

Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

Introduced by

Senators Davison, Bakke, Oban Representative Pyle

## SENATE BILL NO. 2229

- 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 student teacher scholarship program; and to provide an  
3 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 **Student teacher scholarship program - Administered by the board.**

- 8 1. For purposes of this section:

- 9 a. "Rural school district" has the same meaning as the term is defined in the 2006  
10 national center for education statistics locale codes.

- 11 b. ~~"Student teacher" means an individual enrolled at an institution under the control~~  
12 ~~of the state board of higher education, a private institution of higher education~~  
13 ~~located in this state, or a tribal college located in this state who is completing an~~  
14 ~~education degree to become a licensed teacher, and who has signed a contract~~  
15 ~~to teach at a rural school district under the supervision of a licensed teacher.~~  
"Student teacher" means an individual enrolled in a state-approved educator  
preparation program in this state who is completing qualifications to become  
a licensed teacher and who signed a contract to teach at a rural school district  
under the supervision of a license teacher.

- 16 2. The state board of higher education shall administer a student teacher scholarship  
17 program. The board shall adopt rules to administer the program including rules  
18 establishing an application process, ~~eligibility criteria~~, and distribution of program  
19 scholarships. An eligible student teacher may apply to the board to receive a  
20 scholarship under the program.

- 21 3. To be eligible to receive a scholarship under this section, an individual:

- 22           a. ~~Must be enrolled at an institution under the control of the state board of higher~~  
23 ~~education, a private institution of higher education located in this state, or a tribal~~  
~~college located in this state; Must be enrolled in a state-approved educator preparation program;~~
- 1           b. ~~Must be completing a degree~~ **qualifications** to become a licensed teacher in  
2 ~~compliance with chapter 15.1-18 or chapter 15.1-13;~~
- 3           c. ~~Must be enrolled in a teacher preparation program, accredited by the education~~  
4 ~~standards and practices board, at an institution under the control of the state~~  
5 ~~board of higher education, a private institution of higher education located in this~~  
6 ~~state, or a tribal college located in this state; and~~
- 7           d. ~~Must have signed a contract to student teach at a grade level or in a content area~~  
8 ~~and in a geographical location in the state identified by the board as having an~~  
9 ~~existing teacher shortage or critical need.~~
- 10       4. ~~To be eligible to hire a student teacher awarded a scholarship under this section, a~~  
11 ~~school district:~~
- 12       a. ~~Must be a rural school district;~~
- 13       b. ~~Must demonstrate a teacher shortage, as determined by the board;~~
- 14       c. ~~Must be willing to supervise, mentor, and train a student teacher; and~~
- 15       d. ~~Must be able to provide the student teacher lodging accommodations within a~~  
16 ~~reasonable distance from the school of placement and at a reasonable rental~~  
17 ~~rate, as determined by the board.~~
- 18       5. ~~Subject to legislative appropriation:~~
- 19       a. ~~The board may award and distribute up to thirty-three scholarships during each~~  
20 ~~year of the biennium; and~~
- 21       b. ~~The board shall distribute fifteen thousand dollars to an eligible individual~~  
22 ~~awarded a scholarship under the program. A scholarship may be used to pay:~~
- 23           (1) ~~The cost of tuition at the institution under the control of the state board of~~  
24 ~~higher education, private institution of higher education located in this state,~~  
25 ~~or tribal college located in this state at which the student teacher is enrolled;~~  
26 ~~and~~
- 27           (2) ~~Living expenses while student teaching, including rent, food, clothing, and~~  
28 ~~travel to the school and district of placement.~~
- 29       6. ~~The board may contract with a third-party organization to administer the program and~~  
30 ~~supervise the student teachers participating in the program.~~

1       **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general  
2 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so much of the  
3 sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of providing  
4 scholarships to eligible student teachers under the student teacher scholarship program, for the  
5 biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.