

HOUSE BILL NO. 1543

Introduced by

Legislative Management

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of health and human services
2 ~~and~~, department of career and technical education, and Bismarck state college for facility-
3 related ~~grants~~projects; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds for a Bismarck state college
4 facility project; to provide for a legislative management report; to provide for retroactive
5 application; and to provide an effective date.

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

7 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS**

8 **FUND - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - DEPARTMENT OF CAREER**

9 **AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT - ONE-TIME**

10 **FUNDING.** For the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, there is
11 appropriated out of any moneys in the strategic investment and improvements fund in the state
12 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the following amounts, or so much of the sum as may be
13 necessary:

- 14 1. \$8,250,000 to the department of health and human services for the purpose of
15 providing a behavioral health facility grant or other services as provided in this
16 subsection. The department of health and human services shall ~~provide the grant use~~
17 the funds as follows:
- 18 a. A grant of \$8,250,000 must be provided to establish a behavioral health facility in
19 the badlands human service center service region. The grant recipient must
20 provide matching funds of \$1,950,000 to establish the facility.
- 21 b. The department shall require an entity receiving funding under this subsection to
22 operate the facility for a period of at least ten years and require the grant amount
23 to be repaid if the entity does not operate the facility for at least ten years. The

1 amount repaid must be prorated based on the amount of time the program
2 remains in operation.

3 c. The requirements of chapter 54-44.4 do not apply to the selection of a grant
4 recipient, the grant award, or payments made under this subsection.

5 d. If by June 1, 2024, the department does not have a grant recipient secured to
6 establish a behavioral health facility in the badlands human service center
7 service region, \$6,400,000 of the funds appropriated in this subsection may be
8 used to expand community-based services by transitioning the badlands and
9 northwest human service centers into certified community behavioral health
10 clinics. This funding may be used to expand services provided directly by the
11 department or through contractual relationships with behavioral health providers
12 or organizations.

13 e. The funding provided under this subsection is a one-time funding item.

14 2. \$26,500,000 to the department of career and technical education for the purpose of
15 defraying inflationary costs of existing projects approved under the statewide area
16 career center initiative grant program during the 2021-23 biennium. The department of
17 career and technical education shall distribute the funding to existing career academy
18 projects proportionally based on funding allocations provided to each project during
19 the 2021-23 biennium. If funding approved in this subsection is provided for a career
20 academy project and the funding becomes uncommitted during the 2023-25 biennium,
21 the department of career and technical education may redistribute the funding for
22 existing projects under the program during the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and
23 ending June 30, 2025. The department of career and technical education shall report
24 to the legislative management during the 2023-24 interim and to the appropriations
25 committees of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly regarding the amount of inflationary
26 funding provided for each project and the construction status of each project. The
27 funding provided under this subsection is considered a one-time funding item.

28 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE - MULTIPURPOSE**
29 **ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC CENTER CAPITAL FACILITY PROJECT - ONE-TIME FUNDING.**

30 There is appropriated from special funds derived from bond proceeds, gifts, grants, donations,
31 and other funds, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$8,500,000, or so much of the sum as

1 may be necessary, to Bismarck state college for the purpose of the multipurpose academic and
2 athletic center capital facility project, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act
3 and ending June 30, 2025. The amount appropriated in this section is in addition to
4 \$31,500,000 appropriated from other funds in House Bill No. 1003, as approved by the
5 sixty-eighth legislative assembly, to Bismarck state college for the multipurpose academic and
6 athletic center. This appropriation is considered a one-time funding item.

7 **SECTION 3. BOND ISSUANCE AUTHORIZATION - PURPOSE.** The state board of higher
8 education, in accordance with chapter 15-55, may arrange for the funding of projects authorized
9 in this section, declared to be in the public interest, through the issuance of self-liquidating,
10 tax-exempt evidences of indebtedness under chapter 15-55, beginning with the effective date of
11 this Act and ending June 30, 2025. Evidences of indebtedness issued pursuant to this section
12 are not a general obligation of the state of North Dakota. Any unexpended balance resulting
13 from the proceeds of the evidences of indebtedness must be placed in a sinking fund to be
14 used for the retirement of indebtedness. The evidences of indebtedness may be issued to
15 generate up to \$40,000,000, the proceeds of which are appropriated in section 2 of this Act and
16 section 1 of House Bill No. 1003, as approved by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly, for the
17 Bismarck state college multipurpose academic and athletic center.

18 **SECTION 4. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.** ~~This~~[Section 1 of this](#) Act applies retroactively
19 to July 1, 2023.

20 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective immediately upon its filing with
21 the secretary of state.