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of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2019**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of  
2 career and technical education; to provide an exemption; and to declare an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and  
7 federal funds, to the department of career and technical education for the purpose of defraying  
8 the expenses of the department of career and technical education, for the biennium beginning  
9 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

|    |                               | Adjustments or        |                      |                       |
|----|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|    | <u>Base Level</u>             | <u>Enhancements</u>   | <u>Appropriation</u> |                       |
| 12 | Salaries and wages            | \$5,118,145           | \$720,245            | \$5,838,390           |
| 13 | New and vacant FTE pool       | 0                     | 126,203              | 126,203               |
| 14 | <del>Operating expenses</del> | <del>3,046,350</del>  | <del>1,399,261</del> | <del>4,445,611</del>  |
| 15 | <u>Operating expenses</u>     | <u>3,046,350</u>      | <u>1,549,261</u>     | <u>4,595,611</u>      |
| 16 | Grants                        | 11,507,349            | 2,500,000            | 14,007,349            |
| 17 | <del>Grants - secondary</del> | <del>41,537,780</del> | <del>7,000,000</del> | <del>48,537,780</del> |
| 18 | <u>Grants - secondary</u>     | <u>41,537,780</u>     | <u>12,750,000</u>    | <u>54,287,780</u>     |
| 19 | Marketplace for kids          | 300,000               | 100,000              | 400,000               |

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|    |                                       |                     |                     |                     |
|----|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1  | Science, technology, engineering, and | 100,000             | 0                   | 100,000             |
| 2  | mathematics initiative                |                     |                     |                     |
| 3  | Adult farm management                 | 1,706,138           | (1,706,138)         | 0                   |
| 4  | Workforce training                    | <u>2,500,000</u>    | <u>750,000</u>      | <u>3,250,000</u>    |
| 5  | Total all funds                       | <u>\$65,815,762</u> | <u>\$10,889,571</u> | <u>\$76,705,333</u> |
| 6  | Less other funds                      | <u>14,500,485</u>   | <u>2,927,524</u>    | <u>17,428,009</u>   |
| 7  | Total general fund                    | <u>\$51,315,277</u> | <u>\$7,962,047</u>  | <u>\$59,277,324</u> |
| 8  | Total all funds                       | <u>\$65,815,762</u> | <u>\$16,789,571</u> | <u>\$82,605,333</u> |
| 9  | Less other funds                      | <u>14,500,485</u>   | <u>3,927,524</u>    | <u>18,428,009</u>   |
| 10 | Total general fund                    | <u>\$51,315,277</u> | <u>\$12,862,047</u> | <u>\$64,177,324</u> |
| 11 | Full-time equivalent positions        | 23.50               | 0.00                | 23.50               |

**SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO**

**SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which the entity shall report to the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

|    |                                     |                     |                    |                    |
|----|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 17 | <u>One-Time Funding Description</u> | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Other Funds</u> | <u>Total</u>       |
| 18 | Virtual reality career exploration  | <u>\$1,000,000</u>  | <u>\$0</u>         | <u>\$1,000,000</u> |
| 19 | Total                               | <u>\$1,000,000</u>  | <u>\$0</u>         | <u>\$1,000,000</u> |
| 20 | Virtual reality career exploration  | <u>\$0</u>          | <u>\$1,000,000</u> | <u>\$1,000,000</u> |
| 21 | Moving expenses                     | <u>150,000</u>      | <u>0</u>           | <u>150,000</u>     |
| 22 | Total                               | <u>\$150,000</u>    | <u>\$1,000,000</u> | <u>\$1,150,000</u> |

**SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The

department of career and technical education may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE pool line item in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to transfer funds from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the salaries and wages line item in accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

**~~SECTION 4. WORKFORCE TRAINING GRANTS - SALARIES AND WAGES EXPENSES.~~**

~~The workforce training line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$500,000 from the general fund which the department of career and technical education shall distribute to each~~



1 ~~eligible organization in the state dedicated to expanding workforce opportunities, training, and~~  
2 ~~education for the purpose of defraying salaries and wages expenses of the organization's~~  
3 ~~employees. The department of career and technical education shall distribute the funding~~  
4 ~~identified in this section as follows:~~

- 5 ~~1. An organization in the northwest region of the state \$230,000~~  
6 ~~2. An organization in the northeast region of the state \$40,000~~  
7 ~~3. An organization in the southwest region of the state \$120,000~~  
8 ~~4. An organization in the southeast region of the state \$110,000~~

9 **SECTION 4. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND.**

10 The other funds line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$1,000,000 from the  
11 strategic investment and improvements fund for the purpose of purchasing virtual reality career  
12 exploration hardware and software.

13 **SECTION 5. EXEMPTION - STATEWIDE AREA CAREER CENTER INITIATIVE GRANT**

14 **PROGRAM.** The sum of \$74,595,701 appropriated from the federal coronavirus capital projects  
15 fund for the statewide area career center initiative grant program, of which \$68,276,228 was  
16 appropriated in section 1 of chapter 548 of the 2021 Special Session Session Laws and  
17 continued into the 2023-25 biennium in section 3 of chapter 27 of the 2023 Session Laws and  
18 \$6,319,473 was transferred in section 10 of chapter 21 of the 2023 Session Laws, is not subject  
19 to section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds from these appropriations may be continued  
20 into the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

21 **SECTION 6. EMERGENCY.** The \$150,000 appropriated from the general fund in the  
22 operating expenses line item for moving expenses in section 1 of this Act is declared to be an  
23 emergency measure.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:****Senate Bill No. 2019 - Dept. of Career and Technical Education - House Action**

|                         | Base<br>Budget | Senate<br>Version | House<br>Changes | House<br>Version |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Salaries and wages      | \$5,118,145    | \$5,838,390       |                  | \$5,838,390      |
| New and vacant FTE pool |                | 126,203           |                  | 126,203          |
| Operating expenses      | 3,046,350      | 4,445,611         | \$150,000        | 4,595,611        |
| Grants                  | 11,507,349     | 14,007,349        |                  | 14,007,349       |
| Grants - Secondary      | 41,537,780     | 48,537,780        | 5,750,000        | 54,287,780       |
| Marketplace for kids    | 300,000        | 400,000           |                  | 400,000          |
| Adult farm management   | 1,706,138      |                   |                  |                  |
| Workforce training      | 2,500,000      | 3,250,000         |                  | 3,250,000        |
| STEM initiative         | 100,000        | 100,000           |                  | 100,000          |
| Total all funds         | \$65,815,762   | \$76,705,333      | \$5,900,000      | \$82,605,333     |
| Less estimated income   | 14,500,485     | 17,428,009        | 1,000,000        | 18,428,009       |
| General fund            | \$51,315,277   | \$59,277,324      | \$4,900,000      | \$64,177,324     |
| FTE                     | 23.50          | 23.50             | 0.00             | 23.50            |

**Department 270 - Dept. of Career and Technical Education - Detail of House Changes**

|                         | Adds Funding<br>for New and<br>Expanding<br>CTE<br>Programs <sup>1</sup> | Adds Funding<br>for Work-<br>Based<br>Learning<br>Coordinators <sup>2</sup> | Adjusts One-<br>Time Funding<br>for Virtual<br>Reality Career<br>Exploration <sup>3</sup> | Adds One-<br>Time Funding<br>for Moving<br>Expenses <sup>4</sup> | Total House<br>Changes |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Salaries and wages      |                                                                          |                                                                             |                                                                                           |                                                                  |                        |
| New and vacant FTE pool |                                                                          |                                                                             |                                                                                           |                                                                  |                        |
| Operating expenses      |                                                                          |                                                                             |                                                                                           | \$150,000                                                        | \$150,000              |
| Grants                  |                                                                          |                                                                             |                                                                                           |                                                                  |                        |
| Grants - Secondary      | \$5,000,000                                                              | \$750,000                                                                   |                                                                                           |                                                                  | 5,750,000              |
| Marketplace for kids    |                                                                          |                                                                             |                                                                                           |                                                                  |                        |
| Adult farm management   |                                                                          |                                                                             |                                                                                           |                                                                  |                        |
| Workforce training      |                                                                          |                                                                             |                                                                                           |                                                                  |                        |
| STEM initiative         |                                                                          |                                                                             |                                                                                           |                                                                  |                        |
| Total all funds         | \$5,000,000                                                              | \$750,000                                                                   | \$0                                                                                       | \$150,000                                                        | \$5,900,000            |
| Less estimated income   | 0                                                                        | 0                                                                           | 1,000,000                                                                                 | 0                                                                | 1,000,000              |
| General fund            | \$5,000,000                                                              | \$750,000                                                                   | (\$1,000,000)                                                                             | \$150,000                                                        | \$4,900,000            |
| FTE                     | 0.00                                                                     | 0.00                                                                        | 0.00                                                                                      | 0.00                                                             | 0.00                   |

<sup>1</sup> Ongoing funding of \$5 million is added for new and expanding secondary career and technical education programs to provide a total of \$8 million from the general fund for the 2025-27 biennium. The Senate provided \$3 million from the general fund for new and expanding secondary career and technical education programs.

<sup>2</sup> Ongoing funding of \$750,000 is added from the general fund for grants to schools for work-based learning coordinators to provide a total of \$2.25 million from the general fund, including \$1.5 million in the base budget. The Senate did not increase funding for this program.

<sup>3</sup> One-time funding of \$1 million added by the Senate from the general fund for virtual reality career exploration hardware and software is changed to be appropriated instead from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF).

<sup>4</sup> One-time funding of \$150,000 is added from the general fund for moving expenses.

**Senate Bill No. 2019 - Other Changes - House Action**

This amendment also:

- Removes a section designating funding in the workforce training line item for salaries and wages of organizations in each region of the state.
- Adds a section to identify \$1 million of one-time funding from SIIF for virtual career exploration hardware and software. The Senate appropriated this funding from the general fund.



- Adds a section providing the department an exemption to continue any unspent funding appropriated from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for career academies during the 2021-23 and 2023-25 bienniums into the 2025-27 biennium.
- Adds a section to provide the \$150,000 appropriated as one-time funding from the general fund for moving expenses in Section 1 is declared an emergency measure.

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for the integrity of the financial system and for the ability to detect and prevent fraud. The document also outlines the responsibilities of individuals involved in the process, including the need for transparency and accountability.

The second part of the document provides a detailed overview of the various methods used to collect and analyze data. It describes the different types of data sources, such as surveys, interviews, and focus groups, and explains how this information is used to identify trends and patterns. The document also discusses the challenges associated with data collection and analysis, such as ensuring the reliability and validity of the data.

The third part of the document focuses on the importance of communication and collaboration in the research process. It highlights the need for clear and concise communication of findings to stakeholders and the importance of working closely with other researchers and experts in the field. The document also discusses the role of communication in building trust and credibility with the public.

The fourth part of the document discusses the importance of ethical considerations in research. It outlines the principles of research ethics, such as informed consent, confidentiality, and the minimization of harm. The document also discusses the role of ethics committees in reviewing and approving research projects and the importance of ongoing monitoring and evaluation of ethical compliance.

The fifth part of the document provides a summary of the key findings and conclusions of the research. It highlights the main results of the study and discusses the implications for practice and policy. The document also includes a list of references and a list of appendices.