

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Senate Amendments**

Fifty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1444**

Introduced by

Representatives R. Kelsch, Delmore, Haas

Senators Grindberg, Krebsbach

1 A BILL for an Act to provide loans to individuals preparing to teach at grade levels or in content  
2 areas having declared teacher shortages.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Loans - Teacher shortages - Repayment.**

- 5 1. The state board of higher education shall administer a student loan program for  
6 individuals preparing to teach at grade levels or in content areas identified as  
7 having teacher shortages.
- 8 2. The board shall annually identify the elementary and high school grade levels or  
9 content areas in which teacher shortages exist.
- 10 3. Any individual may apply to the state board of higher education for a student loan,  
11 payable in the amount of one thousand dollars for each year the individual is  
12 enrolled as a full-time student in a teacher preparation program, with the declared  
13 intention to teach at a grade level or in a content area identified by the board as  
14 one in which teacher shortages exist. An individual may receive a maximum of  
15 five one thousand dollar loans under this section.
- 16 4. The board shall consider all applications under this section in chronological order.
- 17 5. The board shall annually forgive one thousand dollars of any amount loaned to an  
18 individual under this section upon notification that the individual has completed a  
19 full year of teaching in a school district or nonpublic school in this state at a grade  
20 level or in a content area identified by the board as one in which teacher shortages  
21 exist.
- 22 6. If an individual does not meet the requirements of subsection 5 with respect to  
23 forgiveness of a loan, the individual shall proceed with loan repayments at the time  
24 and in the manner set forth by the board.