

2021 HOUSE EDUCATION

HB 1430

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Education Committee
Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

HB 1430
1/26/2021

Relating to resident student eligibility to receive both the ND academic and career and technical education scholarships
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Chairman Owens called the hearing to order at 9:33 AM. Roll call: Reps. Owens, Schreiber-Beck, Heinert, D. Johnson, Longmuir, Marschall, Pyle, Richter, Zubke, Hager and Guggisberg present. Reps. Hoverson, M. Johnson and Simons were absent.

Discussion Topics:

- Two tracks of educational scholarships
- Student qualifications for maximum of \$6,000 scholarship
- Fiscal impact information

Rep. Austen Schauer introduced HB 1430, #3417

Jim Upgren, NDDPI, #2297

Eric Ripley, Director, CTE, Grand Forks Public Schools, #2520

Dave Krebsbach, Director of Finance, NDUS, #3189

Additional Written testimony: #3351

Chairman Owens closed the hearing on HB 1430 at 9:49 AM

Bev Monroe, Committee Clerk

Thank you, Chairman Owens and good morning to members of the House Education Committee!

My name is Austen Schauer, Representative from West Fargo, District 13.

It is my privilege to introduce you to **House Bill 1430** which I view as an ***opportunity*** for our High School students to **excel** in ***BOTH Academic*** skills and **Technical** skills.

Over the years, we've developed a system in which students are expected to choose one or the other.

Those who take **academics** seriously and meet all the standards for the North Dakota Scholarship are then expected to be off to a four-year college with up to six thousand dollars and a ***go-get-em*** attitude from us!

Those who take **technology** seriously and meet all the standards for the North Dakota Scholarship are expected to be off to a two-year college with up to six thousand dollars and a ***go-get-em*** attitude from us!

But why can't students go for both?

Why can't we set a ***high bar*** that students can pursue and be rewarded when they reach it?

We know all about the world of college athletics. Only the most dedicated, skilled High School athletes have a chance at the next level.

For students who want to pursue **BOTH Academic** and **Technical** Scholarships, this is their sport.

They too must be dedicated as any High School athlete to succeed.

It's also what **businesses** want; smart, talented kids who have a well-rounded education.

These students will need to work hard, (and chances are), they will **WANT** to work in North Dakota. We have plenty of opportunities for them! Talk about a great investment?!

I would ask this committee to take a deep look at the value **House Bill 1430** would bring to our students, our business community, and our state by offering two tracks of educational scholarships.

Let's stand back and see who's up to the challenge and the opportunity!

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Education Committee members.

I am open to any questions you may have.

**TESTIMONY ON HB 1430
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

January 26, 2021

**By: Jim Upgren, Assistant Director, Office of School Approval and Opportunity
701-328-2244**

North Dakota Department of Public Instruction

Chairman Owens and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jim Upgren, Assistant Director in the Office of School Approval and Opportunity with the Department of Public Instruction. I am here on behalf of the department to speak in support of HB 1430.

NDDPI supports the idea of providing opportunities for students, and we support the concept of the bill regarding awarding students for accomplishments achieved. Currently by law, a student can receive either the Academic or CTE Scholarship, but cannot receive both, even if they meet the qualifications for both scholarships. On average, between 400-500 students each year meet the qualifications for both scholarships, but under current law, can only receive one of the two scholarships. Passage of HB 1430 would allow students in this situation to receive both an Academic and CTE Scholarship. As you know, there are a number of bills that have been introduced so far this legislative session relating to the Academic and CTE Scholarship, and as you consider each of these bills, please consider the opportunities that the Academic and CTE Scholarships provide for our students.

We do have one concern about the current language. The bill does not specify when this potential change in scholarship funding would begin. Would it be for the Class of 2021? The Class of 2022?, etc. We believe some clarity should be added to the bill to define which graduating classes will be the first to receive these additional scholarship funds, and in what academic year at their respective colleges and universities.

Chairman Owens and Members of the Committee that concludes my prepared testimony and I will stand for any questions that you may have.

Chairman Owens, Members of the Education Committee –

Good morning, my name is Eric Ripley and I serve as the Director of CTE for the Grand Forks Public Schools and Grand Forks Area Career and Technology Center. I am providing my support of HB1430 in allowing eligible students to qualify for both the North Dakota Academic and CTE scholarship.

The overarching goal of K-12 is to enable our students to be “Choice Ready” for their next step after high school, and for the vast majority of career pathways, that next step involves post-secondary education. I have worked in K-12 education for my entire 22 year career, both as an instructor and administrator. What has changed over that time is the understanding that post-secondary education or college does not automatically equate to a 4-year or advanced degree. The archaic approach to selecting the college first, then selecting a degree path that institution offers, then hoping to find an occupation that matches that level of degree has thankfully evolved to students finding the occupational pathway that interest them, then determining the degree or training required for that pathway, and then selecting a post-secondary location that provides that degree or training.

My CTE staff and I strongly believe that our CTE courses at the K-12 level are designed for a student to explore and start developing a career pathway that aligns with their individual interests and abilities. Often times, that pathway aligns with a 2-year or less degree at one of the state’s high quality technical colleges. Currently, for students that qualify for either the North Dakota Academic or CTE scholarship, the scholarship maximum amount of \$6,000 is provided one semester at a time (\$750), repeatable up to 8 semesters (a typical 4-year degree program). For the CTE student interested in pursuing an Associate Arts or Technical Degree, both of which are less than 4 years, that student ends up leaving scholarship dollars on the table and unused.

The flaw in the current scholarship program is that the payments of \$750 per semester over the course of 4 years still encourages the perspective that all student should be pursuing a 4-year degree. With the successful passing and implementation of HB1430, this provides students qualifying in both the Academic and CTE categories to be awarded both scholarships. That may still provide the unused dollars for a student pursuing less than a 4-year degree, however, it also provides them with increased, and targeted, state support for those pursuing that 2-year or less degree.

The qualifications for both categories of the scholarships differ slightly, with the Academic scholarship requiring a 24 or greater ACT score, successful completion of an Advanced Placement or Dual Credit course, among the qualifications consistent between both categories. The inclusion of the high ACT score, and college-ready courses aligns with the concept of Academics and post-secondary education. Within the CTE category, students can use either an ACT score of 24 or greater or a score of 5 or higher on the three WorkKeys Assessment, which is a workplace readiness exam. In addition, the CTE category requires successful completion of 2 credits in a Coordinated Plan of Study (career pathway), and 3 additional credits of CTE. This aligns with the goal again of K-12 CTE programs in helping students explore pathways, develop workplace readiness skills, and figure out what areas they are interested in pursuing further after high school. For students that demonstrate both a strong academic foundation, combined with exploration and development of a career pathway, is the best candidate for success at the post-secondary level. These are the types of students we want and need in both our post-secondary programs and future workforce. Prepared, focused, and highly skilled. We have an opportunity to invest in these students through this bill.

Chairman Owens and Education Committee members, I ask for your support of HB1430 and stand for any questions you may have. Thank you.



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January 26, 2021

David Krebsbach, Director of Finance

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Chair (Owens) and Committee Members: My name is David Krebsbach, and I am the Director of Finance at NDUS. I'm here today to provide information about the fiscal impact of HB1430.

HB1430 enables students to qualify for both the academic and CTE scholarships; currently only one or the other can be received by a student. The annual award for qualifying students would increase from \$1,500 to \$3,000, and the lifetime cap would increase from \$6,000 to \$12,000.

Under current law, the Academic and CTE scholarship program annually awards an average of 965 Academic scholarships and 880 CTE scholarships. The number of awards have increased over the past several years as an increased number of graduating high school seniors are qualifying for the scholarships. The NDUS 2021-23 budget request for this scholarship program already includes a request for an additional \$4.2 million to accommodate the increased number of qualifying students.

The Department of Public Instruction estimates 455 students per year would qualify for both scholarships as a result of HB1430. The first eligible students would graduate in the spring of 2022 and receive their first payments in the 2022-23 academic year. **A general fund appropriation for the 2021-23 biennium totaling \$670,000 would be required and covers only one year of payments (FY2022-23).** Program costs would increase each year to cover both newly eligible students and continuing paying the existing awards. As a result, costs would increase to \$3,000,000 for the 2023-25 biennium and then again to \$4,500,000 in the 2025-27 biennium.

In addition, the NDUS Scholarship Management System used to administer the program would require significant updates at an estimated cost of \$30,000. **The NDUS respectfully requests an appropriation of \$30,000 be provided for the NDUS and amended into HB1430.**

This concludes my testimony for HB1430, and I am available to answer your questions.

Thank you.

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Chairman Owens and members of the committee, my name is Wayde Sick, State Director of the Department of Career and Technical Education. I am submitting testimony in support of HB1430.

The Department of Career and Technical Education supports HB1430, as it would provide additional scholarship dollars for our students, that may be most deserving due to their efforts and abilities. Also, the added incentive would encourage students to enroll in more Career and Technical Education courses, which can provide students the knowledge and experiences to make more knowledgeable career decisions, while still in High School.

This concludes my testimony and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Education Committee
Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

HB 1430
2/8/2021AM

Relating to resident student eligibility to receive both of the ND academic and career and technical education scholarships

Chairman Owens opened the committee meeting at 10:00 AM. Roll call: Reps. Owens, Schreiber-Beck, Heinert, Hoverson, D. Johnson, M. Johnson, Longmuir, Marschall, Pyle, Richter, Simons, Zubke, Guggisberg and Hager present.

Discussion Topics:

- Scholarship options with 2022 cohort
- Base scholarship budget
- Number of students/per year/per cohort
- Amendment

Rep. Schreiber-Beck – discussion on amendment, #5149

Brenda Zastoupil – NDUS clarification of budget

Chairman Owens closed the meeting at 10:23 AM

Bev Monroe, Committee Clerk

21.0970.01002
Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Representative Schreiber-Beck
February 2, 2021

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1430

Page 1, line 1, replace "15.1-21-02.7" with "15.1-21-02.8"

Page 1, line 2, remove "resident student"

Page 1, line 2, replace "to receive both" with "requirements for"

Page 1, line 9, remove the overstrike over "either"

Page 1, line 9, remove "for"

Page 1, line 11, remove ", a scholarship"

Page 1, line 11, remove the overstrike over "~~seven~~"

Page 1, line 11, remove the underscored colon

Page 1, line 12, remove "~~(1)~~ Seven"

Page 1, line 12, remove "the North Dakota academic scholarship for"

Page 1, line 13, overstrike "full time"

Page 1, line 13, after "accredited" insert "public research institution, public four-year institution, or private four-year"

Page 1, line 14, overstrike the comma and insert immediately thereafter "and"

Page 1, line 15, overstrike ", and maintains progress toward degree completion"

Page 1, line 15, remove the underscored semicolon

Page 1, remove lines 16 through 24

Page 2, remove lines 1 and 2

Page 2, line 3, remove "progress toward degree completion"

Page 2, line 4, after "b." insert "The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship in the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars for each semester during which the student is enrolled at an accredited public two-year institution or tribal institution of higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75.

c."

Page 2, line 5, remove the overstrike over "either"

Page 2, line 5, remove "for"

Page 2, line 7, remove ", a scholarship"

Page 2, line 7, remove the overstrike over "~~five~~"

Page 2, line 7, remove the underscored colon

Page 2, line 8, remove "(1) Five"

Page 2, line 8, remove "the North Dakota academic scholarship for"

Page 2, line 9, overstrike "full time"

Page 2, line 9, after "accredited" insert "public research institution, public four-year institution, or private four-year"

Page 2, line 10, overstrike the comma and insert immediately thereafter "and"

Page 2, line 11, overstrike ", and maintains progress toward degree completion"

Page 2, line 11, remove the underscored semicolon

Page 2, remove lines 12 through 21

Page 2, line 22, remove "point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward degree completion"

Page 2, after line 22, insert:

"d. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship in the amount of one thousand dollars for each quarter during which the student is enrolled at an accredited public two-year institution or tribal institution of higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75."

Page 2, line 24, overstrike "and other"

Page 2, line 27, remove "for a North Dakota"

Page 2, line 28, remove "academic or career and technical education scholarship"

Page 2, line 28, remove ", unless the"

Page 2, remove lines 29 and 30

Page 2, line 31, remove "to receive more than twelve thousand dollars under this section"

Page 3, overstrike lines 17 through 31

Page 4, replace lines 1 through 20 with:

"SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-21-02.8 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-21-02.8. North Dakota scholarship - Eligibility - One-time exception.

1. a. Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion of a semester is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the next semester in which the student is enrolled ~~full time~~. The exception provided by this section is applicable to a student only one time.

- b. If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion of a semester is below 2.75 for a second time, the student is no longer eligible to receive any additional North Dakota academic or career and technical education scholarships.
- 2.
- a. Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion of a quarter is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the next quarter in which the student is enrolled-full time. The exception provided by this section is applicable to a student only one time.
 - b. If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion of a quarter is below 2.75 for a second time, the student is no longer eligible to receive any additional North Dakota academic or career and technical education scholarships."

Renumber accordingly

HOUSE BILL NO. 1430

Introduced by

Representatives Schauer, Cory, Kasper, K. Koppelman, D. Ruby, Satrom

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-21-02.6 and ~~15.1-21-02.7~~15.1-21-02.8 of
2 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to ~~resident student~~ eligibility ~~to receive~~
3 ~~both~~requirements for the North Dakota academic and career and technical education
4 scholarships.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability.**

9 1. a. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as
10 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction ~~either for~~ a North Dakota
11 academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education
12 scholarship, ~~a scholarship~~ in the amount of ~~seven~~:

13 ~~(1) Seven~~ hundred fifty dollars for ~~the North Dakota academic scholarship for~~
14 each semester during which the student is enrolled ~~full time~~ at an accredited
15 public research institution, public four-year institution, or private four-year
16 institution of higher education in this state, ~~and~~ maintains a cumulative
17 grade point average of 2.75, ~~and maintains progress toward degree~~
18 ~~completion;~~

19 ~~(2) Seven~~ hundred fifty dollars for ~~the North Dakota career and technical~~
20 ~~education scholarship for each semester during which the student is~~
21 ~~enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in this state,~~
22 ~~maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains progress~~
23 ~~toward degree completion; or~~

1 ~~(3) One thousand five hundred dollars for the North Dakota academic~~
2 ~~scholarship and the North Dakota career and technical education~~
3 ~~scholarship, if the student satisfies the requirements of both sections~~
4 ~~15.1-21-02.4 and 15.1-21-02.5, for each semester during which the student~~
5 ~~is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in this~~
6 ~~state, maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains~~
7 ~~progress toward degree completion.~~

8 b. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as
9 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota
10 academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education
11 scholarship in the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars for each
12 semester during which the student is enrolled at an accredited public two-year
13 institution or tribal institution of higher education in this state and maintains a
14 cumulative grade point average of 2.75.

15 c. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as
16 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction ~~either for~~ a North Dakota
17 academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education
18 scholarship, ~~a scholarship~~ in the amount of ~~five~~;

19 ~~(1) Five hundred dollars for the North Dakota academic scholarship for each~~
20 ~~quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited public~~
21 ~~research institution, public four-year institution, or private four-year~~
22 ~~institution of higher education in this state, and maintains a cumulative~~
23 ~~grade point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward degree~~
24 ~~completion;~~

25 ~~(2) Five hundred dollars for the North Dakota career and technical education~~
26 ~~scholarship for each quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at~~
27 ~~an accredited institution of higher education in this state, maintains a~~
28 ~~cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward~~
29 ~~degree completion; or~~

30 ~~(3) One thousand dollars for the North Dakota academic and the North Dakota~~
31 ~~career and technical education scholarship, if the student satisfies the~~

~~requirements of both sections 15.1-21-02.4 and 15.1-21-02.5, for each
quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited
institution of higher education in this state, maintains a cumulative grade
point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward degree completion.~~

d. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as
eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota
academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education
scholarship in the amount of one thousand dollars for each quarter during which
the student is enrolled at an accredited public two-year institution or tribal
institution of higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade point
average of 2.75.

2. The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure that the student meets the academic ~~and other~~ requirements of this section. Upon determining that a recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this section, the board shall provide notification to the student within ten days.
3. A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars ~~for a North Dakota academic or career and technical education scholarship under this section, unless the student is eligible to receive both scholarships. A student eligible to receive both a North Dakota academic and career and technical education scholarship is not entitled to receive more than twelve thousand dollars under this section.~~
4. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the institution in which the student is enrolled.
5.
 - a. (1) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive semesters.
 - (2) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive quarters.
 - b. A scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years after the student's graduation from high school and may be applied to a graduate program.
6. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who fulfills the requirements of section 15.1-21-02.4 or 15.1-21-02.5 and who:
 - a. Graduates from a high school in this state;

- 1 b. Graduates from a high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29;
- 2 c. Graduates from a nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a
- 3 custodial parent in this state; or
- 4 d. Completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with chapter
- 5 15.1-23.

6 ~~7. a. For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full-time"~~
7 ~~has the same meaning as the term is defined by the institution the student is~~
8 ~~attending.~~

9 ~~b. A student who is enrolled less than full-time may retain scholarship eligibility if the~~
10 ~~student is in the final semester or quarter before graduation. The waiver of the~~
11 ~~full-time enrollment status requirement for scholarship eligibility may not apply to~~
12 ~~a student more than once.~~

13 ~~c. For the purpose of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section,~~
14 ~~"progress toward degree completion" means earning the following minimum~~
15 ~~number of credits after each semester or quarter term disbursement to qualify for~~
16 ~~the subsequent disbursement:~~

17 ~~(1) Twenty-four credits after disbursement two;~~

18 ~~(2) Thirty-nine credits after disbursement three;~~

19 ~~(3) Fifty-four credits after disbursement four;~~

20 ~~(4) Sixty-nine credits after disbursement five;~~

21 ~~(5) Eighty-four credits after disbursement six; and~~

22 ~~(6) Ninety-nine credits after disbursement seven.~~

23 ~~**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.7 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
24 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

25 ~~**15.1-21-02.7. North Dakota scholarship opportunities -- 2009-10 high school**~~
26 ~~**graduates.**~~

27 ~~1. Except as provided in subsection 3, any resident student who graduates from a high~~
28 ~~school during the 2009-10 school year is eligible to receive a North Dakota academic~~
29 ~~scholarship, provided the student is certified by the superintendent of public instruction~~
30 ~~as having obtained a composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT.~~

1 ~~2. Except as provided in subsection 3, any resident student who graduates from a high~~
2 ~~school during the 2009-10 school year is eligible to receive a North Dakota technical~~
3 ~~scholarship, provided the student is certified by the superintendent of public instruction~~
4 ~~as having obtained:~~

5 ~~a. A composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; or~~

6 ~~b. A score of at least five on each of three WorkKeys assessments recommended~~
7 ~~by the department of career and technical education and approved by the~~
8 ~~superintendent of public instruction.~~

9 ~~3. A student is eligible to receive a scholarship under either subsection 1 or 2, but may~~
10 ~~not receive a scholarship under both subsections.~~

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15 average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion
16 of a semester is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the
17 North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the
18 next semester in which the student is enrolled ~~full time~~. The exception provided
19 by this section is applicable to a student only one time.
- 20 b. If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of
21 higher education at the conclusion of a semester is below 2.75 for a second time,
22 the student is no longer eligible to receive any additional North Dakota academic
23 or career and technical education scholarships.
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- Cohort language retention
- Half time request reduction
- Degree seeking definition clarification

Rep. Schreiber-Beck proposed Amendment 21.0970.01004, seconded by Rep. Hager, #5925

Brenda Zastoupil, NDUS, clarification of scholarships dealing with amendment

Rep. Schreiber-Beck made a motion to move **Amendment** 21.0970.01004 and add that “maintains progression towards completion” where it is overstruck throughout amendment seconded by **Rep. Hager**.

Voice vote Motion carried

Rep. Zubke made a motion to further amend with Lines 3 and 4 read “state board of higher education should forward the scholarship directly to the institution of which the student is enrolled as a degree seeking”. Seconded by **Rep. Guggisberg**.

Voice vote Motion carried

Rep. Schreiber-Beck made a motion for a **Do Pass as Amended and Rereferred to Appropriations**, seconded by **Rep. Richter**.

Roll call vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Mark S. Owens	N
Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck	Y
Representative Ron Guggisberg	Y
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	Y
Representative Pat D. Heinert	N
Representative Jeff A. Hoverson	N
Representative Dennis Johnson	Y
Representative Mary Johnson	N
Representative Donald Longmuir	N
Representative Andrew Marschall	N
Representative Brandy Pyle	AB
Representative David Richter	Y
Representative Luke Simons	N
Representative Denton Zubke	Y

Motion failed 6-7-1

Rep. M. Johnson made a motion for a **Do Not Pass as Amended**, seconded by **Rep. Heinert**.

Roll call vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Mark S. Owens	Y
Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck	N
Representative Ron Guggisberg	N
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	N
Representative Pat D. Heinert	Y
Representative Jeff A. Hoverson	Y
Representative Dennis Johnson	N
Representative Mary Johnson	Y
Representative Donald Longmuir	Y
Representative Andrew Marschall	Y
Representative Brandy Pyle	AB
Representative David Richter	N
Representative Luke Simons	Y
Representative Denton Zubke	N

Motion carried 7-6-1 Rep. M. Johnson is the carrier.

Chairman Owens closed the hearing at 3:40 PM.

Bev Monroe, Committee Clerk

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(2) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who graduated from a high school or completed a program of home education supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 on or before December 31, 2021, and who is certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship in the amount of five hundred dollars for each quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in this state, maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward degree completion.

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c. A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars under this section.

d. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the institution in which the student is enrolled.

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15 fifty dollars for each semester during which the student is enrolled full time
16 at an accredited institution of higher education in this state, maintains a
17 cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward
18 degree completion.

19 (2) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who
20 graduated from a high school or completed a program of home education
21 supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 on or before
22 December 31, 2021, and who is certified as being eligible by the
23 superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota academic
24 scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship in

1 the amount of five hundred dollars for each quarter during which the student
2 is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in this
3 state, maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains
4 progress toward degree completion.

5 b. The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure the student
6 meets the academic and other requirements of this section. Upon determining a
7 recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this section, the board
8 shall provide notification to the student within ten days.

9 c. A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars under this
10 section.

11 d. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the
12 institution in which the student is enrolled.

13 e. (1) (a) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive
14 semesters.

15 (b) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive
16 quarters.

17 (2) A scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years after the
18 student's graduation from high school and may be applied to a graduate
19 program.

20 f. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who
21 fulfills the requirements of section 15.1-21-02.4 or 15.1-21-02.5 and who:

22 (1) Graduates from a high school in this state;

23 (2) Graduates from a high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29;

24 (3) Graduates from a nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing
25 with a custodial parent in this state; or

26 (4) Completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with
27 chapter 15.1-23.

28 g. (1) For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full
29 time" has the same meaning as the term is defined by the institution the
30 student is attending.

1 (2) A student who is enrolled less than full time may retain scholarship eligibility
2 if the student is in the final semester or quarter before graduation. The
3 waiver of the full-time enrollment status requirement for scholarship
4 eligibility may not apply to a student more than once.

5 (3) For the purpose of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section,
6 "progress toward degree completion" means earning the following minimum
7 number of credits after each semester or quarter term disbursement to
8 qualify for the subsequent disbursement:

9 (a) Twenty-four credits after disbursement two;

10 (b) Thirty-nine credits after disbursement three;

11 (c) Fifty-four credits after disbursement four;

12 (d) Sixty-nine credits after disbursement five;

13 (e) Eighty-four credits after disbursement six; and

14 (f) Ninety-nine credits after disbursement seven.

15 2. a. (1) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who
16 graduated from a high school or completed a program of home education
17 supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 after December 31, 2021,
18 and who is certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public
19 instruction either for a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota
20 career and technical education scholarship, a scholarship in the amount of
21 seven;

22 ~~(1) Seven hundred fifty dollars for the North Dakota academic scholarship for~~
23 ~~each semester during which the student is enrolled full time at least half~~
24 ~~time at an accredited public research institution, public four-year institution,~~
25 ~~or private four-year institution of higher education in this state; and~~
26 ~~maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75; and maintains progress~~
27 ~~toward degree completion;~~

28 ~~(2) Seven hundred fifty dollars for the North Dakota career and technical~~
29 ~~education scholarship for each semester during which the student is~~
30 ~~enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in this state;~~

1 ~~maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains progress~~
2 ~~toward degree completion; or~~

3 ~~(3) One thousand five hundred dollars for the North Dakota academic~~
4 ~~scholarship and the North Dakota career and technical education~~
5 ~~scholarship, if the student satisfies the requirements of both sections~~
6 ~~15.1-21-02.4 and 15.1-21-02.5, for each semester during which the student~~
7 ~~is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in this~~
8 ~~state, maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains~~
9 ~~progress toward degree completion.~~

10 b. (2) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who
11 graduated from a high school or completed a program of home education
12 supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 after December 31, 2021,
13 and who is certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public
14 instruction either a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota
15 career and technical education scholarship in the amount of one thousand
16 five hundred dollars for each semester during which the student is enrolled
17 at least half time at an accredited public two-year institution or tribal
18 institution of higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade
19 point average of 2.75.

20 b. (1) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who
21 graduated from a high school or completed a program of home education
22 supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 after December 31, 2021,
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24 instruction either for a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota
25 career and technical education scholarship, a scholarship in the amount of
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28 quarter during which the student is enrolled ~~full time~~ at least half time at an
29 accredited public research institution, public four-year institution, or private
30 four-year institution of higher education in this state, and maintains a

1 cumulative grade point average of 2.75, ~~and maintains progress toward~~
2 ~~degree completion;~~

3 ~~(2) Five hundred dollars for the North Dakota career and technical education~~
4 ~~scholarship for each quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at~~
5 ~~an accredited institution of higher education in this state, maintains a~~
6 ~~cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward~~
7 ~~degree completion; or~~

8 ~~(3) One thousand dollars for the North Dakota academic and the North Dakota~~
9 ~~career and technical education scholarship, if the student satisfies the~~
10 ~~requirements of both sections 15.1-21-02.4 and 15.1-21-02.5, for each~~
11 ~~quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited~~
12 ~~institution of higher education in this state, maintains a cumulative grade-~~
13 ~~point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward degree completion.~~

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16 supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 after December 31, 2021,
17 and who is certified as eligible by the superintendent of public instruction
18 either a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and
19 technical education scholarship in the amount of one thousand dollars for
20 each quarter during which the student is enrolled at least half time at an
21 accredited public two-year institution or tribal institution of higher education
22 in this state and maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75.

23 ~~2. c.~~ The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure ~~that~~ the
24 student meets the academic ~~and other~~ requirements of this section. Upon
25 determining ~~that~~ a recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this
26 section, the board shall provide notification to the student within ten days.

27 ~~3. d.~~ A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars ~~for a North-~~
28 ~~Dakota academic or career and technical education scholarship~~ under this
29 section, ~~unless the student is eligible to receive both scholarships. A student~~
30 ~~eligible to receive both a North Dakota academic and career and technical~~

~~education scholarship is not entitled to receive more than twelve thousand dollars under this section.~~

4. e. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the institution in which the student is enrolled.

~~5. a.f.~~ (1) (a) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive semesters.

~~(2)~~ (b) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive quarters.

~~b.~~ (2) A scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years after the student's graduation from high school and may be applied to a graduate program.

6. g. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who fulfills the requirements of section 15.1-21-02.4 or 15.1-21-02.5 and who:

~~a.~~ (1) Graduates from a high school in this state;

~~b.~~ (2) Graduates from a high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29;

~~c.~~ (3) Graduates from a nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a custodial parent in this state; or

~~d.~~ (4) Completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23.

7. ~~a.h.~~ (1) For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "~~full-time~~half time" has the same meaning as the term is defined by the institution the student is attending.

~~b.~~ (2) A student who is enrolled less than ~~full-time~~half time may retain scholarship eligibility if the student is in the final semester or quarter before graduation. The waiver of the ~~full-time~~half time enrollment status requirement for scholarship eligibility may not apply to a student more than once.

~~c.~~ ~~For the purpose of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "progress toward degree completion" means earning the following minimum number of credits after each semester or quarter term disbursement to qualify for the subsequent disbursement:~~

~~(1) Twenty-four credits after disbursement two;~~

1 ~~————— (2) — Thirty-nine credits after disbursement three;~~

2 ~~————— (3) — Fifty-four credits after disbursement four;~~

3 ~~————— (4) — Sixty-nine credits after disbursement five;~~

4 ~~————— (5) — Eighty-four credits after disbursement six; and~~

5 ~~————— (6) — Ninety-nine credits after disbursement seven.~~

6 ~~————— **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.7 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
7 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

8 ~~————— **15.1-21-02.7. North Dakota scholarship opportunities - 2009-10 high school**~~
9 ~~**graduates.**~~

10 ~~————— 1. — Except as provided in subsection 3, any resident student who graduates from a high-~~
11 ~~school during the 2009-10 school year is eligible to receive a North Dakota academic~~
12 ~~scholarship, provided the student is certified by the superintendent of public instruction~~
13 ~~as having obtained a composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT.~~

14 ~~————— 2. — Except as provided in subsection 3, any resident student who graduates from a high-~~
15 ~~school during the 2009-10 school year is eligible to receive a North Dakota technical~~
16 ~~scholarship, provided the student is certified by the superintendent of public instruction~~
17 ~~as having obtained:~~

18 ~~————— a. — A composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; or~~

19 ~~————— b. — A score of at least five on each of three WorkKeys assessments recommended~~
20 ~~by the department of career and technical education and approved by the~~
21 ~~superintendent of public instruction.~~

22 ~~————— 3. — A student is eligible to receive a scholarship under either subsection 1 or 2, but may~~
23 ~~not receive a scholarship under both subsections.~~

24 ~~————— **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.8 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
25 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

26 ~~————— **15.1-21-02.8. North Dakota scholarship - Eligibility - One-time exception.**~~

27 ~~1. a. Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point~~
28 ~~average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion~~
29 ~~of a semester is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the~~
30 ~~North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the~~

1 | next semester in which the student is enrolled ~~full-time~~ at least half time. The
2 | exception provided by this section is applicable to a student only one time.

3 | b. If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of
4 | higher education at the conclusion of a semester is below 2.75 for a second time,
5 | the student is no longer eligible to receive any additional North Dakota academic
6 | or career and technical education scholarships.

7 | 2. a. Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point
8 | average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion
9 | of a quarter is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the
10 | North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the
11 | next quarter in which the student is enrolled ~~full-time~~ at least half time. The
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14 | higher education at the conclusion of a quarter is below 2.75 for a second time,
15 | the student is no longer eligible to receive any additional North Dakota academic
16 | or career and technical education scholarships.

2021 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1430

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

HB 1430
2/19/2021

Relating to resident student eligibility to receive both the North Dakota academic and career and technical education scholarships.

10:37 Chairman Delzer- Opened the meeting for HB 1430

Attendance	P/A
Representative Jeff Delzer	P
Representative Keith Kempenich	P
Representative Bert Anderson	P
Representative Larry Bellew	P
Representative Tracy Boe	A
Representative Mike Brandenburg	P
Representative Michael Howe	P
Representative Gary Kreidt	P
Representative Bob Martinson	P
Representative Lisa Meier	P
Representative Alisa Mitskog	P
Representative Corey Mock	P
Representative David Monson	P
Representative Mike Nathe	P
Representative Jon O. Nelson	P
Representative Mark Sanford	P
Representative Mike Schatz	P
Representative Jim Schmidt	P
Representative Randy A. Schobinger	P
Representative Michelle Strinden	P
Representative Don Vigesaa	P

Discussion Topics:

- CT&E

10:38 Chairman Delzer – Gives quick review of the bill

10:39 Representative Meier Do Not Pass

Representative Brandenburg Second

Further discussion

10:40 Roll Call Vote was taken;

Representatives	Vote
Representative Jeff Delzer	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	Y
Representative Bert Anderson	Y
Representative Larry Bellew	Y
Representative Tracy Boe	A
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Michael Howe	Y
Representative Gary Kreidt	Y
Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Alisa Mitskog	N
Representative Corey Mock	N
Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Mike Nathe	Y
Representative Jon O. Nelson	Y
Representative Mark Sanford	N
Representative Mike Schatz	Y
Representative Jim Schmidt	Y
Representative Randy A. Schobinger	Y
Representative Michelle Strinden	Y
Representative Don Vigesaa	Y

10:41 Motion Carries 17-3-1 Representative Monson will carry the bill

Additional written testimony: No Written Testimony

10:42 Chairman Delzer- Closes the meeting for HB 1430

Risa Berube,

House Appropriations Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1430, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Delzer, Chairman)
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (17 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
Engrossed HB 1430 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2021 SENATE EDUCATION

HB 1430

2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Education Committee
Room JW216, State Capitol

HB 1430
3/10/2021

A BILL relating to eligibility requirements for the North Dakota academic and career and technical education scholarships.

Chair Schaible opened the hearing at 10:45 AM.

Discussion Topics:

- Recruiting students
- Increased cost for some areas-lab fees
- 2-year vs. 4-year degree costs
- Full to part-time students

Senator	Attendance
Chairman Schaible	P
Senator Elkin	P
Senator Conley	P
Senator Lemm	P
Senator Oban	P
Senator Wobbema	P

Rep Schauer – introduced the bill #7673, #7674

Rep Richter, Dist 1 – testified in support #8447

Rep Schreiber-Beck, Dist 25 – introduced the bill #8487, #8488

Chip Poland, Jr – Dickinson University Ag/Tech – testified in support #8579

Jim Upgren, DPI – testified in support #7889

Eric Ripley – **Dir Career-Tech, Grand Forks** – via Zoom - testified in support #8330

Wayde Sick – **State Director of NDCTE**– testified in support #8333

Katie Mastel – **Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo Chamber** – testified in support #8490

Mike Heilman – **ND Small Organized Schools** – testified in support

Russ Ziegler – **NDCEL** – testified in support

Brenda Zastoupil – **University System – Financial Aid** – testified neutral #8442

Additional written testimony:

Philip Murphy – support #7670

Lyle Krueger – support #8544

Adjourned at 11:14 AM

Lynn Wolf, Committee Clerk

Good Morning Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Education Committee.

My name is Austen Schauer, House Representative from West Fargo, District 13.

The origin of **HB 1430** is from Red River High School in Grand Forks where several students asked their Career Tech teacher this question, "Why can't we apply for **BOTH** the **C-T-E** Scholarship and the **Academic** Scholarship being offered by the State?"

Each has a maximum of \$6,000 dollars at \$750 a semester.

The House Education Committee wasn't quite ready for that jump, so **HB 1430** was amended to allow **C-T-E** students to earn 15 hundred dollars a semester equaling the **Six-Thousand-dollar** level of the Academic Scholarship.

Let's walk through the bill.

Page 1, lines 10 and 11 reaffirms the continuation of the current ND Scholarship program through December 31st of this year at 750 a semester with a GPA of 2.75.

Page 1, lines 20 and 21 does the same but for schools that are on the quarter system.

Page 2 outlines all the current requirements of the scholarship.

That continues into **Page 3** until lines 28 to 31.

That's the essence of this bill in which Career Tech students will receive 15-hundred-person per semester.

Page 4 gives details on the Quarter system.

Page 5, lines 17, 19 and 21 and **Page 6**, line 19 changes the scholarship requirement from full-time to **at least** half-time.

That allows students to have **more flexibility** if needed to go to school while working at the same time which most do.

There is a fiscal note which I'd like to address.

The Scholarship program was established ten years ago as you can see on the last page of my testimony.

For a decade, academics students have had up to six years at 750 a semester to receive the full six-thousand-dollar scholarship.

However, over the last ten years, **C-T-E** students have NOT been able to access the full six-thousand-dollar scholarship at 750 a semester because they are out of school within two to three years.

Now, I'm a bit too old to say, "that's not fair."

But I will say we need to fix the Scholarship program so **C-T-E** students would have equal access to the full scholarship.

I'm hoping you agree.

I would put the **C-T-E** students' **R-O-I** (return on investment) as high as any other student in the State.

The 10-year State Scholarship program is now available to 11 public institutions, 3 private institutions, 5 tribal colleges and Rasmussen College in Fargo.

It has become a major force in addressing our **workforce shortage** issue in North Dakota.

House Bill 1430 has the full support of the Department of Public Instruction.

House Bill 1430 has the full support of the **Higher Education System**.

HB 1430 passed the **House** twice!

The competition from other **Trade** schools in South Dakota, Montana and Minnesota is **intense**. But let's win.

If this bill meets **your** standard for the advancement of **career technology** in North Dakota, I ask for a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Thank You Mr. Chairman and Committee members.

I am open to questions you may have.

When would this change happen?

Students who qualify would begin in the Fall of 2022. Those who are now receiving the scholarship would continue with current requirements through 2026-27. (6 years max for Academic scholarships).

ND State Scholarship Program

- The state scholarship is currently issued to the 11 public institutions, 3 private institutions, 5 tribal colleges and 1 **proprietary institution** in the state.
- 24% of high school seniors, on average, qualify for the scholarship each year.
 - These students are awarded up to \$6,000 and have up to 6 years to utilize the award.
 - Statute limits amount to \$750 per semester or \$500 per quarter at all institutions.
 - Students must be resident of ND to qualify.
- Approximately 384 new students per year elect to attend public 2-year or tribal colleges immediately out of high school. 84% of these are retained in year 2.
- In the past 4 years 699 disbursements were not issued due to enrollment between 6-11 credits (less than full time), or due to not meeting the cumulative credit requirements.
- Program Statistics:
 - 17,968 have qualified since inception in 2010
 - Total disbursements since inception \$62.1 million
- Amendments to HB1430 to begin with the 2022 cohort forward. Current rules in play through 2026-27 academic year for current cohorts.
- Increasing award to \$1500 per payment for 2yr public and tribal students, cost of \$770,000 for 2021-23 biennium (1 year); \$2.9 million for 2023-25; \$4.2 million beyond.
- Providing eligibility for half-time enrollment and eliminating degree progress requirements, cost of \$163,125 for 2021-23 biennium (1 year); \$326,250 for 2023-25 and beyond.
- \$30,000 required to make changes to the Scholarship Management System used by the NDUS Financial Aid Office to administer the program.

SUMMARY FISCAL IMPACT - start 2022				
Biennium	2021-23 (1yr)	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Change to \$1500 per disbursement @ 2Yr&Tribal (ONLY for 2022 cohort forward; Current statute for all cohorts up to 2021 grads)	\$576,000	\$2,574,720	\$3,841,920	\$3,928,320
Eliminate FT and CumCr for ALL beginning fall '22	\$163,125	\$326,250	\$326,250	\$326,250
Technology Upgrades	\$30,000			
TOTAL INCREASE PER BIENNIUM	\$769,125	\$2,900,970	\$4,168,170	\$4,254,570

Assumptions

\$1500 per disbursement at 2Yr public and tribal for **2022 cohort forward**

Estimated up to 384 enrollees at 2Yr public and tribal per year

Historical attrition rates applied (84% to yr 2)

Increase amt to \$1500 effective 2022 cohort forward; FT and Cum CR changes effective for all cohort 2022 forward

Summer part time enrollment will result in greater payments in summer.

Assumes no growth or increases

Need to keep current statute through 2026-27.

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House Bill 1430
Testimony of David Richter
Senate Education Committee
March 10, 2021

Chairman Schaible and members of the Senate Education Committee. For the record my name is David Richter, Representative from District 1 Williston. I am in support of HB 1430.

Annually, Approximately 12% of North Dakota High School graduates earn the North Dakota CTE and Academic scholarship of \$6,000. A student in a North Dakota Public or Private High School or qualified homeschool, works hard in to meet all the academic requirements laid out by this body, they are awarded a \$6,000 CTE or Academic scholarship.

Under the current rules of \$750 per semester, if they enroll in a College CTE program to pursue a 2 year CTE degree, they continue to meet the academic requirements and graduate on time, they are only eligible to receive half of the awarded funding.

A student pursuing an LPN at WSC will have approximately \$17,000 of expenses just for Tuition, general Fees, Nursing specific fees and books. When on campus housing, board, and other costs are included, they are looking at an estimated \$37,000 for two years. Families plan for paying for college and include \$6,000 to help pay those expenses only to find out that they dollars are not there if there student chooses to get a CTE degree.

This bill changes that so students pursuing a CTE degree have the opportunity to receive all the scholarship funding they have earned. The bill also allows students pursuing a 4 year Bachelor's degree who need one or two classes to graduate early to use the scholarship in their final semester to cover those final few classes.

The student was awarded \$6000, they should be able to receive the \$6000.

I will stand for any questions.

HB1430 / 3-10-21

Senate Education Committee

Chair Donald Schaible

House Bill 1430 survived the House Chamber – I would be happy to address “why” the negative recommendation from the House Education Committee and the journey afterwards, but there were enough legislators who believe in Career and Technical Education to arrive at this point even with the increase in funding.

The bill was amended to address two issues – issues that were brought forward by recipients of either scholarship or those who worked to receive the CTE scholarship.

Issue #1: 15 credits No longer will a student have to have the 15-credit minimum to be eligible for either the academic or CTE scholarship. I understand the reason for the 15 credits – to “prod” recipients to achieve a degree within what might be considered the “traditional” time frame. With this legislation, a student will be required to be at least a half-time student. Half-time was chosen since various programs have different credit requirements – the term half-time was suggested by the North Dakota University System (NDUS). Many students work while attending school but were penalized if unable to maintain the minimum of 15 credits. And at times, due to situations beyond their control 15 credits was not, or is not, possible. As a note, the 6-year rule to use the scholarship remains in effect.

Issue #2: Many CTE students were not able to receive the full award of \$6000 because of the 2-year programs which has been discussed.

The administration of the scholarships will remain with the NDUS. Essentially, those students who attend 2-year institutions will receive \$1500 per semester award and those students attending 4-year institutions will receive \$750 per semester.

This was a collaborative effort - the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the North Dakota University System (NDUS) were involved in crafting the amended bill. With maintaining the current scholarship requirements until 2027 and starting the “improved” scholarship requirements with the graduating class of 2022, the bill appears complicated – but that is in appearance only.

Included with my online testimony is a letter of support for HB 1430 from Dan Rood, Director of the Southeast Regional Career and Technology Center. Please take the time to review Mr. Rood’s comments.

Yes, this change comes with a price tag, but I believe a return on investment will be realized.

Thank you for your time and I would appreciate your favorable consideration of HB1430.

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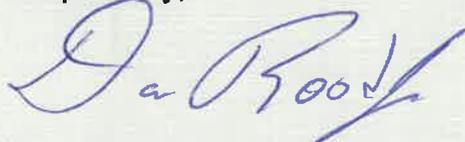
Testimony by Dan Rood, Jr.

H.B. 1430

Modification/Amendment and Support for H.B. 1430

As a public-school administrator for the past 37 years, I draw on my personal and professional preparation and experience in support for H.B. 1430 and the amendments that support the State Scholarship and the full \$6,000 value for students who are in Career, Technical, and Trades Programs that are two years in length. Why should a student not be able to access the scholarship they earned because that choose to go into a program that is not a traditional four-year bachelor's degree program. Our workforce and our economy and the future growth of our state depend on a highly skilled workforce made up of people of a variety of post-secondary levels of preparation. It is no secret that many great careers in high skill, high wage areas are open and available to people with Associate of Arts or Technical Degrees and that we face a critical workforce shortage in many of those areas. This bill as amended can serve to help "jump start" interest in those critical shortage areas, help reduce college debt and provide one of the best returns on investment for the State of North Dakota by helping get people into career fields that immediately have people working and paying taxes and helping our business, industrial, and trades areas grow and prosper. The track record of CTE student success in North Dakota is strong and why would we not want to help our many businesses and our economy grow and prosper. I urge your support of H.B. 1430 as amended.

Respectfully,



Dan Rood, Jr.

Director, Southeast Region Career and Technology Center



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Testimony of Dr. Woodrow W. "Chip" Poland, Jr.

On behalf of the Dickinson State University Department of Agriculture and Technical Studies

In support of House Bill 1430

March 10, 2021

Chairman Schaible and members of the Senate Education Committee:

My name is Dr. Chip Poland, and I am the Chair of the Dickinson State University (DSU) Department of Agriculture and Technical Studies. I am testifying today in support of House Bill 1430, which relates to the North Dakota academic and career and technical education (CTE) scholarships.

In my position as chair of the DSU Department of Agriculture and Technical Studies, I interact with our students on a daily basis. I can tell you with certainty that students appreciate any and all scholarships they receive, and these scholarships identified in House Bill 1430 are essential to recruiting and keeping students engaged in career and technical education fields.

There are 16 career clusters in the National Career Clusters Framework which serves as an organizing tool for CTE programs, curriculum design, and instruction. Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources is one of these clusters.¹ According to Applied Educational Systems, 95% of

¹ <https://careertech.org/career-clusters>

CTE students graduate high school, which is 10% higher than the national average, and 78% of CTE graduates enroll in post-secondary education full-time.² We need these students!

Nearly one-fourth of North Dakota's workforce is employed by production agriculture/agriculture-related industries. North Dakota's agriculture exports in 2017 alone were \$4.5 billion.³ North Dakota is #1 in the nation in the production of canola, dry edible beans, dry edible peas, flaxseed, honey, durum wheat, and spring wheat and is ranked in the top ten in 17 other commodities.⁴ DSU is proud to play a role in this industry. The students in the DSU Department of Agriculture and Technical Studies graduate and go on to be leaders in the agricultural industry.

Scholarships are essential to keeping the students engaged and committed to their education. In my experience, scholarships of any size give a sense of worth to a student. A student feels more connected to their program of study and is more willing to continue in their program and receive a degree if a scholarship is granted.

North Dakota's motto, "Strength from the Soil," appears on the state's coat of arms and governor's flag. Agriculture, as a part of CTE, is essential to not only our state's economy and way of life but also to the nation. From my perspective, students in the agriculture cluster of CTE are valued, needed, and vital to keeping the industry thriving well into the future.

I do have one concern with House Bill 1430. The current bill differentiates two-year and tribal institutions from the other institutions in the state with regard to level of student support per semester. As the missions of our institutions evolve, things like Bismarck State College beginning to offer four-year degrees as a polytechnic and Dickinson State University beginning to offer certificate and two-year degrees as part of our dual mission, I would encourage this

² <https://www.aeseducation.com/career-technical-education-facts-that-prove-its-awesome>

³ Sources: North Dakota Department of Agriculture, USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, and Office of the United States Trade Representative

⁴ www.nass.usda.gov

legislation to evolve to differentiate enrollment in two-year and four-year programs rather than by type of institution.

In closing, CTE scholarships are essential to engaging students in the important careers encompassed in CTE.

I would ask the committee to please vote DO PASS on House Bill 1430 and to fully consider my concerns regarding enrollment in programs rather than institutions as a means of differentiating level of student support in the final passage of the bill.

**TESTIMONY ON HB 1430
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

March 10, 2021

**By: Jim Upgren, Assistant Director, Office of School Approval and Opportunity
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North Dakota Department of Public Instruction

Chairman Schaible and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jim Upgren, Assistant Director in the Office of School Approval and Opportunity with the Department of Public Instruction. I am here on behalf of the department to speak in support of HB 1430.

NDDPI supports the idea of providing opportunities for students, and we support the concept of the bill regarding awarding students for accomplishments achieved. Currently by law, a student that earns the Academic or CTE Scholarship is only allowed to use \$750 of the \$6000 scholarship allotment each semester, and for a student working towards a 4-year degree, the math works out perfectly for the student to be able to use their entire \$6000 scholarship allotment. However, if the student works towards a two-year degree or certificate with the intention of entering the workforce after those two years, they leave \$3000 of their scholarship allotment unused. The passage of HB 1430 would allow students in this situation to receive their entire scholarship allotment of \$6000 in pursuit of the educational program that best aligns to their career of choice.

Another challenge to students is that, in current law, a student may only receive the scholarship if he/she is attending college full time. This can serve as a barrier to non-traditional students who, for whatever reason, may not be able to attend college full-time. We have received inquiries at the office from college students in this type of situation. The passage of HB 1430 would remove this barrier and allow non-traditional students to be able to use the scholarship money if they attend college at least half-time.

As you know, there are a number of bills that have been introduced during the legislative session relating to the Academic and CTE Scholarship. As you consider each of these bills, please consider the opportunities that the Academic and CTE Scholarships provide for our students.

Chairman Schaible and Members of the Committee that concludes my prepared testimony and I will stand for any questions that you may have.

Chairman Schaible, Members of the Senate Education Committee –

Good morning, my name is Eric Ripley and I serve as the Director of CTE for the Grand Forks Public Schools and Grand Forks Area Career and Technology Center. I am providing my support of the modified HB1430 which through your support, will fix a major flaw that has existed within the ND Academic and CTE Scholarship program since its inception.

The overarching goal of K-12 is to enable our students to be “Choice Ready” for their next step after high school, and for the vast majority of career pathways, that next step involves post-secondary education. I have worked in K-12 education for my entire 22 year career, both as an instructor and administrator. What has changed over that time is the understanding that post-secondary education or college does not automatically equate to a 4-year or advanced degree. The archaic approach to selecting the college first, then selecting a degree path that institution offers, then hoping to find an occupation that matches that level of degree has thankfully evolved to students finding the occupational pathway that interest them, then determining the degree or training required for that pathway, and then selecting a post-secondary location that provides that degree or training.

My CTE staff and I strongly believe that our CTE courses at the K-12 level are designed for a student to explore and start developing a career pathway that aligns with their individual interests and abilities. Often times, that pathway aligns with a 2-year or less degree at one of the state’s high quality technical colleges. Currently, for students that qualify for either the North Dakota Academic or CTE scholarship, the scholarship maximum amount of \$6,000 is provided one semester at a time (\$750), repeatable up to 8 semesters (a typical 4-year degree program). For the CTE student interested in pursuing an Associate Arts or Technical Degree, both of which are less than 4 years, that student ends up leaving scholarship dollars on the table and unused.

The flaw in the current scholarship program is that the payments of \$750 per semester over the course of 4 years still encourages the perspective that all student should be pursuing a 4-year degree. With the successful passing and implementation of HB1430, this flaw can be remedied to provide all of our scholarship qualifying students with the same \$6,000 level of promised state support.

It should be noted that the qualifications for both categories of the scholarships are not affected by HB1430, and the overall amount of the scholarship being awarded is still capped at \$6,000. So HB1430 is not seeking to increase the number of high school seniors qualifying for the scholarship, nor increasing the total amount of dollars to be awarded to each qualifying student, but rather allowing those students that do qualify to fully use the dollars within the scholarship amount.

As an education system, and as a state, we have made great strides over the past 10 years in helping students to make an educated, next step in their plans after high school. However, the current scholarship distribution still places a higher value on selecting at least 4 years of post-secondary education. HB1430 is a good bill to support all of our scholarship qualifying students the same, and takes an important step in showing the state’s support for student’s choosing to pursue a technical degree program.

Chairman Schaible and Education Committee members, I ask for your support of HB1430 and stand for any questions you may have. Thank you.

**Senate Education
HB1430**

March 10, 2021

Chairman Schaible and members of the committee, my name is Wayde Sick, State Director of the Department of Career and Technical Education. I am submitting testimony in support of HB1430.

The Department of Career and Technical Education supports HB1430, specifically section 2, subsection 2. b. (2) as it would provide additional scholarship dollars for students pursuing coursework at one of the state community or tribal colleges, which historically provide associates programs or below. This can be found on page 4, line 14. Currently, if a student earns the State Scholarship and enrolls at one of our community or tribal colleges, under existing statute, the student receives \$750 per semester, until graduation. If a student completes his or her associate degree in four semesters, they will earn a \$3000 scholarship, not \$6000 as promised. This was not what was promised when that student began their pathway in high school and continued it upon graduating from high school at a community college. Also, the added incentive would encourage students to enroll in more Career and Technical Education courses and enroll at our community and tribal colleges, where programs can lead to quicker paths to high wage, high skill, in demand occupations.

This concludes my testimony and am happy to answer any questions.

Thank you.



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THE CHAMBER
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To: Senate Education Committee
From: Katie Mastel, Government Affairs Manager, FMWF Chamber of Commerce
Date: March 10, 2021
RE: **Support HB 1430**

Chairman Schaible and members of the Senate Education Committee,

For the record, my name is Katie Mastel and I serve as the Government Affairs and Advocacy Manager of the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of our over 2,000 Chamber members, **I urge your support for HB 1430.**

This legislation, through adjusting the rate at which students whom are eligible for the ND career and technical education scholarship receive their disbursements, will allow them to earn the intended scholarship amount of \$6,000. Currently, if a student completes their education to earn an associate's degree in the standard two years, the existing statute would prohibit them from earning the full \$6,000, rather they would receive \$750 per semester, for a total of \$3,000.

This scholarship incentive has been presented to high school students as a pathway upon graduating high school to continue education in North Dakota, and providing that they follow conditions such as receiving adequate grades and continuing sufficient progress toward degree completion, will receive \$6,000 for this scholarship program. This promise is misleading for those enrolled in CTE programs, due to the current statute's limitations on the rate of disbursements.

Adjusting this rate would better incentivize, as opposed to penalize, students who seek a two-year associates degree instead of four-year bachelor's degree. Furthermore, this change would incentivize students to enroll in additional CTE courses which in turn would positively impact our workforce pipeline for in-demand high-paying jobs.

I urge you to consider carrying out the good intention of the original statute to award students who are eligible for the scholarship the full \$6,000. With that, I would ask you to support HB 1430. Thank you for your consideration.

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Engrossed HB1430

Senate Education Committee

March 10, 2021

Brenda Zastoupil, Director of Financial Aid, NDUS

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Chair Schaible and members of the Senate Education Committee, my name is Brenda Zastoupil, and I serve as the Financial Aid Director of the North Dakota University System (NDUS). I am here to provide information regarding the fiscal note for Engrossed HB1430.

The NDUS administers the payments for students who earn the ND Academic or ND CTE Scholarship in high school. Scholarship recipients may utilize either scholarship at any of the public, private or tribal colleges in the state. Students qualify for \$750 per semester, or \$500 per quarter, when enrolled full-time and may access the award for up to 6 years following high school graduation. Maximum award value is \$6,000. Student can qualify in summer terms and for graduate or professional studies.

Engrossed HB1430 increases the per semester payments from \$750 to \$1,500 if the student is attending a two-year public 2 year and tribal colleges in the state. Additionally, students can also receive the payment if they are enrolled at least half-time rather than just full time. Degree progress requirements are eliminated. The \$6,000 maximum award amount and minimum 2.75 GPA are unchanged. All changes would be effective for students graduating after December 2021.

Historically, 385 new scholarship recipients per year attend two-year public or tribal institutions immediately following high school. Of these, 85% continue at the same school for their second year. In past years, if these students did not then transfer to a four-year school, they would have received a total of \$3,000 not the maximum award of \$6,000. Under Engrossed HB1430 these students will now receive the full \$6,000 award in two years. The resulting program cost increase is estimated at **\$577,000 per cohort per year.**

Changes in the minimum enrollment status (reduced to half time) and elimination of the degree progress requirements also increase program costs. Over the past 4 years, there were about 700 instances (duplicated students) where no payment was issued due to full time enrollment or degree progress requirements not being met. Payments would now be issued to these students at a **cost of \$163,000 per cohort per year.**

The Scholarship Management System would require significant modifications to reflect the different requirements for both pre- and post-December 2021 graduates. **One-time technology costs are estimated at \$30,000.**

To summarize, total expenditures would increase by \$770,000 for the 2021-23 biennium. The 2023-25 and 2025-27 bienniums would increase by \$3.0 million and \$4.2 million, respectively. The NDUS needs a general fund appropriation increase to cover these costs.

This concludes my testimony, and I will stand for questions from the committee.

Testimony in Support of 1430 – Phil Murphy for NDSGA

Chairman Schaible and Committee, while it seems that the bill in its original form was a bit more generous, we stand in support of whatever this bill can provide to ensure more help for students. Simply, the more help/incentive we can provide will engender a better qualified candidate for the agricultural industry and more of them as well. Good for the whole state! Thank you for supporting this action and enjoy the rest of the session.



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Good morning Chairman Schaible and members of the Senate Education committee, my name is Lyle Krueger. I am the assistant director of the Central Regional Area Career and Technical Center (CRACTC), the virtual-blended learning CTE center based out of Bismarck. I am providing written testimony in support of HB1430.

As you know, there are many strong Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs throughout our great State of North Dakota, both brick & mortar centers, as well as virtual hybrid centers such as the one I oversee, the Central Regional Area Career and Technical Center (CRACTC) based out of Bismarck. CRACTC is an approved CTE center per the North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education, helping students qualify for the State CTE scholarship. Currently CRACTC is serving 700 students within mostly central/western North Dakota, both public and private school students, at 46 different high schools with approximately 923 overall CTE course enrollments (a single student can take more than one course). The number of students, as well as our course offerings, has increased each year as students are more interested in gaining career-oriented coursework and hands-on learning experiences and skills while still in high school. For most courses, we use a virtual hybrid format where students utilize an online learning management system (LMS) such as Moodle, to receive the curricular content and communicate with their teachers/students (along with other communication tools). They then meet with the instructor and other students at a centralized location to perform hands-on application of the learning associated with the online curriculum or to participate in career exploration learning opportunities with local or regional industry-related partners.

As the need for coursework and programming for skilled jobs, workforce, and parallel learning experiences for High School, College, and Adult Education students continues to grow, the need for growth and expansion of CTE programming is ever more necessary. Many times these skilled careers do not require a student to complete a 4yr degree program. HB1430 would allow students that qualify for either the ND Academic or CTE Scholarship the ability to use up to \$1,500 a semester if enrolled at a 2-year state institution or tribal program (vs. the current restriction of \$750 per semester) that they've **earned** through approved CTE programming at their local schools or centers such as ours! The current distribution of \$750 per semester gives the impression that every student should be pursuing a 4-year degree, or the work they've done is not worthy of the full scholarship award, which is an outdated approach.

I believe there is some important points to consider within the fiscal note including:

* HB1430 **does not change** the eligibility requirements of either the ND Academic or CTE Scholarship (i.e. the same expectations for ACT, GPA, etc. exist), so the program would not see an influx of high school seniors qualifying

* HB1430 **does not increase** the amount of scholarship dollars a student may receive (still a maximum cap of \$6,000)

* The ND Academic & CTE Scholarship is advertised to students meeting the requirements as a \$6,000 promise of state funds to help them with their post-secondary costs if enrolled in a state institution. HB1430 **allows** the

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qualifying students the ability to fully utilize the \$6,000 promised to them, even if they pursue less than a 4-year degree.

* Therefore, the fiscal note of HB1430 is not due to increasing the number of students qualifying, nor increasing the amount each student is able to use, but rather the difference between the student's that qualify for the scholarship, and the amount left on the table by each student that completes their post-secondary degree/training in less than 4-years.

Chairman Schaible and members of the Senate Education committee, thank you for your time and consideration of my written testimony and I would respectfully ask for your support of HB1430.

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience if you have any questions or would like to discuss things further.

Sincerely,

Lyle P Krueger

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2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Education Committee
Room JW216, State Capitol

HB 1430
3/23/2021

A BILL relating to eligibility requirements for the North Dakota academic and career and technical education scholarships.

Chair Schaible called to order at 9:30 AM.

Discussion Topics:

- Committee Work

Sen Elkin moved a Do Not Pass

Sen Wobbema seconded

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yea; 0 Nay; 0 AB Motion Passed

Sen Wobbema will carry the bill.

Adjourned at 9:35 AM

Lynn Wolf, Committee Clerk

Senator	Attendance
Chairman Schaible	P
Senator Elkin	P
Senator Conley	P
Senator Lemm	P
Senator Oban	P
Senator Wobbema	P

Senator	Vote
Chairman Schaible	Y
Senator Elkin	Y
Senator Conley	Y
Senator Lemm	Y
Senator Oban	Y
Senator Wobbema	Y

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1430, as engrossed: Education Committee (Sen. Schaible, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1430 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.