

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

SENATE BILL NO. 2274
(Senators Kessel, Thomas, Wanzek)
(Representatives Brandenburg, Hagert, Schreiber-Beck)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 4.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to creating a farm management program within the department of agriculture; to amend and reenact section 15-20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the powers and duties of the state board of career at technical education; and to provide an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 4.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Farm management program.

The commissioner shall implement and oversee a program to:

1. Coordinate new and existing farm management programs offered by a state agency, board, or commission; and
2. Create and expand marketing clubs as adjuncts to new and existing farm management programs.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 15-20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-20.1-03. Powers and duties of state board relating to career and technical education.

The state board shall have all authority necessary to cooperate with the United States department of education or other department or agency of the United States of America in the administration of acts of Congress relating to career and technical education, including the following powers and duties:

1. To administer any legislation enacted by the legislative assembly of this state pursuant to or in conformity with acts of Congress relating to career and technical education.
2. To administer the funds provided by the federal government and by this state for the promotion of career and technical education and to contract with:
 - a. Any public or private institution or agency, board of trustees of any agricultural and training school, or school district of this state; or
 - b. Any public or private institution or agency, or political subdivision, of another state.
3. To formulate plans for the promotion of career and technical education in such subjects as are an essential and integral part of the public school system of education in this state.
4. To provide for the preparation of teachers.
5. To fix the compensation of such officers and assistants as may be necessary to administer the federal acts and the provisions of this chapter relating to career and technical education and to pay the same and other necessary expenses of administration from any funds appropriated for such purpose.
6. To make studies and investigations relating to career and technical education.

7. To promote and aid in the establishment of schools, departments, or classes, and to cooperate with local communities in the maintenance of career and technical education schools, departments, or classes.
8. To prescribe the qualifications and provide for the certification of teachers, directors, and supervisors.
9. To cooperate with governing bodies of school districts and with organizations and communities in the maintenance of classes for the preparation of teachers, directors, and supervisors of career and technical education, to maintain classes for such purposes under its own direction and control, and to establish and control, by general regulations, the qualifications to be possessed by persons engaged in the training of career and technical education teachers.
- ~~10. To coordinate new and existing farm management programs offered by any state agency or entity.~~
- ~~11. To create and expand marketing clubs as adjuncts to new and existing farm management programs.~~

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER - FARM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,900,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the agriculture commissioner for the purpose of paying for services related to the farm management program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2274.

Senate Vote: Yeas 42 Nays 2 Absent 3

House Vote: Yeas 81 Nays 10 Absent 3

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2025,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State