

**Williston State College**  
**Budget No. 229**  
**Senate Bill No. 2003**

|  | <b>FTE Positions</b> | <b>General Fund</b> | <b>Other Funds</b>  | <b>Total</b>        |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>2025-27 legislative appropriations</b>      | <b>99.74</b>         | <b>\$15,112,315</b> | <b>\$25,951,804</b> | <b>\$41,064,119</b> |
| 2025-27 base budget                            | 102.83               | 13,485,325          | 25,154,992          | 38,640,317          |
| Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget | (3.09)               | \$1,626,990         | \$796,812           | \$2,423,802         |

**ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

|   | <b>Ongoing<br/>General Fund<br/>Appropriation</b> | <b>One-Time<br/>General Fund<br/>Appropriation</b> | <b>Total<br/>General Fund<br/>Appropriation</b> |
|---|---|--|---|
| <b>2025-27 legislative appropriations</b>                         | <b>\$13,622,315</b>                               | <b>\$1,490,000</b>                                 | <b>\$15,112,315</b>                             |
| 2023-25 legislative appropriations                                | 13,485,325  | 0  | 13,485,325                                      |
| 2025-27 legislative increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriations | \$136,990   | \$1,490,000  | \$1,626,990                                     |
| Percentage increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriations          | 1.0%  | N/A  | 12.1%   |

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS**  
**Changes to Base Budget**

|  | <b>FTE Positions</b> | <b>General Fund</b> | <b>Other Funds</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| The legislative action:  |                      |                     |                    |              |
| Adjusted FTE positions pursuant to Section 39 of House Bill No. 1003 (2023)  | (3.09)               |                     |                    |              |
| Added special fund authority to provide employee salary increases of 3 percent on July 1, 2025, and 3 percent on July 1, 2026  |                      |                     | \$487,933          | \$487,933    |
| Added special fund authority for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium estimate of \$1,893 per month |                      |                     | 300,190            | 300,190      |
| Added special fund authority for information technology rate adjustments   |                      |                     | 8,689              | 8,689        |
| Adjusted funding distributed through the higher education funding formula to reflect changes in completed student credit-hours |                      | (\$1,203,363)       |                    | (1,203,363)  |

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|---|---------------|--------------------|
| Added funding for the 96 percent minimum amount payable provision in the higher education funding formula                             | 678,630       | 678,630            |
| Added funding to equalize the higher education funding formula base rates to the highest calculated rate for each institutional group | 164,077       | 164,077            |
| Added funding for a 4 percent inflationary increase in the higher education funding formula base rates                                | 497,646       | 497,646            |
| Added <b>one-time funding</b> for health care program startup costs   | 1,490,000     | 1,490,000          |
| Total   | <u>(3.09)</u> | <u>\$1,626,990</u> |
|   |               | <u>\$796,812</u>   |
|   |               | <u>\$2,423,802</u> |

### FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly approved 99.74 FTE positions for Williston State College for the 2025-27 biennium, a decrease of 3.09 FTE positions from the 2023-25 biennium authorized level of 102.83 FTE positions. The 3.09 FTE positions were removed pursuant to Section 39 of House Bill No. 1003 (2023), which authorized the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions at institutions under its control. Section 39 of Senate Bill No. 2003 (2025) continues the authorization of the board to adjust positions at institutions under its control during the 2025-27 biennium.

### One-Time Funding

The 2025 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$1.49 million of one-time funding from the general fund for health care program startup costs at Williston State College for the 2025-27 biennium.

### Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2003

**Additional funds appropriation authority** - Section 3 appropriates any additional other funds received by entities under the control of the State Board of Higher Education to the respective entities.

**Extraordinary repairs matching funds** - Section 4 requires institutions to match extraordinary repairs funding on a dollar-for-dollar basis using operations or other funding, except for the University of North Dakota (UND) and North Dakota State University (NDSU), which must match \$2 to \$1.

**Capital building fund program** - Sections 10 and 11 provide for the continuation of the capital building fund program, including a transfer of \$26.5 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the University System capital building fund and the authorization to use money in the fund for new capital projects. Section 28 reduces the matching fund requirements for Tier III to dollar for dollar, excluding UND and NDSU which must continue to provide \$2 of matching funds for each \$1 from the University System capital building fund.

**Project management oversight** - Section 12 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.

**Higher education challenge grants** - Sections 17 through 20 adjust the higher education challenge grant statutory provisions and provide for the distribution of up to \$24.76 million of grant funds to eligible institutions.

**Workforce education innovation program** - Section 21 limits the \$10 million for workforce education innovation grants to University System institutions, excluding UND and NDSU, and provides for a \$1.5 million limit per institution.

**Higher education funding formula** - Sections 25, 26, 27, and 49 adjust the higher education funding formula for credit weighting and credit completion factor changes, to continue targeted market equity and retirement contribution pool funding, to restore 2023-25 biennium equalization reductions, to equalize calculated base rates, and to provide a 4 percent inflationary increase.

**Carryover authority** - Section 30 continues the authorization through July 31, 2027, for entities under the control of the State Board of Higher Education to continue unexpended appropriations at the end of a biennium.

**Transfer authority** - Section 38 provides that the State Board of Higher Education may transfer funds from an institution's operations line item to the institution's capital assets line item if the board determines that additional funds are needed for capital assets.

**FTE positions** - Section 39 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.

**Exemptions** - Section 40 authorizes the continuation of unspent appropriation authority for certain projects and programs into the 2025-27 biennium.

#### **Related Legislation**

**Senate Bill No. 2147** - This bill adjusts eligibility for the career builders scholarship and loan repayment programs and appropriates \$2 million for supplemental student financial assistance grants.