

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/10/2017

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1283

- 1 A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2015-2017 Biennium		2017-2019 Biennium		2019-2021 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$6,000		\$6,000	
Appropriations						

- 1 B. **County, city, school district and township fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

	2015-2017 Biennium	2017-2019 Biennium	2019-2021 Biennium
Counties			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This bill would reduce the ND Academic and ND CTE Scholarship minimum credit requirement for nursing students from 15 credits to 14 credits.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Section 1, subsection 7 of the bill reduces the minimum credit requirement for nursing students from 15 to 14, which could increase the number of students receiving scholarship disbursements.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*
- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

Since August 2015, 219 students in various disciplines enrolled in between 12-14 credits and did not qualify for a scholarship disbursement that semester. Of those non-qualifying students, four were nursing students enrolled in 14 credits. Reducing the credit minimum for nursing students enrolled in 14 credits would have increased disbursements by \$3,000 (4 X \$750). Assuming there are 4 students each semester in similar circumstances, the total fiscal impact would be \$6,000 per biennium.

If all nursing students reduced their credit enrollment to 14, this could slow progress towards graduation potentially resulting in additional semesters of college. The fiscal impact of this possibility cannot be estimated at this time.

- C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

The executive recommendation includes an appropriation for the ND Academic and CTE scholarship program that is adequate to cover these increased expenditures.

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