

House Bill 1430
Testimony of David Richter
Senate Education Committee
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Chairman Schaible and members of the Senate Education Committee. For the record my name is David Richter, Representative from District 1 Williston. I am in support of HB 1430.

Annually, Approximately 12% of North Dakota High School graduates earn the North Dakota CTE and Academic scholarship of \$6,000. A student in a North Dakota Public or Private High School or qualified homeschool, works hard in to meet all the academic requirements laid out by this body, they are awarded a \$6,000 CTE or Academic scholarship.

Under the current rules of \$750 per semester, if they enroll in a College CTE program to pursue a 2 year CTE degree, they continue to meet the academic requirements and graduate on time, they are only eligible to receive half of the awarded funding.

A student pursuing an LPN at WSC will have approximately \$17,000 of expenses just for Tuition, general Fees, Nursing specific fees and books. When on campus housing, board, and other costs are included, they are looking at an estimated \$37,000 for two years. Families plan for paying for college and include \$6,000 to help pay those expenses only to find out that they dollars are not there if there student chooses to get a CTE degree.

This bill changes that so students pursuing a CTE degree have the opportunity to receive all the scholarship funding they have earned. The bill also allows students pursuing a 4 year Bachelor's degree who need one or two classes to graduate early to use the scholarship in their final semester to cover those final few classes.

The student was awarded \$6000, they should be able to receive the \$6000.

I will stand for any questions.