

**SENATE BILL NO. 2407**

Introduced by

Senators Grindberg, Holmberg, Klein

Representatives Berg, Onstad, Svedjan

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the creation of a virtual university; to amend and reenact section  
3 15-10-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to institutions administered by the state  
4 board of higher education; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an effective date.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-10-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **15-10-01. State board of higher education - Institutions administered by board.**

9 The state board of higher education shall have the control and administration of the following  
10 state educational institutions:

- 11 1. The state university and the school of mines at Grand Forks, with their  
12 substations;<sub>i</sub>
- 13 2. The North Dakota state university of agriculture and applied science and the  
14 agricultural experiment station at Fargo, with their substations or centers;<sub>i</sub>
- 15 3. The school of science at Wahpeton;<sub>i</sub>
- 16 4. The Valley City state university;<sub>i</sub>
- 17 5. Mayville state university;<sub>i</sub>
- 18 6. Minot state university;~~and;~~<sub>i</sub>
- 19 7. Dickinson state university;<sub>i</sub>
- 20 ~~5.~~ 8. The school of forestry at Bottineau;<sub>i</sub>
- 21 ~~6.~~ ~~The following colleges:~~
- 22 9. Bismarck state college;<sub>i</sub>
- 23 10. Lake Region state college;~~and;~~<sub>i</sub>
- 24 11. Williston state college;<sub>i</sub>

- 1           7. ~~And such~~  
2           12. The North Dakota virtual university; and  
3           13. Any other state institutions of higher education as may be established.

4           **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 created and enacted as follows:

6           **North Dakota virtual university.**

- 7           1. Annually, each institution under the control of the state board of higher education  
8           shall report to the board:  
9           a. The actual number of students and the number of full-time equivalent  
10           students enrolled in a virtual course; and  
11           b. The name of the virtual course in which the students are enrolled.  
12           2. An institution is entitled to retain all tuition and fees associated with a student's  
13           enrollment in a virtual course and any other income generated as a result of  
14           offering the course.  
15           3. For purposes of reporting enrollment, an institution may not include the number of  
16           full-time equivalent students enrolled in a virtual course.  
17           4. The board shall compile the information required by subsection 1 and shall report  
18           the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in at least one virtual course as  
19           being enrolled in the North Dakota virtual university.  
20           5. For purposes of this section, a "virtual course" means any course other than one  
21           offered through traditional inperson instruction and includes all courses offered  
22           electronically and dual-credit courses.

23           **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
24 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000, or so much  
25 of the sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of  
26 assisting with technology and other costs related to the establishment of the North Dakota  
27 virtual university, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

28           **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on July 1, 2010.