

Sixty-third  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2032

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Higher Education Committee)

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.~~for an  
3 Act to amend and reenact section 15-10-14.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a  
4 performance and accountability report by the state board of higher education; and to provide for  
5 a performance audit.

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

7 ~~SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 15-10-14.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~  
8 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

9 ~~15-10-14.2. Higher education system strategic plan -- Reports.~~

10 ~~1. The state board of higher education shall adopt a strategic planning process and~~  
11 ~~develop a strategic plan to define and prioritize North Dakota university system goals~~  
12 ~~and objectives. The board shall provide an annual performance and accountability~~  
13 ~~report regarding performance and progress toward the goals outlined in the university~~  
14 ~~system's strategic plan and accountability measures.~~

15 ~~2. The state board of higher education shall report to the legislative assembly during~~  
16 ~~each regular legislative session regarding the status of higher education in this state.~~

17 ~~The report required by subsection 1 must include the following information categorized~~  
18 ~~by resident and nonresident students at each university system institution:~~

19 ~~a. Data regarding fall semester to the subsequent spring semester student retention~~  
20 ~~at the institution where the student initially enrolls;~~

21 ~~b. Data regarding fall semester to the following fall semester student retention at~~  
22 ~~any institution within the university system;~~

23 ~~c. Data regarding the number of students awarded degrees, certificates, or~~  
24 ~~diplomas at each institution between July first and June thirtieth of each year;~~

- 1 ~~d. Information regarding each institution's progress in meeting the implementation~~  
2 ~~steps and timelines as outlined in the university system's strategic plan;~~  
3 ~~e. Data regarding fall semester to the following fall semester student retention at the~~  
4 ~~institution where the student initially enrolls;~~  
5 ~~f. Data regarding the average student grade point average for each academic term;~~  
6 ~~g. Data regarding the number of students that initially enroll at a two-year institution~~  
7 ~~and complete a degree within six years; and~~  
8 ~~h. Data regarding the number of students that initially enroll at a four-year~~  
9 ~~institution and complete a degree within six years.~~

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

12 **15-10-14.2. Higher education system strategic plan - ~~Reports~~Annual report -**  
13 **Performance and accountability.**

14 1. The state board of higher education shall ~~adopt a strategic planning process and~~  
15 develop a strategic plan to define and prioritize ~~university system~~the goals and  
16 objectives of the North Dakota university system.

17 2. The board shall provide an annual performance and accountability report regarding  
18 the system's performance and progress toward the goals outlined in the ~~university-~~  
19 ~~system's strategic plan and accountability measures.~~

20 ~~2.~~ The state board of higher education shall report to the legislative assembly during  
21 each regular legislative session regarding the status of higher education in this  
22 statestrategic plan. The report must include:

23 a. Data regarding the retention rates of students between the fall and spring  
24 semesters at the institutions in which the students were initially enrolled;

25 b. Data regarding the retention rates of students between the fall and spring  
26 semesters at any institution within the university system;

27 c. (1) Data regarding the number of students awarded degrees, certificates, or  
28 diplomas at each institution during an academic year; and

29 (2) A comparison of the data required by this subdivision with that of peer  
30 institutions;

1 d. Information regarding each institution's progress toward meeting its goals and the  
2 implementation steps and timelines outlined in the university system's strategic  
3 plan;

4 e. Data regarding the number of students that initially enroll at a two-year institution  
5 and obtain a certificate or diploma within three years of enrollment;

6 f. Data regarding the number of students that initially enroll at a four-year institution  
7 and obtain a degree:

8 (1) Within four years of enrollment;

9 (2) Within four to five years of enrollment; and

10 (3) Within six years of enrollment;

11 g. Data regarding the number of students that are eligible for Pell grants and:

12 (1) Initially enroll at a two-year institution and obtain a certificate or diploma  
13 within three years of enrollment;

14 (2) Initially enroll at a two-year institution and obtain a certificate or diploma  
15 within three to four years of enrollment; or

16 (3) Initially enroll at a four-year institution and obtain a degree within four to six  
17 years of enrollment; and

18 h. Data regarding the number of students that are not eligible for Pell grants and:

19 (1) Initially enroll at a two-year institution and obtain a certificate or diploma  
20 within three years of enrollment;

21 (2) Initially enroll at a two-year institution and obtain a certificate or diploma  
22 within three to four years of enrollment; or

23 (3) Initially enroll at a four-year institution and obtain a degree within four to six  
24 years of enrollment.

25 3. a. The report required by subsection 2 must categorize the required information by  
26 resident and nonresident students at each institution within the university system  
27 and must compare the information to national benchmarks.

28 b. Individuals who are enrolled in personal enrichment courses for which credit is  
29 not offered and individuals who audit courses are not eligible to be counted as  
30 students for purposes of this report.

1 |     **SECTION 2. PERFORMANCE AUDIT.** During the 2013-14 interim, the state auditor shall  
2 | examine the accountability and performance measures established for the North Dakota  
3 | university system to determine if they allow for a sufficient, objective, and systemic assessment  
4 | of economies, efficiencies, and structural effectiveness.