

February 6, 2019

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2039

Page 1, line 1, replace "two new sections to chapter 6-09" with "a new section to chapter 15-10"

Page 1, remove lines 5 through 23

Page 2, replace lines 1 through 28 with:

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

Skilled workforce scholarship program - Skilled workforce scholarship fund - State board of higher education - Continuing appropriation.

1. There is created in the state treasury the skilled workforce scholarship fund. The fund consists of moneys transferred into the fund by the legislative assembly, matching funds received, and scholarship repayments. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the state board of higher education on a continuing basis for the purpose of providing grants to institutions of higher education related to skilled workforce scholarships. Institutions of higher education include institutions under the control of the state board of higher education, North Dakota nonpublic accredited institutions of higher education, and tribally controlled community colleges.
2. The state board of higher education shall develop policies to administer a skilled workforce scholarship program in cooperation with the Bank of North Dakota and the workforce education advisory council. The purpose of the skilled workforce scholarship program is to attract and retain students for professional or technical skills in high demand in this state.
3. The state board of higher education and the workforce education advisory council shall compile a list of qualifying educational programs by August first of each year. Qualifying educational programs must be able to be completed within four semesters or eight quarters and pertain to the technical skills in high demand in this state.
4. Individuals enrolled in a qualifying educational program in this state may apply for a scholarship under this section. Scholarships are limited to the amount charged each quarter or semester by the educational institution for the tuition, fees, books, and supplies required for the qualifying educational program. The scholarships may supplement any other scholarship or grant financial aid received by a student to assist the student with the costs of the qualifying educational program.
5. To be eligible for a scholarship under this section, a student shall maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average, based on a 4.0 grading system. A student may not receive scholarships under this section for more than the equivalent of four semesters of full-time enrollment or eight quarters of full-time enrollment. Upon completion of a qualifying educational program,

a student who received a scholarship under this section shall remain and work in this state for a minimum of three years.

6. An individual shall repay the scholarship pursuant to the terms in the individual's scholarship award agreement if the individual fails to maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average while enrolled, discontinues attendance before the completion of any semester or quarter for which a scholarship has been received, or fails to remain and work in this state for at least three years following degree or certificate completion.
7. Each quarter or semester, the state board of higher education shall distribute grants to institutions of higher education to provide the amounts necessary for the scholarships awarded to the students enrolled in each institution. The state board of higher education may distribute grants only to the extent that the private sector has provided one dollar of matching funds for each dollar of funding provided by the state."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

This amendment consolidates the skilled workforce scholarship program and fund in one section of North Dakota Century Code, provides for the State Board of Higher Education to administer the program rather than the Bank of North Dakota, and provides other minor technical corrections.