

Introduced by

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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 pilot program to create an incentive for instructors to teach  
3 dual-credit courses; and to provide an appropriation.

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

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

7 **Dual-credit courses - Pilot program.**

- 8 1. The state board of higher education shall establish a four-year pilot program to offer a  
9 credit incentive to instructors teaching dual-credit courses in core subject matter areas  
10 at public high schools in the state. An instructor who participates in the program is  
11 entitled receive a credit-for-credit coupon that may be used toward graduate level  
12 classes at institutions under the control of the state board of higher education. The  
13 board shall provide a qualified participant with a coupon that covers the cost of tuition  
14 for one graduate level credit at any institution under the control of the board for every  
15 credit hour of a dual-credit course the individual teaches. If the graduate level course  
16 an individual requires is not offered by an institution under the control of the board, the  
17 individual may enroll in an equivalent course at a regionally accredited institution of  
18 higher learning and must be reimbursed up to the equivalent cost of the tuition and  
19 fees at an institution under the control of the board. An individual is eligible for the  
20 program if the individual teaches a concurrent dual enrollment class at a public high  
21 school in the state and the class includes at least four students receiving dual credit.  
22 2. If an individual eligible for a credit coupon offered under this section has met  
23 accreditation qualification standards, the individual may transfer a credit coupon to a  
24 family member or to a student being taught by the individual.

1       3.   The state board of higher education shall develop a long-term sustainability plan for  
2           the program and, if determined necessary, continue the program for up to five  
3           additional years.

4       **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the student  
5 loan trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$700,000, or so  
6 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of  
7 creating a dual-credit courses pilot program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and  
8 ending June 30, 2019.