

SENATE BILL NO. 2145

Introduced by

Senators Davison, Sorvaag

Representatives Bosch, Strinden, Swiontek, Wagner

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-20.4-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to exceptions for postsecondary career school accreditation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-20.4-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15-20.4-04. Minimum standards - Exceptions.**

- 7 1. ~~All~~ A postsecondary career ~~schools~~school must be accredited by national or regional
8 accrediting agencies recognized by the United States department of education. The
9 board ~~may~~ additionally may require ~~such~~ further evidence and ~~make such~~ further
10 ~~investigation~~investigate as in ~~its~~the board's judgment may be necessary. ~~Any~~A
11 postsecondary career school operating in this state seeking ~~its~~the school's first
12 authorization to operate may be issued a provisional authorization to operate on an
13 annual basis until the school becomes eligible for accreditation by a recognized
14 accrediting agency. ~~Schools~~A school issued a provisional authorization to operate
15 must demonstrate a substantial good-faith showing of progress toward
16 ~~such~~accreditation status. Only upon accreditation ~~shall~~may a school become eligible
17 for a regular authorization to operate. A school shall give written notification to the
18 board within thirty days of any change to the school's accreditation status.
- 19 2. This section does not apply to a postsecondary career ~~schools~~school operating in this
20 state that ~~do~~;
- 21 a. ~~Does not grant degrees~~a degree and that ~~offer~~offers mainly hands-on training in
22 low census occupations, as determined by the board. "Degree" as used in this
23 ~~subsections~~subdivision means a document that provides evidence or

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- 1 demonstrates completion of a course of instruction that results in the attainment
- 2 of a rank or level of associate or higher.
- 3 b. Offers a full-stack software engineering course that was in operation before 2020.