

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2244

Introduced by

Senators Schaible, Rust, Oban

Representatives D. Johnson, Nathe, Owens

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 or private high schools in the state. An instructor who participates in the
11 program is entitled to receive a credit-for-credit coupon that may be used toward
12 graduate level classes at a public or private postsecondary education institution in the
13 state. The board shall provide a qualified participant with a coupon that covers the cost
14 of tuition for one graduate level credit in an amount not exceeding the tuition charged
15 for the credit at the institution in which the participant is enrolled, except the amount
16 may not exceed the highest tuition for a graduate level credit charged at an institution
17 of higher education under the control of the state board of higher education, for every
18 credit hour of a dual-credit course the individual teaches. An individual is eligible for
19 the program if the individual teaches a concurrent dual enrollment class at a public or
20 private high school in the state and the class includes at least four students receiving
21 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 \$200,000, 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.