

Fifty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1480

Introduced by

Representatives Gulleason, Berg

Senators Grindberg, Krauter

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-38-30.5 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to a corporate income tax credit for research and experimental expenditures; and to  
3 provide an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-38-30.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **57-38-30.5. Corporate income tax credit for research and experimental**  
8 **expenditures.** Any corporation is allowed a credit of up to two million dollars against the tax  
9 imposed under this chapter for the taxable year equal to eight ten percent of the first one and  
10 one-half million dollars of the qualified research expenses for the taxable year in excess of the  
11 base period research expenses and equal to four percent of all qualified research expenses for  
12 the taxable year more than one and one-half million dollars in excess of the base period  
13 research expenses and twelve percent of the qualified research expenses for the taxable year  
14 for qualified research conducted within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or within an  
15 area designated by the United States department of agriculture as an empowerment zone,  
16 enterprise community, champion community, or rural economic area partnership zone.

17 1. For purposes of this section:

18 a. ~~"Base period research expenses" means base period research expenses as~~  
19 ~~defined in section 41(c) of the Internal Revenue Code [26 U.S.C. 41(c)].~~

20 b. "Qualified research" means qualified research as defined in section 41(d) of  
21 the Internal Revenue Code [26 U.S.C. 41(d)], except it does not include  
22 research conducted outside the state of North Dakota.

23 e. b. "Qualified research expenses" means qualified research expenses as defined  
24 in section 41(b) of the Internal Revenue Code [26 U.S.C. 41(b)], except it

1                   does not include expenses incurred for basic research conducted outside the  
2                   state of North Dakota.

3           2.   The credit allowed under this section for the taxable year may not exceed the  
4           liability for tax under this chapter.

5           3.   In the case of a corporation which is a partner in a partnership or a member in a  
6           limited liability company, the credit allowed for the taxable year may not exceed an  
7           amount separately computed with respect to the corporation's interest in the trade,  
8           business, or entity equal to the amount of tax attributable to that portion of the  
9           corporation's taxable income which is allocable or apportionable to the  
10          corporation's interest in the trade, business, or entity.

11          4.   If the amount of the credit determined under this section for any taxable year  
12          exceeds the limitation under subsection 2, the excess may be used as a research  
13          credit carryback to each of the three preceding taxable years and a research credit  
14          carryover to each of the fifteen succeeding taxable years. The entire amount of  
15          the excess unused credit for the taxable year must be carried first to the earliest of  
16          the taxable years to which the credit may be carried and then to each successive  
17          year to which the credit may be carried. The amount of the unused credit which  
18          may be added under this subsection may not exceed the taxpayer's liability for tax  
19          less the research credit for the taxable year.

20          5.   If a taxpayer acquires or disposes of the major portion of a trade or business or the  
21          major portion of a separate unit of a trade or business in a transaction with another  
22          taxpayer, the taxpayer's qualified research expenses and base period must be  
23          adjusted in the manner provided by section 41(f)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code  
24          [26 U.S.C. 41(f)(3)].

25           **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective for taxable years beginning after  
26   December 31, 2004.