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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

### SENATE BILL NO. 2003

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the North Dakota  
2 university system; to provide an appropriation to the Bank of North Dakota; to amend and  
3 reenact subsection 2 of section 6-09-53, subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 15-10-48,  
4 subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 15-10-48.2, subdivisions a and c of subsection 1 of  
5 section 15-10-49, subsection 1 of section 15-10-75, paragraph 3 of subdivision h of  
6 subsection 1 of section 15-18.2-02, subsection 2 of section 15-18.2-03, subsection 1 of section  
7 15-18.2-05, sections 15-54.1-02 and 15-54.1-04, subsection 1 of section 15-62.4-01, and  
8 section 54-44.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the economic diversification  
9 research fund, matching grants for the advancement of academics, the workforce education  
10 innovation program, state aid for institutions of higher education, university system capital  
11 building funds, student financial assistance grants, and the cancellation of unexpended  
12 appropriations; to amend and reenact sections 6 and 7 of chapter 126 of the 2021 Session  
13 Laws, relating to transfers from the Bank of North Dakota to the skilled workforce loan  
14 repayment program fund and the skilled workforce scholarship fund; to amend and reenact  
15 subsection 17 of section 1 of chapter 550 of the 2021 Special Session Session Laws, relating to  
16 funding for hyperbaric oxygen therapy; to amend and reenact sections 7, 8, and 9 of chapter 3  
17 of the 2023 Session Laws, relating to transfers from the Bank of North Dakota to the skilled  
18 workforce loan repayment program fund, the skilled workforce scholarship fund, and to the state  
19 board of higher education for dual-credit tuition scholarships; to authorize the state board of  
20 higher education to issue and sell bonds for capital projects; to provide for a transfer; to provide  
21 for the conveyance of real property; to provide for a legislative management higher education

1 higher education, are appropriated to the board and those institutions and entities, for the  
2 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. All additional funds received under  
3 the North Dakota-Minnesota reciprocity agreement during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025,  
4 and ending June 30, 2027, are appropriated to the state board of higher education for  
5 reimbursement to institutions under the control of the board.

6 **SECTION 4. USE OF EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS FUNDING - MATCHING FUNDS.** The  
7 capital assets line items in subdivisions 2 through 12 of section 1 of this Act include funding  
8 from the general fund for institution extraordinary repairs. An institution, excluding the university  
9 of North Dakota and North Dakota state university, shall provide one dollar of matching funds  
10 from operations or other sources for each one dollar of extraordinary repairs funding used for a  
11 project. The university of North Dakota and North Dakota state university shall provide two  
12 dollars of matching funds from operations or other sources for each one dollar of extraordinary  
13 repairs funding used for a project.

14 **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS**  
15 **FUND - NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OFFICE - EDUCATION CHALLENGE**

16 **FUND.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the strategic investment and improvements  
17 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,500,000, or so much of the  
18 sum as may be necessary, to the North Dakota university system office for the purpose of  
19 providing higher education challenge grants, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and  
20 ending June 30, 2027.

21 **SECTION 6. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND.**

22 The grand total other funds line item in subdivision 15 of section 1 of this Act includes  
23 \$161,746,814 from the strategic investment and improvements fund as follows:

24 Challenge grants	\$25,000,000
25 Nursing education consortium	1,100,000
26 Workforce education innovation grants	12,000,000
27 Forest service emerald ash borer mitigation	950,000
28 University of North Dakota science, technology, engineering, and 29 mathematics building	55,640,000
30 University of North Dakota national security crossroads	12,000,000
31 North Dakota state university new horizon programming	12,000,000



fifty thousand dollars must be awarded for projects dedicated to projects at the school of law.

**SECTION 16. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 15-10-48.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- c. The board may award up to ~~two million two hundred thousand~~ two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars in matching grants under this section.

**SECTION 17. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 15-10-49 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- a. Subject to legislative appropriations, each biennium during the period beginning July first of each odd-numbered year and ending December thirty-first of each even-numbered year, the state board of higher education shall award one dollar in matching grants for every two dollars raised by the institutional foundations of:

(1) Bismarck state college, Dakota college at Bottineau, Dickinson state university, Lake Region state college, Mayville state university, Minot state university, North Dakota state college of science, Valley City state university, and Williston state college for projects dedicated exclusively to the advancement of academics; and

(2) University of Jamestown and university of Mary for projects dedicated exclusively to student scholarships.

**SECTION 18. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 15-10-49 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- c. The board may award up to:

- (1) ~~One million seven hundred thousand~~ Two million one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars each to Bismarck state college, Minot state university, and the North Dakota state college of science;
- (2) ~~One million one hundred thousand~~ One million three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars each to Dickinson state university, Mayville state university, and Valley City state university; and
- (3) ~~Six hundred thousand~~ Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars each to Dakota college at Bottineau, university of Jamestown, Lake Region state college, university of Mary, and Williston state college.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

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**Senate Bill No. 2003 - Summary of Senate Action**

This amendment appropriates an additional \$1.5 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the North Dakota University System office to provide a total of \$26.5 million for higher education challenge grants. This amendment also expands eligibility for challenge grants to the University of Jamestown and the University of Mary, each of which may be awarded up to \$750,000 during the 2025-27 biennium.