Department of Career and Technical Education
Department No. 270
2025 Senate Bill No. 2019

REVISED EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION
2025-27 BIENNIUM

Budget Summary

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Burgum budget recommendation	23.50	$59,828,157	$17,435,093	$77,263,250
Revisions - Increase (decrease)	0.00	(44,352)	(3,340)	(47,692)
Armstrong budget recommendation	**23.50**	**$59,783,805**	**$17,431,753**	**$77,215,558**
Base level	23.50	51,315,277	14,500,485	65,815,762
Increase (decrease)	0.00	$8,468,528	$2,931,268	$11,399,796
Percentage increase (decrease)	0.0%	16.5%	20.2%	17.3%

NOTE:
More detailed information on the revised executive budget recommendation is attached as an appendix.

Selected Highlights

- Adds **$213,503**, of which **$198,576** is from the general fund and **$14,927** is from federal funds, for salary increases of up to **3 percent** effective July 1, 2025, and 3 percent effective July 1, 2026
- Adds $144,127, of which $134,611 is from the general fund and $9,516 is from federal funds, for a health insurance premium increase of $250 per month (15.2 percent), from $1,643 to $1,893, per employee
- Adds $543,726, of which $524,832 is from the general fund and $18,894 is from federal funds, to replace the 2023-25 biennium new FTE pool ($394,874) and vacant FTE pool ($148,852)
- Adds $2.5 million from federal funds for grants to schools for career and technical education programs
- Adds $4 million from the general fund for the cost to continue career and technical education reimbursement rates at schools (27 percent) and area career and technical centers (40 percent)
- Adds $3 million from the general fund for new and expanding secondary career and technical education programs
- Adds $500,000 from the general fund for grants to schools for work-based learning coordinators to provide a total of $2 million from the general fund for the program
- Adds $100,000 from the general fund for the Marketplace for Kids program to provide a total of $400,000 from the general fund

Deficiency Appropriations

There are no deficiency appropriations recommended in the revised executive budget for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

The operational audit of the Department of Career and Technical Education conducted by the State Auditor's office for the period ending June 30, 2023, did not identify any significant audit findings.

Agency Fees

As reported to the Legislative Management, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-27, this agency has 5 fees. The agency did not recommend any changes to the fees.

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1037 - This bill appropriates $750,000 of one-time funding from the general fund to the Department of Career and Technical Education for providing uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology grants to a workforce training center serving the northwest area of the state to assist in providing workforce training to minimize workforce shortages in the state, including the oil and gas industry, and to create and develop a drone racing course during the 2025-27 biennium. The bill allows the department to require grant recipients to provide $1 of matching funds for every $4 provided by the state.

House Bill No. 1249 - This bill appropriates $750,000 of one-time funding from the general fund to the Department of Career and Technical Education for providing autonomous technology grants to a workforce training center

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Senate Bill No. 2274 - This bill provides statutory authority for the Agriculture Commissioner to administer the farm management program currently administered by the Department of Career and Technical Education and appropriates $1,900,000 of ongoing funding from the general fund to the Agriculture Commissioner for the program. The 2025-27 biennium base budget for the Department of Career and Technical Education includes $1,706,138 of ongoing funding from the general fund for the program.

NOTE:
Please see the Fiscal Impact Report for additional information regarding bills under consideration which contain either a state revenue impact, an appropriation, or a state fiscal impact.

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Agency Worksheet - Senate Bill No. 2019

	Armstrong Budget			
	FTE Positions	**General Fund**	**Other Funds**	**Total**
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	23.50	$51,315,277	$14,500,485	$65,815,762
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes				
Base payroll changes		$7	($828)	($821)
Salary increase		198,576	14,927	213,503
Health insurance increase		134,611	9,516	144,127
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 new FTE pool		394,874		394,874
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 vacant FTE pool		129,958	18,894	148,852
Adds funding for operating expenses		10,502	388,759	399,261
Adds federal funding for grants to schools for career and technical education programs			2,500,000	2,500,000
Adds funding for the cost to continue career and technical education reimbursement rates		4,000,000		4,000,000
Adds funding for new and expanding secondary career and technical education programs		3,000,000		3,000,000
Adds funding for grants to schools for work-based learning coordinators		500,000		500,000
Adds funding for the marketplace for kids program		100,000		100,000
Total ongoing funding changes	**0.00**	**$8,468,528**	**$2,931,268**	**$11,399,796**
One-Time Funding Items				
No one-time funding items				$0
Total one-time funding changes	**0.00**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	**0.00**	**$8,468,528**	**$2,931,268**	**$11,399,796**
2025-27 Total Funding	**23.50**	**$59,783,805**	**$17,431,753**	**$77,215,558**
Federal funds included in other funds			*$17,276,779*	
Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level	*0.0%*	*16.5%*	*20.2%*	*17.3%*
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