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of North Dakota

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Workforce Committee)

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2056

A BILL for an Act ~~to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an electronic portfolio pilot program;~~ to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 52-02.1-01 and sections 52-08-10 and 54-60-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the new jobs training program, workforce training program, and operation intern program; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 3 of section 52-02.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. "Community" means the city or county in which an eligible primary sector business is or will be located or a local development corporation, community organization, institution of higher education that is assigned primary responsibility for workforce training under section 52-08-08, or any other group the interest of which is in the economic growth of the area.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 52-08-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

52-08-10. Preparation of business plan - Revolving loans.

Subject to state board of higher education policies, the president of an institution of higher education that is assigned primary responsibility for workforce training shall prepare an annual business plan that must include provisions for use of the training capacity of the tribal colleges within the designated region, in consultation with the workforce training board. The business plan may include participation as a community under the new jobs training program under chapter 52-02.1. The workforce training board shall approve the business plan and make recommendations for funding of the business plan to the state board of higher education. Any state funds received under this program by the institutions of higher education assigned primary

1 responsibility for workforce training must be used for business and customized training
2 activities. The state board of higher education may establish for each institution of higher
3 education assigned primary responsibility for workforce training a revolving loan fund for
4 workforce training program startups using the borrowing authority provided in section
5 15-10-16.1.

6 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-60-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **54-60-17. Division of workforce development - Internships, apprenticeships, and work**
9 **experience opportunities.**

10 The division of workforce development shall administer a program to increase use of
11 internships, apprenticeships, and work experience opportunities for higher education students
12 and high school students enrolled in grade eleven or twelve. The primary focus of this program
13 must be higher education internships in target industries. This program shall provide services to
14 employers, communities, and business organizations to increase internship, apprenticeship,
15 and work experience opportunities. The department shall maintain records of the number of
16 internship, apprenticeship, and work experience opportunities subsidized within each funding
17 recipient ~~which shall then constitute a base level for that funding recipient. The department in~~
18 ~~each subsequent biennium may only subsidize new or expanded internship, apprenticeship,~~
19 ~~and work experience opportunities above the base level for funding recipients~~.

20 ~~**SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code is created~~
21 ~~and enacted as follows:~~

22 ~~**Division of workforce development - Pilot program - Higher education electronic**~~
23 ~~**portfolio system.**~~

24 ~~1. The division of workforce development, the North Dakota university system, job~~
25 ~~service North Dakota, and representatives of the institutions of higher education under~~
26 ~~the control of the state board of higher education shall work together to establish a~~
27 ~~pilot program through which an electronic portfolio system will be implemented by~~
28 ~~selected institutions of higher education under the control of the state board of higher~~
29 ~~education in order to address the needs of students, faculty, and employers.~~

30 ~~2. The pilot program must provide for an electronic portfolio system that:~~

31 ~~a. Is online;~~

~~b. Is a multimedia system that enables the user to create and manage the user's education and career information;~~

~~c. Enables students, job seekers, and professionals to showcase education and skills to potential employers;~~

~~d. Provides for creation of and access to lifelong personal electronic portfolio accounts and services to students, job seekers, and professionals seeking to advance their careers in the state;~~

~~e. Provides access to job seekers residing outside the state who may be interested in relocating or returning to the state; and~~

~~f. Allows employers and economic developers to conduct online searches to determine workforce potential by geographic region, skill, education, experience, and other factors.~~

~~3. Under this pilot program, the North Dakota university system, job service North Dakota, and the division of workforce development shall work together to:~~

~~a. Facilitate the effective integration of future workers into the workforce system and to enhance the ability of state and local economic development officials to effectively access North Dakota's skilled workforce through the system; and~~

~~b. Ensure the system is complementary to the state's workforce system and higher education system.~~

~~4. The division of workforce development shall administer the pilot program.~~

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.