

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1215**

Introduced by

Representative Nathe

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 7 of section 6-08.1-02, section 10-30.5-13,  
2 subsection 1 of section 17-05-13, and sections 54-17.7-13 and 54-63.1-05 of the North Dakota  
3 Century Code, relating to the filing of business incentive reports; and to repeal chapter 54-60.1  
4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to business incentives, agreements, and reports  
5 administered by the department of commerce.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 6-08.1-02 of the North Dakota Century  
8 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 7. The release by the industrial commission, in its capacity as the managing body of the  
10 Bank of North Dakota, of the following:

11 a. The name of any person who has obtained approval for direct or indirect  
12 financing or security, including a loan guarantee or a letter of credit, through the  
13 Bank of North Dakota primarily for purposes other than personal, family, or  
14 household purposes.

15 b. The amount of any financing or security referenced in subdivision a.

16 c. The amount of any net writeoff or loan forgiveness associated with the financing  
17 or security referenced in subdivision a which the industrial commission  
18 determines is uncollectible.

19 d. The program under which any financing or security referenced in subdivision a  
20 was made.

21 e. ~~Recipient reports and grantor reports as required under chapter 54-60.1.~~

22 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 10-30.5-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

1       **10-30.5-13. Small business technology investment program.**

2       1. The corporation shall administer a small business technology investment program that  
3       provides matching investments to startup technology-based businesses.

4       2. The following provisions apply to small business technology investments:

5       a. A qualified applicant:

6             (1) Must be a North Dakota business that is at the startup stage;

7             (2) Must be a primary sector business in the technology field; and

8             (3) Shall meet underwriting guidelines established by the corporation.

9       b. Before the corporation distributes funds under this section, the recipient shall  
10       provide the corporation with detailed documentation of the availability of two  
11       dollars of angel fund investment matching funds for each dollar of state funds  
12       distributed under this section. The matching funds must be cash, must come from  
13       a North Dakota angel fund certified under section 57-38-01.26, and may not be  
14       an in-kind asset.

15       3. An investment under this section may not exceed fifty thousand dollars. Eligible use of  
16       the investment funds include developing a proof of concept. A recipient may not  
17       receive more than one award under this section.

18       4. ~~An investment under this section is not a business incentive under chapter 54-60.1.~~

19       **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 17-05-13 of the North Dakota Century  
20       Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

21       1. The authority shall deliver a written report on its activities to the legislative council  
22       each biennium. ~~Notwithstanding chapter 54-60.1, the~~The authority shall provide an  
23       annual report to the industrial commission detailing activities and expenditures  
24       incurred during the preceding year.

25       **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-17.7-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
26       amended and reenacted as follows:

27       **54-17.7-13. Reporting requirements.**

28       The authority shall deliver a written report on its activities to the legislative council each  
29       biennium. ~~The authority is not subject to the requirements of chapter 54-60.1, but to ensure~~  
30       public accountability, the authority shall provide an annual report to the industrial commission  
31       detailing activities and expenditures incurred during the preceding year.

1       **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-63.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3       **54-63.1-05. Clean sustainable energy program - Powers and duties of the**  
4 **commission.**

- 5       1. The commission is granted all the powers necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
6 chapter, including the power to:
- 7       a. Provide grants, loans, or other forms of financial assistance to qualified entities  
8       for the research, demonstration, development, and commercialization of projects,  
9       processes, activities, and technologies that reduce environmental impacts and  
10       use energy sources derived from within the state. Other forms of financial  
11       assistance include venture capital investments and interest rate buydowns. The  
12       commission must require an entity to provide assurance of financial and other  
13       types of support that demonstrate a commitment to the project, process, activity,  
14       or technology. The commission may develop policies for the approval of loans or  
15       loan guarantees issued from the clean sustainable energy fund.
  - 16       b. Enter into contracts or agreements to carry out the purposes of this chapter,  
17       including contracting for the administration of the program.
  - 18       c. Keep accurate records of all financial transactions performed under this chapter.
  - 19       d. Cooperate with any private, local, state, or national organization to make  
20       contracts and agreements for programs that advance the mission of the program.
  - 21       e. Accept loan repayments, donations, grants, contributions, or gifts from any public  
22       or private source to carry out the purposes of this chapter, which must be  
23       deposited in the clean sustainable energy fund.
  - 24       f. Make guidelines necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter, including  
25       guidelines relating to the ownership of intellectual property.
  - 26       g. Borrow from the Bank of North Dakota, as authorized by the legislative assembly,  
27       to make loans or loan guarantees under a loan program or loan guarantee  
28       program developed by the clean sustainable energy authority.
- 29       2. The commission may acquire, purchase, hold, use, lease, license, sell, transfer, or  
30       dispose of any interest in an asset necessary for clean sustainable energy technology

- 1           development to facilitate the production, transportation, distribution, or delivery of  
2           clean energy commodities produced in the state as a purchases of last resort.
- 3           3. The commission shall provide administrative support to the authority for the operation  
4           of the program, including the preparation of forms, review of applications, and ongoing  
5           review of any contracts. The commission may contract with a public or private entity to  
6           provide technical assistance necessary to implement the purposes of this chapter.
- 7           ~~4. The commission is not subject to the reporting requirements under chapter 54-60.1.~~
- 8           **SECTION 6. REPEAL.** Chapter 54-60.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.