increases within the university system which
15 are not directly related to classroom instruction;
- 16 b. Document and describe, for a period of four bienniums, all full-time equivalent
17 positions in the university system which are not classroom instructor positions;
- 18 c. Include information regarding the necessity for and salary history of all positions
19 described in subdivision b which have an annual salary in excess of one hundred
20 thousand dollars;
- 21 d. Describe actions taken by the university system to reduce nonclassroom costs;
- 22 e. Document the annual costs of maintaining current tuition reciprocity agreements
23 in relation to the benefits to North Dakota high school graduates seeking
24 educational opportunities in other states; and

1 f. Document the total dollars paid from state funds annually for each nonresident
2 student.

3 3. The state board of higher education shall report to the legislative assembly during
4 each regular legislative session regarding the status of higher education in this state.

5 4. The state board of higher education shall develop, update, and present a long-term
6 budget sustainability plan to the appropriations committees of the legislative assembly
7 during each regular legislative session.

8 **SECTION 2. BUDGET PREPARATION - LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** It is the intent of the
9 legislative assembly that the North Dakota university system, in preparing its budget request for
10 submission to the sixty-third legislative assembly, ensure that nonclassroom expenses are
11 reduced by at least the same percentage as tuition rates are increased at each institution.