

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

SENATE BILL NO. 2144  
(Senators Wardner, Oehlke, Heckaman)  
(Representatives D. Johnson, Monson, Boe)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 54-60.2-01 and 54-60.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to workforce development grants for tribally controlled community colleges; and to provide an appropriation.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-60.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**54-60.2-01. Establishment of workforce development grant for tribally controlled community colleges.**

There is established within the division of workforce development of the department of commerce a program to provide workforce development grants to tribally controlled community colleges in North Dakota. A tribally controlled community college in this state may apply to the department of commerce for a job training grant in such manner as the department of commerce prescribes. The department of commerce shall consult with the executive director of the Indian affairs commission to determine eligible tribally controlled community colleges and shall award grants based on the documented job placement rates at each eligible college.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-60.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**54-60.2-02. ~~(Effective through July 31, 2017)~~ Purpose of grants.**

1. Any grant awarded under section 54-60.2-01 may be used at the discretion of the college:
  - a. For development or enhancement of programs that assist in providing certificates or degrees to North Dakota students attending the college that qualify the student to obtain jobs for which applicants are being sought within the state, as identified by the department of commerce, job service North Dakota, or any of the federally recognized Indian tribes within North Dakota; or
  - b. To assist any North Dakota student attending the college to establish, or to assist in establishing, a new business operating within North Dakota that will employ North Dakota citizens.
2. Any funds provided to tribally controlled community colleges must be used to supplement, not supplant, any existing program or funding source of the college.

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2. ~~To assist any North Dakota student attending the college to establish, or to assist in establishing, a new business operating within North Dakota that will employ North Dakota citizens.~~

~~Any funds provided to tribally controlled community colleges must be used to supplement, not supplant, any existing program or funding source of the college.~~

**SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STUDENT LOAN TRUST FUND.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the student loan trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of providing workforce grants to tribally controlled community colleges, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2144.

Senate Vote:    Yeas 45            Nays 0            Absent 2

House Vote:    Yeas 80            Nays 12           Absent 2

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State