

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to a state student financial aid advisory board; and to repeal section  
3 15-62.4-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the student financial assistance  
4 program advisory board.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **State student financial aid advisory board.**

- 9 1. There is created a state student financial aid advisory board for the purpose of  
10 advising the state board of higher education and providing strategic direction  
11 regarding student financial assistance programs administered by the state board. The  
12 advisory board shall act as a liaison between the state board of higher education and  
13 the institutions of higher education participating in state student financial aid programs.
- 14 2. The state student financial aid advisory board consists of:
  - 15 a. The commissioner of higher education, or the commissioner's designee, who  
16 shall serve as the chairman;
  - 17 b. An employee of the office of the commissioner of higher education who  
18 administers state student financial aid programs, as selected by the state board  
19 of higher education;
  - 20 c. Two members of the legislative assembly, as selected by the chairman of the  
21 legislative management;
  - 22 d. The governor, or the governor's designee;
  - 23 e. The president of the Bank of North Dakota, or the president's designee; and

1           f. Four financial aid officers selected by the state board of higher education to serve  
2           a maximum of three two-year terms, with initial terms designated by the state  
3           board. The state board of higher education shall select one financial aid officer  
4           from each of the following types of institutions:

5           (1) A public four-year institution;

6           (2) A public two-year institution;

7           (3) A tribal college that participates in state student financial aid programs; and

8           (4) A private institution that participates in state student financial aid programs.

9           3. The state student financial aid advisory board shall meet at the call of the chairman.

10           The members of the advisory board who are members of the legislative assembly are  
11           entitled to receive compensation and expense reimbursement as provided under

12           section 54-03-20 and reimbursement for mileage as provided by law for state officers.

13           The legislative council shall pay the compensation and expense reimbursement for the  
14           legislative members.

15           4. The state student financial aid advisory board shall report annually to the state board  
16           of higher education regarding recommendations for policy changes to state student  
17           financial aid programs.

18           **SECTION 2. REPEAL.** Section 15-62.4-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

**NOTE:** Section 15-62.4-04 establishes a student financial assistance program advisory board which only advises the State Board of Higher Education regarding the needs-based student financial assistance grant program.