

SENATE BILL NO. 2229

Introduced by

Senators Davison, Bakke, Oban

Representative Pyle

- 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 by~~ 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~~ received full placement
15 **to ~~student~~ teach at a rural school district under the supervision of a licensed**
teacher.

- 16 **2. The state board of higher education shall administer a student teacher scholarship**
17 **program. The board shall adopt ~~rules-policy~~ to administer the program including ~~rules~~**
18 **establishing an application ~~and review~~ 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**
24 **college located in this state;**

- 1 b. Must be completing a degree to become a licensed teacher in compliance with
2 chapter 15.1-18;
- 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~~received full placement to student teach at a grade
8 level or in a content area identified by the Department of Public Instruction
9 and in a geographical location in the state identified by the board as having an
10 existing teacher shortage or critical need; and must student teach in a rural school
11 district.
- 12 4. To be eligible to hire a student teacher awarded a scholarship under this section, a
13 school district:
- 14 a. Must be a rural school district;
- 15 b. Must demonstrate a teacher shortage or critical need, as determined by the
16 boardDepartment of Public Instruction;
- 17 c. Must be willing to supervise, mentor, and train a student teacher; and
- 18 d. Must ~~be able to provide the student teacher~~ensure adequate lodging
19 accommodations within a
20 reasonable distance from the school of placement and at a reasonable rental
21 rate, as determined by the board.
- 22 5. Subject to legislative appropriation:
- 23 a. The board may award and distribute ~~up to thirty three~~ scholarships during each
24 year of the biennium to the enrolling institution; and
- 25 b. ~~The board shall distribute~~Scholarships may not exceed fifteen thousand dollars to
26 an eligible individual and will be based on cost of attendance at the enrolling institution.
27 ~~awarded a scholarship under the program.~~A scholarship may be used to pay:
- 28 (1) The cost of tuition and fees at the institution under the control of the state
29 board of
30 higher education, private institution of higher education located in this state,
31 or tribal college located in this state at which the student teacher is enrolled;
32 and
- 33 (2) Living expenses while student teaching, including, but not limited to,
34 renthousing, food, clothing, and
35 Traveltransportation. 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.