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of North Dakota

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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2288

Introduced by

Senators K. Roers, Hogue

Representatives Boschee, Rohr

A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 15-10-48.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to nursing program matching grants; and to provide an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Section 15-10-48.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

1. Subject to legislative appropriations, the state board of higher education shall award one dollar in matching grants for every two dollars raised by accredited institutions of higher education in this state for projects dedicated exclusively to the advancement of academics for each institution's nursing program.
2. To be eligible for a matching grant, an institution must demonstrate:
   a. It has raised at least twenty-five thousand dollars in cash or monetary pledges for a qualifying project; and
   b. The project has been approved by the grant review committee established in section 15-10-51.
3. a. The board shall consider each application submitted under this section in chronological order.
   b. If the remaining dollars are insufficient to provide a matching grant in the amount of one dollar for every two dollars raised by the institution, the board shall award a lesser amount.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION - NURSING PROGRAM MATCHING GRANTS. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $250,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of providing matching grants to providers of nursing education for projects dedicated exclusively to the

advancement of academics for nursing programs under section 15-10-48.2, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.