

**SENATE BILL NO. 2324**

Introduced by

Senators Bercier, DeMers, Krauter, Thompson, Traynor

Representative Boucher

1 A BILL for an Act to assist tribal colleges educating students who are less than one-quarter  
2 Indian; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Tribal colleges - Grants - Reports.**

- 5 1. Any tribally controlled community college in this state and the United Tribes  
6 technical college may apply to the office of management and budget for a grant to  
7 assist the college with expenses incurred in the provision of education to students  
8 who are less than one-quarter Indian.
- 9 2. The state board of higher education shall divide the amount available under this  
10 Act for any year by the number of full-time equivalent students who attend tribally  
11 controlled community colleges or the United Tribes technical college, and who are  
12 less than one-quarter Indian, and if an application is approved, the board shall  
13 certify to the office of management and budget the amount to which each applicant  
14 college is entitled. No grant under this Act may exceed the total cost of the  
15 educational program provided by an eligible college.
- 16 3. Annually, each college receiving a grant under this Act shall provide to the office of  
17 management and budget a detailed account of its operating and maintenance  
18 expenses, and documentation regarding the enrollment status of each student who  
19 is less than one-quarter Indian.
- 20 4. For purposes of this Act, full-time equivalency must be based on twelve credit  
21 hours and determined by the number of students who are less than one-quarter  
22 Indian and enrolled in tribally controlled community colleges or the United Tribes  
23 technical college at the conclusion of the sixth week of each academic year.

1           **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in  
2 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$200,000, or so  
3 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the office of management and budget for the purpose  
4 of providing grants to tribally controlled community colleges or the United Tribes technical  
5 college, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001. No more than fifty  
6 percent of the appropriation may be expended during the first year of the biennium.