

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1199**

Introduced by

Representative Lefor

Senator Hogue

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of career and technical  
2 education for the statewide area and career center initiative grant program; to authorize a Bank  
3 of North Dakota line of credit; to provide an exemption; to provide for a transfer; and to declare  
4 an emergency.

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

6 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL**  
7 **EDUCATION - STATEWIDE AREA AND CAREER CENTER INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM -**  
8 **ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
9 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be  
10 necessary, to the department of career and technical education for the purpose of paying  
11 accrued interest on a Bank of North Dakota line of credit used for the statewide area and career  
12 center initiative grant program, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and  
13 ending June 30, 2025. This funding is considered a one-time funding item.

14 **SECTION 2. BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA - LINE OF CREDIT - APPROPRIATION -**  
15 **DEPARTMENT OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION - STATEWIDE AREA AND**  
16 **CAREER CENTER INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM.** The Bank of North Dakota shall extend a  
17 line of credit not to exceed \$68,276,228 to the department of career and technical education at  
18 the prevailing interest rate charged to North Dakota governmental entities, the sum of which is  
19 appropriated to the department of career and technical education for the purpose of providing  
20 grants to entities approved by the state board for career and technical education to build career  
21 academies through the statewide area and career center initiative grant program for the period  
22 beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2025. The department may  
23 award funding provided in this section to foundations that are working with school districts on  
24 career academy projects approved by the state board for career and technical education. The

1 department shall repay the line of credit and accrued interest from funding appropriated from  
2 the general fund in section 1 of this Act and from funding appropriated from the federal  
3 coronavirus capital projects fund in section 1 of chapter 548 of the 2021 Session Laws. If  
4 moneys available on June 30, 2025, are not sufficient to repay the line of credit, the department  
5 of career and technical education shall request from the sixty-ninth legislative assembly a  
6 deficiency appropriation to repay the line of credit.

7 **SECTION 3. EXEMPTION - STATEWIDE AREA AND CAREER CENTER INITIATIVE**

8 **GRANT PROGRAM.** The amount of \$68,276,228 appropriated from the federal coronavirus  
9 capital projects fund to the department of career and technical education for the statewide area  
10 and career center initiative grant program in section 1 of chapter 548 of the 2021 Session Laws  
11 is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued and is available to the department of  
12 career and technical education for the program during the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and  
13 ending June 30, 2025. The department may award funding provided in this section to  
14 foundations that are working with school districts on career academy projects approved by the  
15 state board for career and technical education.

16 **SECTION 4. TRANSFER - PARTNERSHIP IN ASSISTING COMMUNITY EXPANSION.**

17 The Bank of North Dakota shall transfer the sum of \$20,000,000, or so much of the sum as may  
18 be necessary, from the Bank's current earnings and undivided profits to the partnership in  
19 assisting community expansion fund during the period beginning with the effective date of this  
20 Act and ending June 30, 2023.

21 **SECTION 5. EMERGENCY.** ~~Sections 1 and 2 of this Act are~~ This Act is declared to be an  
22 emergency measure.