

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1375**

Introduced by

Representatives Pyle, Howe, Mitskog, O'Brien, Roers Jones, Schreiber-Beck, Stemen
Senators Bekkedahl, Davison, Luick, Weber

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 a tuition scholarship program for students taking dual-credit courses
3 while in high school; to provide a statement of legislative intent; to provide for a legislative
4 management study; and to provide an appropriation.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **Dual-credit courses - Tuition scholarship program - Administered by the board.**

- 9 1. The state board of higher education shall administer a dual-credit tuition scholarship
10 program to offer a tuition scholarship to students. The board shall adopt procedures to
11 administer the program.
- 12 2. An eligible student may apply to the board to receive a scholarship toward the cost of
13 tuition and fees at the in-state public, private, or tribal institution of higher education at
14 which the student is enrolled. To be eligible to receive a scholarship, an individual
15 must:
- 16 a. Be enrolled and have completed at least one semester, quarter, or term at a
17 public, private, or tribal institution of higher education in the state;
- 18 b. Have:
- 19 (1) Graduated from a high school in the state;
- 20 (2) Graduated from a high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29;
- 21 (3) Graduated from a nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing
22 with a custodial parent in this state; or
- 23 (4) Completed a program of home education under chapter 15.1-23; and

1 c. Have completed at least one dual-credit course provided by an institution under
2 the control of the state board of higher education while enrolled in high school or
3 a program of home education in the state.

4 3. The state board of higher education shall provide an eligible student with a tuition
5 scholarship equal to fifty percent of the cost of the dual-credit courses provided by an
6 institution under the control of the state board of higher education, and completed by
7 the student while in high school or a program of home education, in an amount up to
8 seven hundred fifty dollars. A scholarship received by a student during any semester,
9 quarter, or term of enrollment under this section may not exceed the cost of tuition and
10 fees for the semester, quarter, or term. A student is not eligible to receive more than
11 seven hundred fifty dollars under this section.

12 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA PROFITS.** There is
13 appropriated out of any moneys from the Bank of North Dakota's current earnings and
14 undivided profits, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,500,000, or so much of the sum as
15 may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of providing tuition
16 scholarships to eligible students participating in the program under this Act, for the biennium
17 beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

18 **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - DUAL-CREDIT TUITION SCHOLARSHIP**
19 **PROGRAM.** It is the intent of the sixty-seventh legislative assembly that if there are any dollars
20 in the skilled workforce scholarship fund and the skilled workforce student loan repayment fund
21 which have not been committed as of December 31, 2022, the state board of higher education
22 may award up to fifty percent of the uncommitted balance for dual-credit tuition scholarships
23 under section 1 of this Act.

24 **SECTION 4. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY.**
25 During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying all scholarship
26 programs in the state. The legislative management shall report its findings and
27 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
28 the sixty-eighth legislative assembly.