

HOUSE BILL NO. 1059

Introduced by

Representatives R. Kelsch, Porter, Carlisle

Senators Cook, Wardner, Grindberg

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 52-08.1-02 and 52-08.1-03 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility for work force 2000 funds.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 52-08.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **52-08.1-02. North Dakota work force 2000 program administration.** Job service
7 North Dakota shall administer the North Dakota work force 2000 program within the state.

8 1. ~~Program priorities~~ Job service North Dakota shall give priority to applicants that:

- 9 a. Are compatible with statewide economic development strategies.
10 b. Demonstrate business and community financial support and participation.
11 c. Coordinate activities and resources with other training programs.
12 d. Provide for followup and evaluation of program results.
13 e. Provide customized training, retraining, and upgrade training in occupations
14 that pay not less than two hundred percent of the federal and state minimum
15 wage.
16 f. Provide training to unemployed and employed residents of North Dakota for
17 new businesses creating new jobs and expanding businesses.

18 2. ~~Program requirements:~~

19 a. ~~Only~~ Funding through the program is limited to training for permanent jobs or
20 occupations which that have significant career opportunities and which
21 require substantive instructions will be considered for funding resulting from:

- 22 a. Introduction of new technologies or new equipment; or
23 b. Significant changes in business operations or production methods.

- 1 ~~b-~~ 3. Training ~~can include only~~ funded through the program is limited to upgrade training
2 or retraining of current workers in situations ~~where~~ in which training is required for
3 continued employment ~~or~~ and to training of trainees ~~as long as~~ if the company
4 gives successful graduates hiring priority.
- 5 e. Only trainees approved by participating parties ~~will be~~ are eligible for training
6 funded through the program.
- 7 ~~d-~~ 4. Training ~~will be~~ funded through the program is limited to state residents.
- 8 ~~e-~~ 5. All direct training costs are allowable ~~and can~~ for funding through the program.
9 Direct training costs may include the following:
- 10 ~~(1)~~ a. Program promotion.
- 11 ~~(2)~~ b. Instructor wages, per diem, and travel.
- 12 ~~(3)~~ c. Curriculum development and training materials.
- 13 ~~(4)~~ d. Lease of training equipment and training space.
- 14 ~~(5)~~ e. Miscellaneous direct training costs.
- 15 ~~(6)~~ f. Administrative costs.
- 16 ~~(7)~~ g. Assessment and testing.

17 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 52-08.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
18 amended and reenacted as follows:

19 **52-08.1-03. North Dakota work force 2000 priority of industry requirements.**

- 20 1. ~~Assist~~ The program is designed to assist companies that are undergoing major
21 technological changes and where training is deemed critical to the company and in
22 occupations that are deemed to have inadequate trained personnel.
- 23 2. ~~Training~~ Job service North Dakota shall encourage training assistance ~~must be~~
24 encouraged for small companies and companies located in rural areas.
- 25 3. ~~Companies must be encouraged~~ Job service North Dakota shall encourage
26 companies to participate with in-kind contributions of training space, training
27 equipment, training supplies, and technical assistance.
- 28 4. Training programs ~~must be designed with~~ require the direct participation of the
29 sponsoring company and an employee representative.

- 1 5. If new job openings are created through upgrade training, the sponsoring company
2 should give priority consideration to individuals eligible for other state and federal
3 job training programs.
- 4 6. Job service North Dakota shall encourage training assistance for a company that
5 manufactures or otherwise produces a product. However, the class of occupations
6 eligible to receive training through such a company is not limited to manufacturing
7 or production.