

**North Dakota University System Office
Budget No. 215
Senate Bill Nos. 2003 and 2244**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2017-19 legislative appropriations	149.40	\$103,909,530	\$26,412,106	\$130,321,636
2017-19 base budget	104.39	110,229,818	2,511,216	112,741,034
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	45.01	(\$6,320,288)	\$23,900,890	\$17,580,602

NOTE: The 2017-19 biennium legislative appropriations reflects a change in reporting methods for North Dakota University System FTE positions and includes the appropriation of certain special funds. See the **FTE Positions and Special Funds Appropriations Reporting Change** section below for additional information.

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2017-19 legislative appropriations	\$101,639,530	\$2,270,000	\$103,909,530
2015-17 adjusted legislative appropriations	110,229,818	31,467,500	141,697,318
2017-19 legislative increase (decrease) to 2015-17 adjusted appropriations	(\$8,590,288)	(\$29,197,500)	(\$37,787,788)
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2015-17 adjusted appropriations	(7.8%)	(92.8%)	(26.7%)

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS

Salaries and Wages

The Legislative Assembly did not include funding for employee salary increases.

	Changes to Base Budget		
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds
			Total
The legislative action:			
Underfunded salaries and wages.		(\$578,097)	(\$578,097)
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium rate of \$1,240.83 per month.		269,481	\$115,444
Added 2 FTE internal audit positions.	2.00	391,144	391,144
Removed 1 FTE Core Technology Services position and increased special fund authority for another position.	(1.00)	(199,220)	95,770
Provided for various funding adjustments for system governance, including the appropriation of special funds.		(26,770)	676,007
Provided for various funding adjustments for Core Technology Services, including the appropriation of special funds.		(2,405,072)	22,813,669
Adjusted ongoing general fund appropriations for other line items. (See schedule below for detail)		(6,041,754)	(6,041,754)
Added one-time funding for challenge grants.		2,000,000	2,000,000

Added one-time funding for Midwestern Higher Education Compact dues.		230,000		230,000
Added one-time funding for a study of the reorganization of 2-year institutions.		40,000		40,000
Provided funding from the student loan trust fund for the establishment of a pilot program to assist dual-credit course instructors to enroll in graduate level courses. (Senate Bill No. 2244)			200,000	200,000
Adjusted FTE positions, including the authorization of positions supported by special funds.	44.01			0
Total	45.01	(\$6,320,288)	\$23,900,890	\$17,580,602

Detail of Funding Adjustments for Other Line Items			
	Adjusted Level	General Fund Adjustment	2017-19 Biennium Legislative Appropriations
Capital bond payments	\$6,901,461	(\$296,135)	\$6,605,326
Competitive research grants	6,588,225	(560,475)	6,027,750
Student financial assistance grants	23,886,160	(1,968,854)	21,917,306
Professional student exchange program	3,941,754	(242,412)	3,699,342
Academic and CTE scholarships	13,134,096	(1,117,347)	12,016,749
2-year campus marketing	747,600	(747,600)	0
Scholars program	2,113,584	(306,469)	1,807,115
Native American scholarships	649,267	(93,944)	555,323
Tribal college assistance grants	967,250	(367,250)	600,000
Education incentive programs	3,349,000	(485,607)	2,863,393
Student mental health programs	308,100	(23,700)	284,400
Veterans' assistance programs	325,000	(47,125)	277,875
Faculty commendation grants	4,486	(4,486)	0
Internal audit funding pool ¹	280,350	(280,350)	0
Shared campus services	0	500,000	500,000
Total	\$63,196,333	(\$6,041,754)	\$57,154,579

¹Funding for the internal audit funding pool was transferred to the system governance line item to be used in conjunction with the hiring of 2 FTE internal audit positions.

FTE Positions and Special Funds Appropriations Reporting Change

The 2017-19 biennium legislative appropriations include authorization of all FTE positions for institutions and entities under the control of the State Board of Higher Education, including positions supported by special funds. Previously, only FTE positions supported by the general fund were authorized and reported. The 2017-19 biennium legislative appropriations also include appropriation authority of all special funds received by the University System office and institutions. Previously, special funds appropriations for the University System office and institutions were provided only for certain items, such as capital projects.

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly authorized 149.40 FTE positions for the University System office for the 2017-19 biennium. This represents an increase of 45.01 FTE positions from the 2015-17 biennium. The following schedule details the changes in FTE positions:

Add 2 FTE internal audit positions	2.00
Remove 1 FTE Core Technology Services position	(1.00)
Other position adjustments, including the reporting of FTE positions supported from special funds	44.01
Total	45.01

One-Time Funding

The Legislative Assembly identified \$205,843,626 of funding as one-time funding for the University System. These amounts are not to be considered part of the University System's base budget for the 2017-19 biennium, and the University System is to report to the Appropriations Committees of the 66th Legislative Assembly on the use of this funding. The table below summarizes one-time funding provided to the University System for the 2017-19 biennium.

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Education challenge grants	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000
Midwestern Higher Education Compact dues	230,000		230,000
Study of reorganizing 2-year institutions	40,000		40,000
One-time campus operations distributions	2,000,000		2,000,000
University of North Dakota (UND) - Chester Fritz Library project		\$21,000,000	21,000,000
UND - Gamble Hall project		70,000,000	70,000,000
North Dakota State University (NDSU) - Sudro Hall renovation and addition		28,000,000	28,000,000
NDSU - University Village replacement		10,000,000	10,000,000
NDSU - Student residence hall		39,505,000	39,505,000
Dickinson State University - Campus operations and debt repayment (including \$875,000 in HB 1015)	8,284,626		8,284,626
Minot State University - Gordon B. Olson Library art center project (SB 2242)		1,400,000	1,400,000
Minot State University - Herb Parker Stadium air-supported seasonal dome project (SB 2242)		634,000	634,000
Minot State University - Facilities building parking lot and project completion (SB 2242)		250,000	250,000
Valley City State University - integrated carbon plant (SB 2196)		22,500,000	22,500,000
Total	\$12,554,626	\$193,289,000	\$205,843,626

Deficiency Appropriations

In House Bill No. 1015, the Legislative Assembly provided a 2015-17 biennium deficiency appropriation of \$1,634,854 from the strategic investment and improvements fund to NDSU for costs related to the collapse of a portion of Minard Hall.

Competitive Research

The Legislative Assembly provided \$6.03 million from the general fund for competitive research. The following is a summary of funding for the competitive research program:

Biennium	General Fund
1995-97	\$1,980,000
1997-99	\$1,980,000
1999-2001	\$1,971,000
2001-03	\$4,000,000
2003-05	\$4,750,000 ¹
2005-07	\$5,190,000
2007-09	\$5,650,000
2009-11	\$7,050,000 ²
2011-13	\$7,050,000
2013-15	\$7,050,000
2015-17 - Adjusted	\$6,588,225
2017-19	\$6,027,750

¹The 2003 Legislative Assembly provided that \$100,000 of the \$4,750,000 be used for a public-private partnership for establishment of a design center at UND.

²The 2009 Legislative Assembly provided that \$400,000 of the \$7,050,000 be used for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research.

Student Financial Assistance Grants

The Legislative Assembly provided \$21,917,306 from the general fund for student financial assistance grants. The maximum grant award amount under the program is \$1,950 per year. To qualify, a student must be a resident undergraduate student who has graduated from a North Dakota high school and is attending a qualified postsecondary institution in North Dakota. The award of grants is based on student need. The following is a summary of funding for student financial assistance grants:

Biennium	Maximum Grant Award	Legislative Appropriations			
		General Fund	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total
1995-97	\$600	\$2,032,478	\$400,000	\$1,350,000	\$3,782,478
1997-99	\$600	\$1,495,000	\$410,986	\$2,574,400	\$4,480,386
1999-2001	\$600	\$1,735,881	\$140,000	\$2,574,400	\$4,450,281
2001-03	\$600	\$2,670,881	\$214,000	\$1,338,150	\$4,223,031
2003-05	\$600	\$2,730,215	\$200,000	\$0	\$2,930,215
2005-07	\$1,000	\$3,332,402	\$172,000	\$0	\$3,504,402
2007-09	\$1,000	\$5,823,497	\$164,000	\$0	\$5,987,497
2009-11	\$1,500	\$19,025,594	\$348,428	\$0	\$19,374,022
2011-13	\$1,500	\$19,025,594	\$348,428	\$0	\$19,374,022
2013-15	\$1,650	\$21,245,679	\$0	\$0	\$21,245,679
2015-17 - Adjusted	\$1,950	\$23,886,160	\$0	\$0	\$23,886,160
2017-19	\$1,950	\$21,917,306	\$0	\$0	\$21,917,306

Professional Student Exchange Program

The Legislative Assembly provided \$3,699,342, of which \$3,234,035 is from the general fund and \$465,307 is from the student loan trust fund, for the professional student exchange program. The program assists North Dakota students enrolling in professional programs not offered in the state including dentistry, optometry, and veterinary medicine. The following is a summary of funding for the professional student exchange program:

Biennium	General Fund	Student Loan Trust Fund	Total
1995-97	\$1,326,756		\$1,326,756
1997-99	\$1,389,801		\$1,389,801
1999-2001	\$1,310,716		\$1,310,716
2001-03	\$1,560,716		\$1,560,716
2003-05	\$1,678,300		\$1,678,300
2005-07	\$1,864,780	\$262,500	\$2,127,280
2007-09	\$2,199,566	\$523,380	\$2,722,946
2009-11	\$2,346,130	\$990,970	\$3,337,100
2011-13	\$2,856,131	\$465,307	\$3,321,438
2013-15	\$3,809,708	\$465,307	\$4,275,015
2015-17 - Adjusted	\$3,476,447	\$465,307	\$3,941,754
2017-19	\$3,234,035	\$465,307	\$3,699,342

Scholars Program

The Legislative Assembly provided \$1,807,115 from the general fund for the scholar's program. The scholars program provides full-tuition scholarships to resident students who score in the upper fifth percentile of North Dakota ACT test takers and enroll in an undergraduate program in the state. The following is a summary of funding for the scholar's program:

Biennium	General Fund	Special Funds	Total
1995-97	\$496,403		\$496,403
1997-99	\$473,786	\$185,500	\$659,286
1999-2001	\$520,730	\$185,500	\$706,230
2001-03	\$770,730		\$770,730
2003-05	\$816,386		\$816,386
2005-07	\$862,077		\$862,077
2007-09	\$1,478,566		\$1,478,566
2009-11	\$2,113,584		\$2,113,584
2011-13	\$2,113,584		\$2,113,584
2013-15	\$2,113,584		\$2,113,584
2015-17 - Adjusted	\$2,113,584		\$2,113,584
2017-19	\$1,807,115		\$1,807,115

Native American Scholarship Program

The Legislative Assembly provided \$555,323 from the general fund for Native American scholarships. The following is a summary of funding for the Native American scholarship program:

Biennium	General Fund
1995-97	\$200,000
1997-99	\$204,000
1999-2001	\$204,082
2001-03	\$204,082
2003-05	\$204,086
2005-07	\$251,988
2007-09	\$380,626
2009-11	\$381,292
2011-13	\$574,267
2013-15	\$649,267
2015-17 - Adjusted	\$649,267
2017-19	\$555,323

Education Incentive Programs

The Legislative Assembly provided \$2,863,393 from the general fund for education incentive programs. The funding may be allocated for education incentive programs as determined by the State Board of Higher Education. The board may determine the program eligibility for education incentive programs and may reduce or eliminate specific programs. Examples of programs that have been supported through this appropriation include the teacher shortage loan forgiveness program and the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics occupations loan forgiveness program.

Career and Technical Education and Academic Scholarships

The Legislative Assembly provided \$12,016,749 from the general fund for career and technical education and academic scholarships. To be eligible for a scholarship, a student must be a resident of the state, complete the requirements for a high school diploma, and meet the following program requirements for one of the programs as follows:

Career and Technical Education Scholarship	Academic Scholarship
Complete four units of English language arts	Complete four units of English language arts
Complete three units of mathematics, including one unit of Algebra II and two units of other mathematics	Complete one unit of Algebra II and one unit of mathematics for which Algebra II is a prerequisite
Complete three units of science	Complete three units of science
Complete three units of social studies	Complete three units of social studies

Complete one unit of physical education or one-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health	Complete one unit of physical education or one-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health
Complete two units of a coordinated study plan as recommended by the Department of Career and Technical Education	Complete two units of the same foreign language, the same Native American language, American sign language, or career and technical education from a coordinated study plan approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction
Complete one unit selected from foreign language, Native American language, American sign language, fine arts, or career and technical education	Complete one unit selected from foreign language, Native American language, American sign language, fine arts, or career and technical education
Complete five additional units, two of which must be in the area of career and technical education	Complete any five additional units
Obtain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale for all courses taken or only for courses taken that are required for the scholarship	Obtain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale for all courses taken or only for courses taken that are required for the scholarship
Obtain a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit required for the scholarship	Obtain a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit required for the scholarship
Receive a composite score of at least 24 on the ACT or a score of at least 5 on each of three WorkKeys assessments	Receive a composite score of at least 24 on the ACT
	Fulfill one unit required for the scholarship through an advanced placement course or fulfill one-half unit required for the scholarship through a dual-credit course

Any student that meets the requirements for a career and technical education scholarship or an academic scholarship is to receive a scholarship of \$750 per semester, or \$500 per quarter, for each period the student is enrolled at a North Dakota higher education institution and maintains eligibility up to a maximum amount of \$6,000.

Capital Project Bond Payments

The Legislative Assembly provided \$6,605,326 from the general fund for University System capital project bond payments. The payments are to repay bonds issued by the North Dakota building authority to finance higher education capital projects approved by the Legislative Assembly. No bonds have been issued through the North Dakota building authority for higher education capital projects since 2005. The following is a summary of the 2017-19 biennium legislative appropriation compared to the 2015-17 biennium legislative appropriation for capital bond payments:

	2015-17 Biennium Adjusted Legislative Appropriation	2017-19 Biennium Legislative Appropriation	Increase (Decrease) From 2015-17 Biennium
Capital bond payments - General fund	\$6,901,461	\$6,605,326	(\$296,135)

Special funds authority to repay revenue bonds issued by institutions is included in each institution's budget. Revenue bonds are issued by institutions to finance capital projects for income producing auxiliary services, such as student housing and dining facilities.

Capital Improvements

The following schedule presents the higher education capital improvement funding contained in appropriations approved by the Legislative Assembly for the 2017-19 biennium. The schedule reflects general fund appropriations for extraordinary repairs and special fund authorization provided for major capital projects.

Entity/Project	2017-19 Legislative Appropriations		
	General Fund	Special Funds	Total
Bismarck State College			
Extraordinary repairs	\$417,673		\$417,673
Total	\$417,673		\$417,673
Lake Region State College			
Extraordinary repairs	\$155,367		\$155,367
Total	\$155,367		\$155,367

Entity/Project	2017-19 Legislative Appropriations		
	General Fund	Special Funds	Total
Williston State College			
Extraordinary repairs	\$197,801		\$197,801
Total	\$197,801		\$197,801
UND			
Chester Fritz Library project		\$21,000,000	\$21,000,000
Gamble Hall renovation		70,000,000	70,000,000
Extraordinary repairs	\$4,411,566		4,411,566
Total	\$4,411,566	\$91,000,000	\$95,411,566
NDSU			
Sudro Hall renovation and addition		\$28,000,000	\$28,000,000
Student residence hall (revenue bonds)		39,505,000	39,505,000
University Village replacement (revenue bonds)		10,000,000	10,000,000
Extraordinary repairs	\$2,732,244		2,732,244
Total	\$2,732,244	\$77,505,000	\$80,237,244
North Dakota State College of Science			
Extraordinary repairs	\$1,012,379		\$1,012,379
Total	\$1,012,379		\$1,012,379
Dickinson State University			
Extraordinary repairs	\$409,078		\$409,078
Total	\$409,078		\$409,078
Mayville State University			
Extraordinary repairs	\$358,992		\$358,992
Total	\$358,992		\$358,992
Minot State University			
Gordon B. Olson Library art center project		\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
Herb Parker Stadium air-supported seasonal dome project		634,000	634,000
Facilities building parking lot and project completion		250,000	250,000
Extraordinary repairs	\$899,620		899,620
Total	\$899,620	\$2,284,000	\$3,183,620
Valley City State University			
Integrated carbon plant project (revenue bonds)		\$22,500,000	\$22,500,000
Extraordinary repairs	\$408,319		408,319
Total	\$408,319	\$22,500,000	\$22,908,319
Dakota College at Bottineau			
Extraordinary repairs	\$114,007		\$114,007
Total	\$114,007		\$114,007
Forest Service			
Extraordinary repairs and equipment over \$5,000	\$118,728		\$118,728
Total	\$118,728		\$118,728
Total Higher Education	\$11,235,774	\$193,289,000	\$204,524,774

Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2003

Health insurance increase - Section 2 identifies the amount of funding included in the bill for employee health insurance premium increases.

Education challenge grants - Sections 4 and 5 continue the education challenge grant program statutory language and provide for the distribution of \$2 million of funds to eligible institutions.

Capital projects - Section 6 requires University System capital projects to conform to campus master plan and space utilization studies and requires a maintenance reserve account for projects over \$5 million. **(The Governor vetoed this section.)**

Nickel trophy - Section 7 encourages UND and NDSU football teams to compete for the Nickel Trophy.

Higher education funding formula - Section 8 adjusts the base credit-hour funding rate under the higher education funding formula and provides for the reimbursement of 75 percent of the amount related to credits completed under the newly created law enforcement tuition and fee waiver program. Section 9 continues the hold-harmless provision of the formula through June 30, 2019.

Audits of institution foundations - Section 10 limits the types of donor information that can be accessed during an audit of an institution foundation.

Law enforcement tuition and fee waiver - Section 11 provides a 25 percent tuition and fee waiver to eligible law enforcement officers enrolled in courses at University System institutions.

Carryover authority - Section 12 continues the authorization through July 31, 2019, for institutions under the control of the State Board of Higher Education to carry over unexpended appropriations at the end of a biennium.

Statewide memberships - Section 13 repeals Chapter 15-10.2 relating to the Midwestern Higher Education Compact. The section is effective June 30, 2017. Section 17 identifies the amount of funding included in the University System office budget for statewide membership dues.

Additional funds received appropriation authority - Section 14 appropriates any additional special funds received by entities under the control of the State Board of Higher Education to the respective entities.

Project management oversight - Section 15 requires capital projects authorized by the State Board of Higher Education to have adequate project oversight by an institution official or representative of an external entity.

Student loan trust fund - Section 16 provides that \$15,311,600 of the special funds appropriated in the bill are from the student loan trust fund to be used for the professional student exchange program (\$465,307), for tribal college assistance grants (\$500,000), for ConnectND project positions (\$539,437), and for UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences residency positions (\$13,806,856).

Dickinson State University funding - Section 18 provides for the uses of appropriations to Dickinson State University for one-time operation and debt repayment and prohibits the institution from discontinuing any portion of its nursing program. **(The Governor vetoed three words in this section to remove "any portion of" from the provision that the institution may not discontinue any portion of its nursing program.)**

Reallocation of oil and gas tax distributions - Section 19 requires the State Treasurer to withhold \$2.5 million of the City of Dickinson hub city oil and gas tax allocation and \$375,000 from the Stark County oil and gas production tax allocation and deposit the withheld funds in the general fund.

Transfer authority - Section 20 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to transfer funds from an institution's operations to the institution's capital assets line item.

FTE positions - Section 21 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions as needed, subject to the availability of funds, for institutions and entities under its control.

UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences funding - Section 22 provides that a portion of the operations funding appropriated to UND be transferred to the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences based on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Higher Education.

Bond issue authorization - Section 23 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to arrange for \$49,505,000 of revenue bonds for residence hall projects at NDSU.

Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library carryover authority - Section 24 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to continue unexpended 2013-15 biennium appropriations for the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library project into the 2017-19 biennium and provides for the uses of the funds. **(The Governor vetoed a provision in this section to require a North Dakota architect to be utilized for the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library project.)**

Education challenge grants carryover authority - Section 25 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to continue unexpended 2013-15 biennium appropriations for the higher education challenge grant program into the 2017-19 biennium and requires the funds to be transferred to Dickinson State University for institution operations.

Student financial assistance grants carryover - Section 26 requires the Office of Management and Budget to cancel \$5 million of unexpended 2015-17 biennium general fund appropriations for student financial assistance grants.

Tuition rate increase limit - Section 27 limits resident undergraduate tuition rate increases to 4 percent per year during the 2017-19 biennium. There is no limit for graduate programs or for nonresident tuition rates.

Extraordinary repairs matching funds - Section 28 requires institutions to match state extraordinary repairs funding on a \$2 to \$1 basis using operations or other funding.

Conveyance of land - Sections 29 through 31 authorize the State Board of Higher Education to sell land and buildings in Cass and Grand Forks Counties.

Transfer of Dakota Institute inventory - Section 32 requires the Parks and Recreation Department to transfer the inventory of the Dakota Institute to Bismarck State College. **(The Governor vetoed a provision in this section which authorized Bismarck State College to transfer any inventory to its original author or producer.)**

Research networks - Section 33 provides for the State Board of Higher Education to consider collaborating with Minnesota to improve research network access and performance.

Energy and Environmental Research Center study - Section 34 provides for a Legislative Management study of the relationship between the Energy and Environmental Research Center and UND.

Study of 2-year campuses - Section 35 provides for the State Board of Higher Education to conduct a study of the reorganization of 2-year institutions.

Study of nursing programs - Section 36 provides for the State Board of Higher Education to conduct a study on the organization of nursing programs at institutions under its control.

Data and reporting inconsistencies - Section 37 requires the State Board of Higher Education to address inconsistent human resources, employee leave, tuition waiver, and student fee practices and to report and consult with the Legislative Management regarding policies and procedures being developed to address the inconsistencies.

Employee reductions - Section 38 provides legislative intent that if an institution reduces FTE positions, any reductions are to be applied among all classifications of employees with emphasis on senior administrator positions. The section also requires reports to the Legislative Management regarding employee reductions, including whether any employees in an administrative position have been transferred to a different position at an institution.

Lease negotiation savings - Section 39 provides intent that future general fund appropriations for the NDSU College of Nursing program in Bismarck be adjusted for savings resulting from facility lease negotiations and future higher education funding formula allocations be adjusted for credits completed at the school. **(The Governor vetoed the intent language regarding future higher education funding formula allocations be adjusted for credits completed at the school.)**

Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1015 - Grant to Theodore Roosevelt Center and Appropriation to Dickinson State University - Appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund to the Office of Management and Budget to provide a grant to the Dickinson State University Theodore Roosevelt Center for the digitization of documents. The bill also appropriates \$875,000 of one-time funding from the general fund to Dickinson State University for campus operations.

House Bill No. 1030 - Legislative approval of campus improvements - Increases the minimum cost of higher education campus improvements that require the consent of the Legislative Assembly or the Budget Section from \$385,000 to \$700,000 and removes the authority of the Budget Section to approve the construction of any new building or any addition to a building under the control of the State Board of Higher Education.

House Bill No. 1036 - Student Financial Assistance Grant Advisory Board - Repeals the Student Financial Assistance Grant Advisory Board, which provides recommendations to the State Board of Higher Education regarding needs-based student financial assistance grants.

House Bill No. 1171 - Tuition waivers for dependents of peace officers and firefighters - Clarifies that a stepchild of a peace officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty is eligible for a tuition waiver at University System institutions.

House Bill No. 1283 - North Dakota academic and career and technical education scholarships - Clarifies the definitions of "full-time student" and "progress towards degree completion" as it relates to academic and career and technical education scholarships.

Senate Bill No. 2013 - Permanent funds distributions - Provides distributions to University System institutions from permanent funds established for the benefit of the institutions. The following is a comparison of distributions from permanent funds during the 2015-17 and 2017-19 biennium:

Institution	2015-17 Distribution	2017-19 Distribution	Increase
NDSU	\$3,368,000	\$4,738,000	\$1,370,000
UND	2,742,000	3,662,000	920,000
North Dakota State College of Science	1,066,000	1,446,286	380,286
Valley City State University	570,000	808,000	238,000
Mayville State University	382,000	542,000	160,000
Dakota College at Bottineau	78,000	186,286	108,286
Dickinson State University	78,000	186,286	108,286
Minot State University	78,000	186,286	108,286
Total	\$8,362,000	\$11,755,144	\$3,393,144

Senate Bill No. 2013 also includes one-time allocations from permanent funds due to errors in past distributions. The bill provides for the following one-time distributions to University System institutions:

Institution	One-Time Distribution
North Dakota State College of Science	\$89,698
Dakota College at Bottineau	89,698
Dickinson State University	89,698
Minot State University	89,698
Total	\$358,792

Senate Bill No. 2037 - Teacher shortage loan forgiveness program - Adjusts the eligibility criteria for the teacher shortage loan forgiveness program to include geographical areas identified as having a teacher shortage or critical need.

Senate Bill No. 2193 - Jurisdiction of University System campus law enforcement officers - Clarifies the areas of jurisdiction for campus police officers at institutions that have a campus police department.

Senate Bill No. 2196 - Valley City State University integrated carbon plant - Authorizes the issuance of \$22.5 million of revenue bonds for the construction of an integrated carbon plant at Valley City State University.

Senate Bill No. 2242 - Minot State University capital projects - Appropriates \$2,284,000 of special fund authority to Minot State University for the Gordon B. Olson Library art center project (\$1,400,000), Herb Parker Stadium air-supported seasonal dome project (\$634,000), and completion of the facilities building project (\$250,000).

Senate Bill No. 2244 - Dual-credit course instruction incentive program - Requires the State Board of Higher Education to establish an incentive program for dual-credit course instructors to enroll in graduate level courses.

Senate Bill No. 2295 - Open records exemption for research and federal Title IX records - Provides an exemption from state open records laws for certain research information and federal Title IX records at University System institutions.

Senate Bill No. 2299 - UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences Advisory Board membership - Adjusts the membership of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences Advisory Board by adding a representative of the North Dakota Center for Nursing.